First-Time Transfer Checklist Spring 2016
Welcome to California State University, Northridge

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This transfer student checklist will guide you through the necessary steps to enroll successfully at Cal State Northridge. It’s an exciting time but it can be confusing. University policies and requirements may differ from those of your previous institution. This step-by-step advice should smooth your transition and help you avoid common pitfalls.

1. The required coursework that you need to transfer to CSUN (minimum of 60 units, including the 4 basic subjects with minimum grades of C and 2.0 GPA) must be completed by the end of the Fall 2015 term. All final, official transcripts must be postmarked or hand delivered to Admissions and Records by January 15, 2016 (please see #10 below). If you will transfer course work from a California community college, save time with eTranscript California.

2. All admitted first-time transfer students must file their "Intent to Register" no later than 11:59 p.m. on December 1, 2015. (If admitted after November 17, file intent within 14 days of your admission date.)

3. Activate your CSUN Account. Locate the “Activate CSUN User ID and Password” letter you received from Admissions and Records and log into myNorthridge Portal at www.csun.edu. Read and accept the campus information technology policy. Follow the instructions to set up your account and enter any other information as prompted. For help, visit the Information Technology Help Center. Use your User ID and Password to log into your CSUN issued Gmail account regularly to check for important University notices.

4. Check your application status for missing items. Log into myNorthridge at www.csun.edu, locate My Checklist, and review your Incomplete Tasks. Learn more at My Admissions Checklist.

5. Prepare to register and remember important dates. Beginning in early-November, watch your mailbox for the Spring 2016 Registration Access Mailer. It contains your enrollment appointment as well as the earliest date and time you can go online to register in classes.
You will receive a paper Registration Access Mailer for your first semester only. Thereafter, visit the Registration Calendar for registration news and dates. Your registration appointment and any holds also display in “My Checklist.”

Beginning with your enrollment time, through December 8, 2015 you may enroll in classes online through “myNorthridge.” Beginning December 9, 2015 you may continue to access online registration. No appointment is required. For additional dates, see the Registration Calendar.

Enrollment is limited to 13 units during the Registration-by-Appointment period and will increase to 16 units beginning December 9, 2015. Verified STAR Act students are limited to 16 units during the Registration-by-Appointment period. You are encouraged to make every unit count by enrolling in courses required for your degree so you stay on track for graduation. The degree planning tools will help (see item #10).

Spring 2016 classes begin Monday, January 25, 2016. Saturday-only and Friday-Saturday classes begin January 23.

6. **Review the University Catalog** prior to meeting with an academic advisor. The Catalog describes every major, all courses CSUN offers, and provides vital information about academic policies and university regulations.

7. **Make an appointment with your academic advisor.** Students who seek advisement before registering are more likely to enroll in the courses they need and less likely to make errors that can cost time and money. Meeting with an academic advisor is the best way to take all the necessary steps that will lead to timely graduation.

Find your major department at Academic Programs and contact the department to make an appointment with your academic advisor. In some of CSUN’s eight academic colleges transfer students are advised by the Student Services Center/EOP Satellite. Remember, University policies and deadlines will differ from those of your previous institution; your advisor will help with the transition.

Academic advisement is strongly encouraged for all transfer students; some majors require it. If your major requires advisement before registration, you will have an
advisement hold. The hold will be cleared only when you meet with your advisor. To view registration holds, log into “myNorthridge” with your CSUN User ID and Password, locate My Checklist and review the Incomplete Tasks section.

8. Be on time for your advisement appointment. Purchase a one-day campus parking permit for $6.00. Arrive on campus early to locate your major department. Download a campus map, including driving directions, to help you find your destination. While on campus, you may also want to visit Financial Aid and Scholarships, Housing, the Oviatt Library, or other campus resources that you can locate from the CSUN home page.

9. Find out if you need a department exam. The Math Placement Test (MPT) and/or Chemistry Placement Test (CPT) may be required for students planning to major in Engineering, Computer Sciences, Sciences or Math.

