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“My Perfect Universities” Workbook



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Definition of a “Perfect University”

- ✦ Your Perfect Universities = Perfect for You.
- ✦ Perfect universities are the campuses that have the resources and environment that most support you in achieving your unique educational/life goals.
- ✦ There is no ideal “perfect university”, no one size fits all that meets the needs of every student, but there are definitely perfect universities for you.

The Formula for Making “Good” Decisions

- It’s a process not a one-time activity.
- Your choices and decisions are subject to change as you learn new information and as you have more experience.
- The better you know yourself the more authentic your decisions will be.
- Use your head and your heart
- Information + Experience + Evaluation + Trusting Yourself = Good Decision

Check out the “Selecting Your Perfect Universities” Power Point presentation at www.sbcc.edu/transfer
(Click on Events/Workshop Materials link)

“Learning is the discovery that something is possible.” Fritz Perls

My Perfect Universities - Questionnaire

My Motivation

What are your personal reasons for wanting to get a bachelor's degree from a four-year university?

My Personal Preferences/Likes and Dislikes

What do you most like about being a student at SBCC?

What are your least favorite things about being a student at SBCC?

My Dream Schools

What university/universities have you always wanted to attend? What is it about these universities that appeal to you?

Important Qualities/Characteristics of my "Perfect Universities"

List some "Must Have" qualities/characteristics of your Dream Schools. Next to each quality/characteristic, write a brief description of what you mean by that.

My Transfer Admission Requirements Worksheet

University: _____ **Major:** _____ **Intended Transfer Term:** _____

GPA

1. Minimum GPA I need to be eligible to this university: _____
2. GPA I need to be competitive for admissions to my major at this university: _____
3. Grades/overall GPA I need in the prep for major courses: _____
4. My current transferable GPA: _____

Units

5. Number of transferable units I must completed for admission: _____
6. Latest term I need to complete units by: _____
7. Maximum number of units I can complete prior to transferring: _____
8. Number of transferable units I have currently completed: _____

Courses

9. Courses I need to meet the minimum eligibility requirements.

Courses	Already Completed Y or N	Grade	Latest term to Complete

10. My major requires specific courses to be completed prior to transfer for admission. Yes No

Courses I need for admission to my major.

Courses	Already Completed Y or N	Grade	Latest term to Complete

11. My major requires supplemental application/materials for admission. Yes No

12. Based on my current GPA, units, and completed courses, my chances of being admitted for my intended term of transfer are:

____ Sure thing ____ Really good chance ____ Maybe ____ Long shot ____ Too soon to tell ____ Don't know

My Perfect Universities
Assessment of Transfer Admissibility/Desirable Qualities Worksheet

1. Complete **“My Transfer Admissions Requirement Worksheet”** for each of your selected universities.
2. Record your Admissibility Rating for each of the universities.
3. Record your Desirable Qualities Rating.
4. Determine if it stays on your list.
5. Record your transfer term and the application deadline.

University	Admissibility Rating	Desirable Qualities Rating	Keep on List	Transfer Term/Application Deadline

Remember: As you gather more information and experience this list is subject to change.

Attachment 1

Partial List of Desired Qualities/Characteristics

- Size Proximity Location Climate Campus Diversity Academic Programs Academic Atmosphere
- I can meet the admissions requirements Guaranteed Admissions Agreements available (TAGS)
- Affordable cost of attending the university Available financial aid/scholarships
- Has the major I want to study Academic prestige/reputation of the university I do not want to move
- Social Life Preparation for admission to graduate/professional studies Opportunities to do research as an undergraduate
- Opportunities to study abroad Opportunities for internships related to my career goal or major
- Employers/corporations come to campus to interview graduates University has on-campus housing available
- Attend the same university as my friends Attend a university that my parents approve
- Opportunities to engage in my hobbies outside of school Opportunities to participate in student government/student organizations
- Family housing/child care available Opportunities to participate in collegiate athletic programs
- Attend collegiate sporting events Opportunities to participate in music or theater ensembles
- I can work while I'm in school? Has late afternoon/evening courses The university allows part-time study
- Academic support services are available Student/faculty ratio Average size of upper division classes in my major

Attachment 2

Resource List

Research Universities

www.collegesource.org allows you to read campus profiles and college catalogs. (You can access it at any computer on the SBCC campus.)

www.CaliforniaColleges.edu contains information about all California colleges and has the following tools:

- »Matching Assistant - Find campuses that meet your specific requirements
- »Distance Search - Find the campus closest to any zip code
- »Comparative View - Compare colleges and universities in California
- »Key Facts - Obtain a brief overview of participating campuses Campus Tours

www.csumentor.edu allows you to search and compare CSU campuses

www.universityofcalifornia.edu/apply provides information about all the UC campuses including direct links to each campus' website

www.uctransfer.org information on UC Transfer Admission Guarantees (TAGS), transfer planning, costs, etc.

www.aiccu.edu provides an on-line guidebook for California Private/Independent colleges and universities

www.collegeboard.com has the College Quickfinder that has many of the same tools as CaliforniaColleges.edu but includes information about all U.S. universities

www.hbcu-central.com provides information on Historically Black Colleges and Universities

www.ed.gov/offices/OIIA/Hispanic/hsi/hsi9798/hsitable.html List of Hispanic Serving Institutions by state with links to each college/university

www.kstrom.net/isk/schools/schools.html provides information about Tribal Colleges

www.dot.gov/ost/docr/msi/main.html is a good resource on Minority Serving Institutions

www.sbccc.edu/transfercenter

- Speak with College and university representatives visiting SBCC on "Transfer Day" each Fall and/or
- Make appointments to meet with visiting university/college representatives sponsored by the Transfer Center during the academic year
- Attend Transfer Center Workshops on specific universities
- Meet with a transfer advisor in the Transfer Center

Visit colleges/universities and go on campus tour, sit in on classes, speak with current students

Email/phone/visit the university admissions office

Explore Careers/Majors

www.eureka.org Nationwide (At Create Account prompt: type VUOHNDU)

www.assist.org for UC & CSU

Email/phone/visit/website of the academic/major department of the actual college/university

Email/phone/visit/website of the Career Center of the actual college/university

Visit SBCC Career Center and their website www.sbccc.edu/careercenter/

SBCC Counselors & Advisors – Academic Counseling Center, EOPS, Transfer Academy (TAGS)