

Crafton Hills Transfer Center

How to Choose Your Transfer University

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

School Academics:

- I am allowed to double-major
- My minor is offered
- The school/major is not impacted/selective
- Internship opportunities within my major
- Ranking/Reputation of school
- Professor to student ratio
- Research opportunities
- Honors program
- The major has specialized accreditation
- There is an option to attend part-time
- Non-traditional education:
 - 100% online
 - Independent, self-paced study
 - Competency-based curriculum
- Low-Cost options (or cost-to-value)
- Offers graduate Studies
- Public university
- Private university
- Trade/Technical

Location/Size:

- Close to home (Inland Empire)
- Southern California
- California only
- Out-of-State
- International
- Rural/isolated town
- Small town or near a city
- Medium city
- Large city
- Activities close by: surfing, skiing, hiking, nightlife, etc.

Services for Students:

- Basic needs (homeless svcs)
- Career services (internship/ job search)
- Study abroad opportunities
- Scholarships & grants
- Tutoring/Success center
- Health services
- Counseling /psychological services
- Veterans services
- Services for students with disabilities
- Foster youth
- Adult re-entry services
- Robust Library options
- Info. technology services (help desk)
- Campus safety/police
- Childcare services
- On-campus housing (incl family housing)
- Off-campus housing services
- ROTC

Social/Diversity/Student Life:

- [Hispanic Serving Institutions](#)
- [Historically Black College & Univ.](#)
- Tribal College
- Religious affiliation
- Ethnic and gender diversity
- Single-Sex College
- Undocumented St Svcs/DREAM Center
- Sports (Division one/ inter-collegiate)
- Clubs/Fraternities/Sororities
- LGBTQ
- Social Events (concerts, excursions, etc)
- Shuttles and transportation to nearby areas

Step 2 – Fill out your top two criteria for each category for the ideal campus.

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 or you can use one of the following search engines.

<https://collegescorecard.ed.gov/> - Search certificates to graduate degrees across the US

<https://collegecost.ed.gov/net-price> - Calculate Net Price

<https://www.calstate.edu/attend/degrees-certificates-credentials/Pages/search-degrees.aspx> (CSU)

<https://www.calstate.edu/attend/student-services> - CSU student services

<https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/campuses-majors/campus-programs-and-support-services/> - UC Campuses, majors, student services

<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/colleges> - A comprehensive website for college search.

<http://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator> - Search U.S. colleges and universities by state
– Profiles of private, non-profit universities in the U.S.

<https://www.chea.org/directories> - Search program accreditation

Step 5 – Complete the below exercise:

Campuses I am Considering:

Criteria that Match:

Step 6 – List your top 3 choices, tour each school and visit the department major. Meet with an admission representative to learn about admission requirements. Last, meet with a CHC counselor to complete a Student Educational Plan (SEP). Congratulations on making an informed decision.