

FEATHER RIVER COLLEGE

Transfer Plan

2016 - 2017

Services Provided to Students:

Transfer is a college wide effort supported by Student Services including Academic Advising/Counseling, EOPS Counseling, TRiO Student Support Services, and Athletics. Advisors and counselors routinely discuss the similarities and differences between AA/AS requirements and transfer requirements. A Student Education Plan and major advising worksheets provide a framework for meeting the degree requirements and preparing to transfer to California State University (CSU), University of California (UC), and University of Nevada, Reno (UNR) for every major. Faculty members work with the Articulation Officer to assure that courses in their major meet transfer requirements, and coaches work with the Academic/Athletic Advisor to facilitate the transfer of student-athletes to the university or college of their choice. Advisors/counselors also work closely with faculty members, the Articulation Officer, and advisors/counselors from four-year colleges to develop a Transfer Admission Guarantee (TAG) and address course articulation that is not in ASSIST. All students are encouraged to meet with their advisor/counselor each term to update their Student Education Plan (SEP). SEPs are individualized based on the student's goals, the college the student intends on transferring to, and the specific major they plan to pursue. Students must have a SEP on file in order to receive priority registration.

Feather River College now offers twelve (two more from the previous year) Associate Degrees for Transfer (ADT) – also known as the degree with a guarantee into the CSU system. Students are informed of this option and encouraged to complete an ADT if we offer their major and they are planning to attend a CSU. Students who are planning to attend a UC are encouraged to complete a TAG to guarantee admission into their major (if not impacted). If students plan to transfer to a school that is not a CSU, UC, or UNR, they work closely with their advisor/counselor to identify the lower division general education and major requirements and then plan their coursework at FRC to align with the transferring institution. All students are able to receive assistance with the transfer application. When necessary, students are encouraged to apply to more than one institution.

Advisors and counselors attend conferences to stay abreast of transfer admission updates for CSU, UC and UNR. Students, faculty, staff, and parents can also quickly and easily use the ASSIST website (www.assist.org) to get detailed information about what requirements FRC courses fulfill in the CSU and UC systems. ASSIST indicates which courses satisfy general transfer credits, general education "distribution" requirements, and which courses articulate (count as comparable courses) for specific programs across the three systems. The "CSU Breadth and IGETC" General Education pattern reference sheets and checklists are updated yearly. Copies are available in the FRC Catalog, in the Counseling and Advising Offices and on the website. In addition, Advisors/Counselors access online catalogs to help students determine the requirements necessary for baccalaureate completion. The center has a designated "Transfer Info" bulletin board to promote transfer events and information. FRC Social Media, the FRC website and the FRC App are also used to promote events.

Transfer Activities for Fall 2016

1. College, Career, and Transfer Fair was held September 12th. Vendors included 19 colleges and 68 local career and service representatives including 14 from FRC. Approximately 275 FRC students attended some portion of the Fair, in addition to the college and career reps there is a transfer workshop and motivational speaker.

2. Workshops promoting transfer will be provided including “Completing your Transfer Application” and “Writing your Personal Statement.”
3. Individual assistance is offered throughout the year through 1:1 academic advising. In 2015-2016 the Counseling and Advising staff had approximately 505 appointments with students to discuss transfer and/or have assist students with filling out transfer applications.
4. Field trips have been planned to California State University, Chico; California State University, Sacramento, University of Nevada, Reno and University of California, Davis.
5. On-Site Admissions will be available on campus from California State University, Chico and Humboldt State University.



Transfer Activities for Spring 2017

Due to the impact of many majors at most CSU and UC campuses, we do not anticipate that all campuses will be accepting students during the spring semester. However, we will continue to offer workshops and individual assistance about the transfer process. We assume the Academy of Art University located in San Francisco, Grand Canyon University located in Phoenix and the Fashion Institute for Design and Merchandising with various locations, and CSU Chico representing an online degree in Social Work will come to campus to talk about their transfer process to prospective students. Also, the University of Nevada, Reno will be on campus for an application review day. A transfer trip to Southern Oregon University will likely be offered in the spring as well.

Special Services for Underrepresented Students

Services for EOPS, CARE, CalWORKS, DSPS, TRiO and Equity populations (students identified as disproportionately impacted in the college's research) are highly integrated with the services of the Transfer Center due primarily to the small size of the campus and close proximity of all services.

