



Associate Degree  
for Transfer  
*A Degree with a Guarantee.*<sup>SM</sup>

**The New  
AA-T & AS-T Degrees:**

**What Do Faculty Need  
To Know?**

# It all began. . .with SB 1440

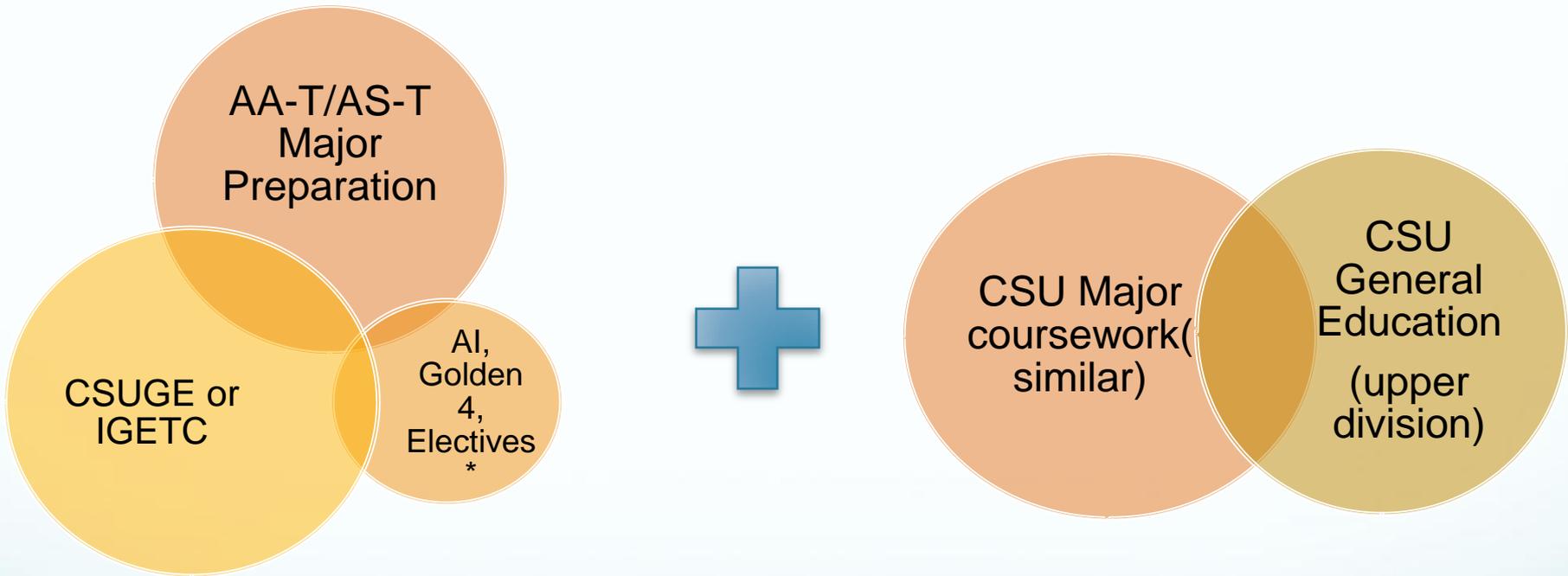


- AKA: “STAR Act”: Student Transfer Achievement Reform
- CEC §66745-49 (“Ed Code”)
- **Goal:** Increase CCC transfers with associate degrees
- Increase number of associate degrees awarded
- Reduce units/cost before & after transfer
- Smoother path to transfer to a CSU
- A guarantee at CSU

# Ed code §66745-49 says:

- All CCCs must offer associate degrees for transfer (to CSU)
- Degrees include
  - 60 sem./90 qtr. CSU-transferable units
  - Completion of IGETC or CSU GE-Breadth
  - Minimum 18 sem./27 qtr. units in major
  - No additional local requirements allowed

