

Crafton Hills Transfer Center

How to Choose Your Transfer University

Step 1 – Decide what is important to you by looking at the below categories and choosing the description/s that match your preference

Academics of school:

- ☐ My major is offered
- ☐ The department that offers my major coordinates internship opportunities
- ☐ My minor is offered
- ☐ Ranking/Reputation of school
- ☐ Professor to student ratio
- ☐ Research opportunities: there are opportunities to assist in a lab with faculty
- ☐ The school/major is competitive
- ☐ The college/major has the recognized accreditation
- ☐ There is an option to attend part-time
- ☐ Non-traditional education is offered such as: on-line, independent study, specialized major
- ☐ The school/major is not impacted
- ☐ I can get classes when I need/want them
- ☐ Public University
- ☐ Private University

Location:

- ☐ Close to home
- ☐ California only
- ☐ Out-of-State
- ☐ Small town or near a city
- ☐ Medium city
- ☐ Large city
- ☐ Rural/isolated town
- ☐ Activities close by: surfing, snow skiing, hiking, nightlife, etc.

Services for Students:

- ☐ Career services, they assist with internship/job opportunities
- ☐ Study abroad opportunities
- ☐ Financial Aid
- ☐ Scholarships
- ☐ Academic advising
- ☐ Counseling /psychological services
- ☐ Veterans services
- ☐ International student services
- ☐ Disability resources
- ☐ Library resources
- ☐ Campus safety/police
- ☐ Family housing
- ☐ Guaranteed transfer housing
- ☐ Off-campus living options

Social/Student Life:

- ☐ Hispanic Serving Institutions
[http://www.hacu.net/hacu/HACU's Members.asp](http://www.hacu.net/hacu/HACU's_Members.asp)
- ☐ Historically Black College & Univ.
- ☐ Tribal College
- ☐ Religious affiliation
- ☐ Ethnic and gender diversity
- ☐ Single-Sex College
- ☐ AB540 friendly
- ☐ Inter-collegiate sports
- ☐ Special interest organizations/clubs
- ☐ Fraternities and/or sororities

Step 2 – Fill out your top criteria for the ideal campus from the above list

Academics: _____

Location: _____

Services for Students: _____

Social/Student Life: _____

Other: _____

Step 3 – Rank the criteria that are most important to you in order:

Step 4 – Research individual schools to see which is the best fit for you and matches your above criteria. Go to the school website, which is usually [www.school](http://www.schoolname.edu) name.edu, example, www.craftonhills.edu or you can use one of the following search engines.

<http://www.assist.org> - Search your major within the 23 CSU and 9 UC campuses

<http://www.californiacolleges.edu> - Search public and private colleges in California

<http://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator> - Search U.S. colleges and universities by state

<http://www.braintrack.com> - Search universities internationally

<http://www.ucan-network.org> - Profiles of private, non-profit universities in the U.S.

<http://www.bigfuture.collegeboard.org> - A comprehensive website to do all your college research.

Step 5 – Complete the below exercise:

Campuses I am Considering:

Criteria that Match:

Step 6 – List your top 3 choices, tour each of these schools and visit the department chair of your major. Meet with an admission representative to learn about admission requirements to the university and program. Last, meet with a CHC counselor to complete a Student Educational Plan (SEP).

