

CSCU Pathway Transfer A.A./A.S. Degree Proposal

Background

CSCU's Transfer and Articulation Policy calls for the creation of a CSCU Pathway Transfer A.A./A.S. Degree. This degree, which will be offered in specific disciplines (e.g. a CSCU Pathway Transfer A.A. Degree in History), is composed of two elements. The first is the "Framework 30," 30 credits of specified General Education courses that a student can take at any of the Connecticut Community Colleges with the assurance that they will transfer into specific General Education requirements at any of CSCU's four-year schools. The Framework 30 has already been approved by CCSU's Curriculum Committee and Faculty Senate.

The second element is the "Pathway 30." While the Framework 30 is common to all Pathway Transfer Degrees, the Pathway 30 is discipline-specific. Disciplinary committees composed of one faculty member from each of the 17 CSCU institutions created or will create a 30-credit package composed of courses for the major, General Education courses, and general electives that students can take at a community college with the guarantee that if they take the Pathway 30 and the Framework 30 to earn the CSCU Pathway Transfer Degree and transfer it to a CSCU four-year school they will enter with junior standing and have no more than 60 credits remaining to earn a bachelor's degree in the major specified by their Pathway Transfer Degree.

The Transfer and Articulation Policy recognizes that bachelor's degree programs at the four-year schools may have GPA minimums, performance criteria, or other requirements for admission; these requirements will be clearly noted in the discipline-specific Pathway Transfer Degree descriptions, and must be met by any Pathway Transfer Degree student wishing to transfer into such a bachelor's degree program. All discipline-specific CSCU Pathway Transfer Degrees must be approved on each campus by regular faculty governance procedures, which at CCSU means approval by departments, deans, Curriculum Committee and Faculty Senate.

Resolution

Central Connecticut State University endorses the CSCU Pathway Transfer A.A./A.S. Degree as described above, including the stipulations that all discipline-specific iterations of the degree will be approved through regular faculty governance procedures, and that all transferring students will be held to any discipline-specific requirements for entry into or progress through a degree program at CCSU.