WEST OFFERING 3 NEW TRANSFER DEGREES

West Los Angeles College now offers three new “transfer degrees” which streamline a student’s path toward attaining a Bachelor’s degree and guarantee students admission to one of the 23 California State University (CSU) campuses.

At the end of 2010, the Student Transfer Achievement Reform Act (Senate Bill 1440) was passed granting guaranteed admission to California community college students who complete designated transfer degrees. These new degrees have a clear, prescribed path of courses required at both West and the CSU campuses. This ensures that a student can efficiently complete a bachelor’s degree with 120 units and without having to take additional lower division courses at the university.

“As the rules regarding unit maximums and financial aid eligibility are becoming stricter and there is more competition for seats at the Cal States, these transfer degrees are especially helpful to our students who want to advance to a university,” said Nabil Abu-Ghazaleh, college president.

Students who wish to transfer to CSUs and other public and private universities are not limited to these three majors. West continues to offer other recognized degree paths which are designed for students who want to transfer. Additionally, students who complete the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) pattern of classes at West are also eligible to enter a CSU or University of California campus as a junior if accepted.

West also recently announced the launch of their new transfer academy for students majoring in Business Administration, Criminal Justice, Digital Media Arts, or a technical Associate of Science program. The transfer academy is run through partnership with California State University, Dominguez Hills (CSUDH). Students in each track will be organized into learning communities allowing them to take classes and study together, and to attend special events at CSUDH. Each track will have 60 or fewer students per cohort.

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