

## Clarifying the CSCU Pathway Transfer Degree Options

### Background

Currently the Transfer and Articulation Policy (15 March 2012) calls for creating pathways that “relate to specific majors offered at the state universities.” The TAP Implementation Plan (1 June 2015) interpreted this stipulation to provide, in addition to 30 credits of general education, 30 credits of program specific courses, additional general education, and free or unrestricted electives. A CSCU Pathway Transfer Degree (*Transfer Ticket*) currently provides four important guarantees for students who transfer to a CSU or COSC:

1. *Transfer Tickets* are pre-major pathways that fulfill 60 credits of the baccalaureate degree at any CSU or COSC offering that degree.
2. Students are guaranteed enrollment at any CSU or COSC (with the proviso that some programs have additional requirements).
3. *Transfer Ticket* students can enroll at a CSU or COSC campus offering that program with junior class standing.
4. Upon transfer in the same discipline, the student will need only another 60-62 additional credits to earn a baccalaureate degree from the receiving CSU or COSC.

To date, this has meant that each CSCU Pathway Transfer Degree has been designed to move community-college students into a similar four-year program. Thus, the Political Studies Transfer Ticket moves students seamlessly in the Political Science BA at all five four-year CSCU campuses. Similarly, the Chemistry Studies Transfer Ticket moves students seamlessly into a combination of Chemistry BSs and BAs (some American Chemistry Society approved, some not) at four of the five four-year campuses. The Criminology Studies Transfer Ticket moves students seamlessly into a combination of four-year degrees: Criminology BAs, Sociology with Criminology and Criminal Justice Minor BSS, Justice and Law Administration BS, and a General Studies with Criminal Justice Concentration BA. Despite these varied four-year degree titles, the match with the Criminology Studies Transfer is apparent. In these and all the other 19 CSCU Pathway Transfer Degrees, there is a clear link between the sending associate’s degree and the receiving bachelor’s degree.

The current policy allows three additional possibilities:

- A. The student completes a Transfer Ticket in a competitive program (such as Social Work) and does not gain admission into the CSU program.
- B. The student completes a Transfer Ticket in one program but decides to switch to another program after transfer.
- C. The student wants to complete a four-year degree in a program currently without a sending Transfer Ticket (or similar programs established by Nursing and College of Technology), the case for over 65 CSU degree programs.

Current implementation, however, has not addressed these possibilities.

### Additional Transfer Ticket Options

For each of the three remaining possibilities, we ask the Coordinating Council to affirm additional options for the CSCU Pathway Transfer Degrees, with these caveats.

- A. Students who complete a Transfer Ticket but do not gain admission into a competitive program. They can transfer the 60-credit degree into other disciplinary program, with the understanding that Guarantees 2 and 3 remain but Guarantee 4 will depend on which new discipline the student chooses. There may be additional courses in the major and/or encumbered general education.

- Guarantee 4 can be assured if students select from a pre-determined list of associated majors. Students will need to work with an advisor to develop their course plan.
- B. Students who complete a Transfer Ticket in one discipline but decide to change to another discipline after transfer. They can transfer the 60-credit degree into another program, with the understanding that Guarantees 2 and 3 remain but Guarantee 4 will depend on which new discipline the student chooses. There may be additional courses in the major and/or encumbered general education. Students will need to work with an advisor to develop their course plan.
  - C. The student wants to complete a four-year degree in a program currently without a sending Transfer Ticket. For these programs, students will be guided to specific ***Transfer Tickets*** already available that, in addition to working for the corresponding discipline, allow the students to transfer seamless to this additional program. For example, a student wanting to transfer into CCSU's Earth Sciences program could complete a Chemistry Studies ***Transfer Ticket*** and then complete the Earth Sciences BS in another 60 credits. Or, a student wanting to transfer into WCSU's American Studies program could complete a History Studies ***Transfer Ticket*** or an English Studies ***Transfer Ticket*** and then complete the American Studies BA in another 60 credits. In these instances, all four Guarantees are available to students.

### Proposed Actions

1. With the guidance of the TAP Co-Managers, the associated CSU and COSC program faculty will develop additional Program Documents and Program Sheets for possibilities A and C: (A) majors that allow students in competitive programs to complete a bachelor's degree in another 60 credits, and (C) the remaining receiving majors.
2. The documents will be reviewed by the Framework Implementation and Review Committee (FIRC).
3. These additional Program Sheets will be made available on the ***Transfer Ticket*** website, and the Program Documents will be maintained on the TAP Pages.
4. The first guarantee will also be reworded to reflect these possibilities: (1) ***Transfer Tickets*** fulfill 60 credits of the baccalaureate degree (in designated disciplines) at any CSU or COSC offering that degree.