**60 + 60**



**60 units + 60 units**

**= YOUR BACHELOR'S DEGREE**

# The new law says. . .

- Guaranteed admission to CSU *system* as a junior
- “The California State University shall grant a student **priority admission** to his or her local California State University campus and to a program or major that is similar to his or her community college major or area of emphasis“
  - “similar” major determined by CSU faculty- [www.sb1440.org](http://www.sb1440.org)
  - CSU cannot require students to repeat courses similar to those completed at CCC
- AA-T and AS-T students admitted to CSU in a “similar” 120-unit BA/BS program are guaranteed to complete BA/BS in 60 semester units

# Who's been involved with implementing SB 1440?

- Academic Senates (CCC and CSU)
- CSU and CCC Chancellor's Offices
- C-ID
- Curriculum chairs
- Articulation officers
- Transfer Center Directors
- Discipline faculty
- Counselors
- Administrators



# What *could* have happened. .

112 colleges develop  
unique degrees in  
each major. . .

**OR**

A concerted,  
statewide,  
intersegmental  
Transfer Model  
Curriculum (TMC)



# Overview of AA-T /AS-T Degrees

- New degrees are called Associate in Arts or Science in <major> for Transfer: **AA-T or AS-T**
- Streamline student transition from CCC to CSU
- Earn AA-T or AS-T for completion of CSU GE-Breadth or IGETC and 18 units in major in the TMC-aligned degree
- No other local CCC graduation requirements.
- Enhanced CSU admission opportunities
  - Guaranteed priority admission with junior status to a CSU campus with “similar” major
- After transfer to CSU, guaranteed degree completion within 60 semester units at the CSU
- Access to out of area CSUs
- GPA bump for impacted majors and/or campuses (Note: student may need to be more competitive)

# Who are the AA-T/AS-T students?

- This degree can work for anyone targeting a CSU
  - Alternate pathway to major prep as in ASSIST
- Degree works especially well for students who...
  - Want to earn AA/AS and prepare to transfer
  - Are applying to a non-local CSU
  - Are applying to a CSU which has no articulation with your CCC
  - Are applying to a CSU with “similar” major
  - Are applying to impacted CSU (campus or major)
- Now has benefit for UC too
- May also be strong preparation for elsewhere

# How Transfer Model Curricula (TMCs) are developed



1. Faculty discipline groups:
  - identify common lower division major preparation (TMC)
  - define content for courses (C-ID course descriptors)
2. Discipline groups are intersegmental (CSU and CCC)
  - some UC involvement, too
3. Draft TMCs are vetted statewide ([www.c-id.net](http://www.c-id.net)) & faculty determined.
4. Drafts of Course descriptors (C-ID) vetted statewide
5. CCCs develop TMC- aligned degrees (AA-T/AS-T) and submit them to the CCCCO for approval.



# What is C-ID?

- C-ID = **C**ourse **I**dentification Numbering System
- Administered by the Academic Senate for CCC
- Facilitates the identification of comparable courses (“common course numbering”) & increases articulation across all systems of higher education
- Provides the infrastructure for TMCs & course substitution.
- Replaces the old “CAN” system.
- We articulate to course *descriptors*, not course to course ( a different way to articulate). AOs send all your courses in new degrees to C-ID.org
- When a college has a C-ID approved course, then they have agreed to accept all others with the same C-ID number.