10. Bring your unofficial transcripts for all courses taken at a community college or another four-year university to your advisement meeting. REMINDER: Official transcripts must be postmarked or hand delivered by January 15, 2016. Your final transcript(s) must show completion of the minimum requirements for transfer admission (60 units, including the 4 basic subjects with minimum grades of C and 2.0 GPA).

Use the audit component of Degree Progress Report (DPR) and Planner to check placement of your transfer courses into CSUN major and degree requirement sections. Your advisor can assist you with learning how to use this and other degree planning tools. See the How to Guide, Degree Progress Report and Planner, to familiarize yourself with this tool in advance of your advising session.

If your transcripts have not yet been evaluated, your transfer courses will not yet display in DPR. You may visit www.assist.org to find California community college and CSUN course equivalents. Bring a list of these courses with you to your advising appointment.

11. Prepare questions and a tentative class schedule to review with your advisor. Review the Degree Road Map for your major at http://www.csun.edu/catalog/catalog/resources/road-map for the suggested
sequence of classes. STAR Act (AA-T and AS-T) Transfer Degree Planning Guides are also available at http://www.csun.edu/catalog/resources/star-act. Use Class Search and Registration Planner to look up the courses you want. Prepare a tentative schedule with alternate choices before your advising session.

For help navigating Class Search, Registration Planner, “myNorthridge” and the SOLAR Student Center, see the How To Guides. For registration dates, visit the Registration Calendar.

12. **Register for classes.** As a transfer student, you may register for classes independently beginning with the date provided in your Registration Access Mailer and in My Checklist if your holds are resolved. Registering on your set date will give you the best selection of classes and times. However, your access to the online registration system continues from your priority date through February 12, 2016. Students may wait list for closed classes beginning with Nonrestrictive Registration on Wednesday, December 9, 2015 through Sunday, January 31, 2016. During the wait list period, no permission numbers are required to add classes (except restricted classes). Permission numbers are required to add classes during the second and third weeks of instruction, beginning Monday, February 1, 2015. The last day to add or drop classes online is **Friday, February 12**.

13. **Pay your tuition and other fees on time.** Payment is due when you register in classes, but no later than the deadlines published in the Fee Payment Schedule. Due dates vary by registration date. **If you do not pay on time, you will be disenrolled from courses.** Get details on tuition and fees, payment due dates, installment plans and more at University Cash Services. If you are a financial aid recipient, see the anticipated aid tutorial.

Note: **It is the sole responsibility of the student to withdraw from classes. Failure to follow formal withdrawal procedures may result in an obligation to pay fees, the assignment of failing grades, and the need to reapply for admission to the University.**

14. For important updates and University notices, log into “**myNorthridge**” with your CSUN User ID and Password. Regularly check your CSUN Gmail, too, by logging into http://www.csun.edu/it/gmail-students. CSUN Gmail is an official means of University communication.
15. **Be sure to meet the CSU immunization requirement** for measles, rubella and hepatitis B. If you attended a California public middle or high school, you have probably met the requirement.

If not, complete these immunizations **as soon as possible**, but no later than these semesters:

- During your first semester of classes for the measles and rubella immunization requirement, and

- During your second semester your second semester for the hepatitis B requirement

For more information, including the consequences of non-compliance and other immunization considerations, see the Klotz Student Health Center website **Immunization Requirements**.

16. Sign up for the **New Transfer Student Orientation** to learn about the University, receive useful information, and meet other transfer students. Call 818-677-4100 or go to [www.csun.edu/nso](http://www.csun.edu/nso) to register.

17. Register for the **Upper Division Writing Proficiency Exam** (UDWPE) at the beginning of your first semester at CSUN. Undergraduate students are encouraged to take the UDWPE as early as possible, but must take the exam no later than the semester in which 75 units will be completed. Transfer students entering the University who will have completed 75 units by the end of their first semester must attempt the exam during their first semester at CSUN. Students who have not attempted the UDWPE by the completion of 75 units will have a hold placed on their subsequent class registration. Some upper division major courses require a passing score on the UDWPE before you can enroll, so plan ahead and avoid enrollment delays. Information on the exam including registration details is located at [http://www.csun.edu/undergraduate-studies/udwpe](http://www.csun.edu/undergraduate-studies/udwpe).