San José State University

FAQ - Changes to Transfer Student Admissions Criteria

SJUS is planning to make changes to the criteria used to grant admissions to transfer students effective with the Fall 2016 entering class.

Who does this change affect?
Individuals applying to specific programs will be affected. Please review the documents available at: http://www.sjsu.edu/president/impaction for details. While there are exceptions, any student who has completed high school and then enrolled at a community college or university is considered a transfer student. This change does not affect students applying to enter SJSU as freshmen.

Many majors will still use only GPA to evaluate transfer student applicants. If your major is not listed or noted for future addition, GPA will remain the only criteria used for transfer admission.

What change is being considered?
Until now, transfer students have been admitted to SJSU based solely on their grade point average (GPA). When this change takes effect, SJSU will also evaluate a student’s preparation to enter the majors listed on pages 2 and 3. Preparation is defined as completing the desired preparatory courses before coming to SJSU. The desired list of preparatory courses for each major also appears on page 2. Students who have completed the most preparatory courses and have the highest GPAs will be given priority status.

When does the change take effect?
Transfer students who plan to enter SJSU in Fall 2016 and beyond will be subject to the new criteria. These students will begin applying to SJSU via CSU Mentor during October and November 2015.

Why is SJSU making this change?
SJSU is carefully considering all ideas that would allow us to serve more students. State funding limits the number of California residents we can enroll each year. This change will ensure that we are admitting transfer students who have carefully prepared to attend SJSU and are on track to graduate within two to three years. If we admit students who are on track, we can increase the number of students who graduate each year, which creates more space for new transfer students.

How can I be sure I am admitted to SJSU?
Transfer student applicants who have completed the most preparatory courses (as they appear below) and have the highest GPAs will be in the best position to be admitted. The cutoff for GPA changes from year to year based on the applicant pool. It is like grading on the curve, so it is difficult to predict. The minimum GPA of students admitted to each major for the past several years is available at http://info.sjsu.edu/static/admission/impaction.html.

Where can I get more information about this change?
Please see http://www.sjsu.edu/president/impaction/ for the final changes planned for Fall 2016.