# TMCs Available for CCC to Develop Aligned AA-T/AS-T Degrees

- Administration of Justice
- Art History
- Business Administration
- Communication Studies
- Early Childhood Education
- Elementary Education
- English
- Geology
- Geography
- History
- Journalism
- Kinesiology
- Mathematics
- Music
- Psychology
- Physics
- Political Science
- Sociology
- Studio Arts
- Theater
- **And: MORE are coming!**

# “Similar”

- Each CSU determines if the TMC is similar
- “Similar” means a *transfer student arrives with the TMC coursework and lower-division GE ,and the CSU campus can deliver the baccalaureate degree in 60 units. (60 + 60)*
- *Some options/ concentrations within majors may not be considered similar.*
- *Upper-division GE must be part of the 60 units. Any missing lower-division major preparation or American Institutions requirements may be included in the CSU 60 units*

# Mapping of CSU “Similar” Majors

- Many TMCs already found to be similar
  - Departments at each CSU determine “similarity” of each TMC to degree options
  - Some “similar” majors are limited to specific major concentrations or options.
- Official repository for “similar” majors:  
[www.sb1440.org](http://www.sb1440.org)

# The CSU Admission Process

California State University

Office of the Chancellor

# What's the Guarantee?

## (the fine print)

1. A student who completes an AA-T/AS-T is guaranteed admission to the California State University

### **No guarantee to any particular campus or program.**

- To qualify:
  - The student must be conferred an AA-T or AS-T degree
  - Apply for admission to California State University campuses for an open term by the published deadline
  - Submit all requested transcripts and documents by published deadlines,
  - Meet CSU admission eligibility requirements for the program to which they have applied,
  - And comply with any other prescribed admission requirements.

# What's the Guarantee?

2. AA-T/AS-T graduates who are admitted to a CSU program that has been deemed similar to the Associate's Degree for Transfer will be able to complete the Baccalaureate Degree in the similar option in the discipline within 60 semester or 90 quarter units
- As long as the student successfully completes each required course without repeating them.
  - Or supplementing instruction with additional courses for minors or areas of emphasis.
  - Continuous enrollment in the same academic major is required unless the student is on an approved leave of absence.
  - To maintain the guarantee, continuous enrollment in the same academic major is required unless the student is on an approved leave of absence.
  - After enrollment at a CSU campus begins, the guarantee is not transferable to another CSU campus.

# How are AA-T/AS-T degrees considered in admission?

| CSU Campus Admissions Impaction Status                    | Similar Degree Local Applicant   | Similar Degree Non-Local Applicant                        |
|---|--|---|
| <b>No Impaction</b>                                       | Priority Admission<br>Min. 2.0 GPA<br>(Ed. Code 66745)                                 |   |
| <b>Campus Impacted</b>                                    | Priority Admission<br>Min. 2.0 GPA<br>(Ed. Code 66745)                                 | Supplementary GPA Requirement<br>Additional .20 GPA Point |
| <b>Program Impacted<br/>(Any CA Student)</b>              | Supplementary GPA Requirement<br>Additional .10 GPA Point<br><i>(20 seats or more)</i> |   |
| <b>Campus &amp; Program Impacted<br/>(Any CA Student)</b> | Supplementary GPA Requirement<br>Additional .10 GPA Point<br><i>(20 seats or more)</i> |   |

# What about UC?

SB1440 does not pertain to UC, *but* . . .

- UC has added two eligibility pathways for transfer admission:
  - (1) Completion of a UC Transfer Curriculum (in the major), and
  - (2) **completion of an approved Associate Degree for Transfer** (in the major) from a California Community College.

# What about UC?

- What does this mean?
  - AA-T/AS-T guarantees a Comprehensive Review
  - Most AA-T/AS-T applicants will be well-prepared to compete
  - When choices are available, students will want to select the most rigorous options as outlined in the UC Transfer Preparation Paths (e.g., IGETC over CSU Breadth)

# What about UC?

What are UC Transfer Curricula?

- UC faculty are discussing lower-division major prep in light of the TMC and existing commonalities across UC

Fall 2010: Math, Bio, Psych, Comp Science, & History

Spring 2011: Sociology and Physics

Additional disciplines expected in 2012-13

- A great deal of similarity already exists, but conversations continue on the campuses and at the system level

# Stay tuned...

- More TMCs and local AA-T/AS-T degrees being developed
- New information will be added to the websites

*Thank you for participating!*