



COVID-19 UPDATE

April 10, 2020

This Informational Update will be provided weekly to communicate the status of decisions regarding changes to business processes as it relates to COVID-19.

These are challenging times, and we recognize there is a significant amount of information being provided to you. We hope to keep you as informed as possible.

Transfer

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY (CSU)

The California State University System (CSU) is providing some flexibility for Fall 2020 transfers.

- CSU Campuses will accept a "Pass" for transferable college courses completed in Spring, Summer, or Fall 2020 to satisfy: The Golden Four (English Language, Oral Communications, Critical Thinking, and Mathematics/Quantitative reasoning); all other General Education and prerequisites for the major.
- CSU will clear admission for upper-division transfer applicants with 48 semester transferable units who have completed English Language and Mathematics/Quantitative reasoning by the start of Fall 2020 (including courses taken in Summer 2020).
- CSU requests that community colleges that can provide transcripts by July 15, 2020, do so; however, CSU campuses will continue to accept transcripts through the Fall 2020 term. CSU campuses will not rescind conditional offers of admission based upon the receipt of transcripts.

Full details and on-going updates may be found: <https://www2.calstate.edu/apply>

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA (UC)

The University of California System (UC) is providing some flexibility for Fall 2020 admitted students.

- The UC system will accept a "Pass": A-G courses completed in Spring 2020, and exclude from 14 unit maximum if taken Spring, Summer, or Fall 2020 for junior level students.
- The UC system will permit students to complete coursework in Summer 2020 to meet the 60 unit transfer requirement.
- The UC system requests that transcripts be submitted by July 1, 2020, if possible. If not, students must send an email to AskUC@ucop.edu with the date the transcript is expected to be available.

Full details and on-going updates may be found:

<https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/response-covid-19.html>

Online Forms Process

PROCESSING

District Student Services has implemented an online forms processing center. College faculty, staff and administrators have been trained and the full roll out begins April 14, 2020. Students will submit forms and/or documentation via the Campus Solutions Help Desk and it will be routed to the appropriate approval queue for processing.

NEW FORMS

Two new forms have been created to support grading flexibility due to COVID-19.

- **Petition for P/NP for Courses Not Approved** – this form will be completed by a student and counselor when a student chooses to select a P/NP grade option for courses not approved for P/NP. The form will be processed using the new online format (see above).
- **Assignment of In Progress** – this form will be completed by an instructor when assigning the IP grade for hard to convert courses that will not complete by the end of the Spring 2020 semester.

CARES Act

The CARES Act provides institutions with significant discretion on how to award this emergency assistance to students. This means that each institution may develop its own system and process for determining how to allocate these funds, which may include distributing the funds to all students or only to students who demonstrate significant need. The only statutory requirement is that the funds be used to cover expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus (including eligible expenses under a student's cost of attendance, such as food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and child care).

EOPS guidelines

The Chancellor's office is providing flexibility for EOPS program requirements. This includes:

EOPS GRANTS AND AWARDS

- Suspending the EOPS Grant cap of \$900 per student per academic year
- Suspended the work-study cap of \$1,800 per student per academic year (previously the grant + work-study award could not exceed \$1,800 total)
- Suspended the cap of \$300 on loans, suspended the requirement that the loans be repaid within the same academic year. Establish guidelines on prioritization

ALLOWABLE EXPENDITURES

- Suspends requirement that the Chancellor's Office approve computer/software purchases
- Allows for expenditures for computer hardware and software over the 10% or 50,000 limit (whichever is less), must document in annual report

ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES

- Clarification that **remaining** in full-time is not a requirement for EOPS students (however new students must be full time when accepted into the program)
- 10% cap on accepting students enrolled in a minimum of 9 units is still in effect

- Students still required to file an application, complete an education plan, and an Mutual Responsibility Contract (MRC), however they can be completed electronically or by mail.

COUNSELING AND ADVISEMENT:

- Title 5 requires that students still complete three contact sessions per term per student. However they can be done via technology including but not limited to emails, text messages, phone calls, or online counseling platforms.

CCCCO Foundation Grant update

The **California College Student Emergency Support Fund** launched on April 2, 2020, to give one-time \$500 hardship grants to students. The Fund was created to cover unplanned financial expenses such as housing, technology, and more to support educational continuity, persistence, and degree completion for California's college students through this crisis.

As anticipated, interest in the Fund and need for student support is high. Within 90 minutes of the launch of the application, 1,000 students had applied. Within 24 hours from launch, the funds were exhausted, and placed over 65,000 students on a waiting list.

Enrollment numbers

Between March 15, 2020, and April 5, 2020, enrollment counts across the colleges decreased by 585, or 1%. Last year over the same period, enrollment counts increased 1%. It should be noted that the Spring 2020 term started one week later than the Spring 2019 term.

AB 19 Promise Students

The CCCCCO provides funds to the District in support of Promise students. Due to the high demand on campus for students – laptops, hot spots, food, etc. each college was given \$10,000 to support these efforts. Given these challenging times, we continue our best to support students that are disproportionately impacted by COVID-19, and need now more than ever, our compassion and support.

Resources

SDCCD

City: <http://www.sdcity.edu/>

Mesa: <http://www.sdmesa.edu/>

Miramar: <http://www.sdmiramar.edu/>

Continuing Education: <http://www.sdce.edu/>

Student FAQs: <https://www.sdccd.edu/students/COVID-19.aspx>

CCCCO

The California Community College Chancellor's Office has additional resources for faculty and staff with daily updates.

<https://www.cccco.edu/About-Us/Chancellors-Office/Divisions/Communications-and-Marketing/Novel-Coronavirus/>

<https://cvc.edu/about-the-oei/resources/>