Facilities and Staffing

The Transfer Center is part of the Counseling/Advising Center which is now located in the former Admissions and Records/Financial Aid location. The staff include the Director of Student Success and Support Programs, the EOPS Counselor and the Student Success and Support Program Counselor (both part time), the Academic/Athletic Advisor, the Recruiter/Academic Advisor, the Academic Support Specialist, the Program Staff Specialist, and student assistants. In close proximity to the Center is the TRiO/SSS Advising Center who staffs a Director, full time Advisor, and part-time Advisor, and the Financial Aid and Admissions and Records office where the CalWORKS Coordinator is also located. All staff either report to the Director of Student Success and Support Program and/or to the Chief Student Services Officer.

Advisory Committee

Information related to transfer and articulation are discussed at monthly Student Services Council meetings which includes all Student Services managers who represent all student services areas and programs, the Chief Instructional Officer, and faculty. The Advising Task Force meets monthly and includes all staff officially designated as advisors or counselors, the Registrar, the Chief Instructional Officer and the Articulation Officer. Information about transfer events as well as curriculum updates are shared. Program leaders are invited to the Advising Task Force meetings to share updates about their program as well.

Evaluation and Reporting

The annual Transfer Plan was prepared by Carlie McCarthy, Director of Student Success and Support Program, in conjunction with Dr. Karen Pierson, Chief Student Services Officer. The transfer report will be compiled along with the articulation report and submitted to the Chancellor's Office by October 31th.

Period	Transfer Rate 7 Years to Transfer	
	FRC	Statewide
2008-2009	40%	41%
2007-2008	45%	44%
2006-2007	42%	46%
2005-2006	52%	46%
2004-2005	56%	46%
2003-2004	53%	46%
2002-2003	52%	45%
2001-2002	45%	45%

This chart shows a comparison of FRC's transfer rate to the statewide average. The cohorts are first-time College students with a minimum of 12 units earned who attempted a transfer level math or English course. The outcome is transfer to a four-year institution within a given time period subsequent to initial enrollment. A data match with the National Student Clearinghouse, UC, and CSU provided information on the enrollment of former California Community College students at public and private four-year transfer institutions within the United States.

Source: California Community College Chancellor's Office Datamart

According to the CCCCCO, beginning October 2017, there will be a three year Student Success Scorecard so more recent information should be available next fall.

Internal research has identified key points regarding data from a sample of 13,896 students enrolled at FRC between fall 2009 and spring 2015:

- Of the total of 13,896 students, 6,787 (48.86%) did not have any experience with a different tertiary institution within the time window involved in the research. 51.14% went on to either a 2-yr institution, 4-yr institution, or to both.
- 43.66% of those who enrolled in a 4-yr institution graduated from there.

In August 2016, Wallethub, a website that provides tools and information to help consumers make wise financial decisions and save money, conducted a study to rank Community Colleges throughout the United States. The Analysts reviewed 821 college and Feather River College was ranked in the top 100. The California Community College System as a whole was ranked #14 against other states with metrics that now include free community college tuition. There were only 10 California Community Colleges ranked above FRC – all located in the Central or Southern Region. The colleges were ranked by 12 key metrics ranging from the cost of in-state tuition and fees to student-faculty ratio to graduation rate to career outcomes.

Source: <https://wallethub.com/edu/best-worst-community-colleges/15076/>

Last, Feather River College students have transferred to CSU's at similar or better rates as other small community colleges within the northern region. The next page shows the number of students that have transferred into the CSU system from a select group of small California Community Colleges from 2006-2016.

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California Community College Transfers By Institution of Origin.



Community College District	<input type="text" value="4 of 72 selected"/>
Systemwide Discipline Division	<input type="text" value="(All)"/>
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Institution Name	2006-2007	2007-2008	2008-2009	2009-2010	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	Grand Total
College of the Siskiyous	48	47	53	33	29	35	31	36	21	25	358
Feather River Community College	46	57	28	24	27	32	34	43	44	35	370
Lake Tahoe Community College	53	65	47	36	50	53	40	38	40	42	464
Lassen College	36	31	26	29	28	17	26	18	20	19	250
Grand Total	183	200	154	122	134	137	131	135	125	121	1,442