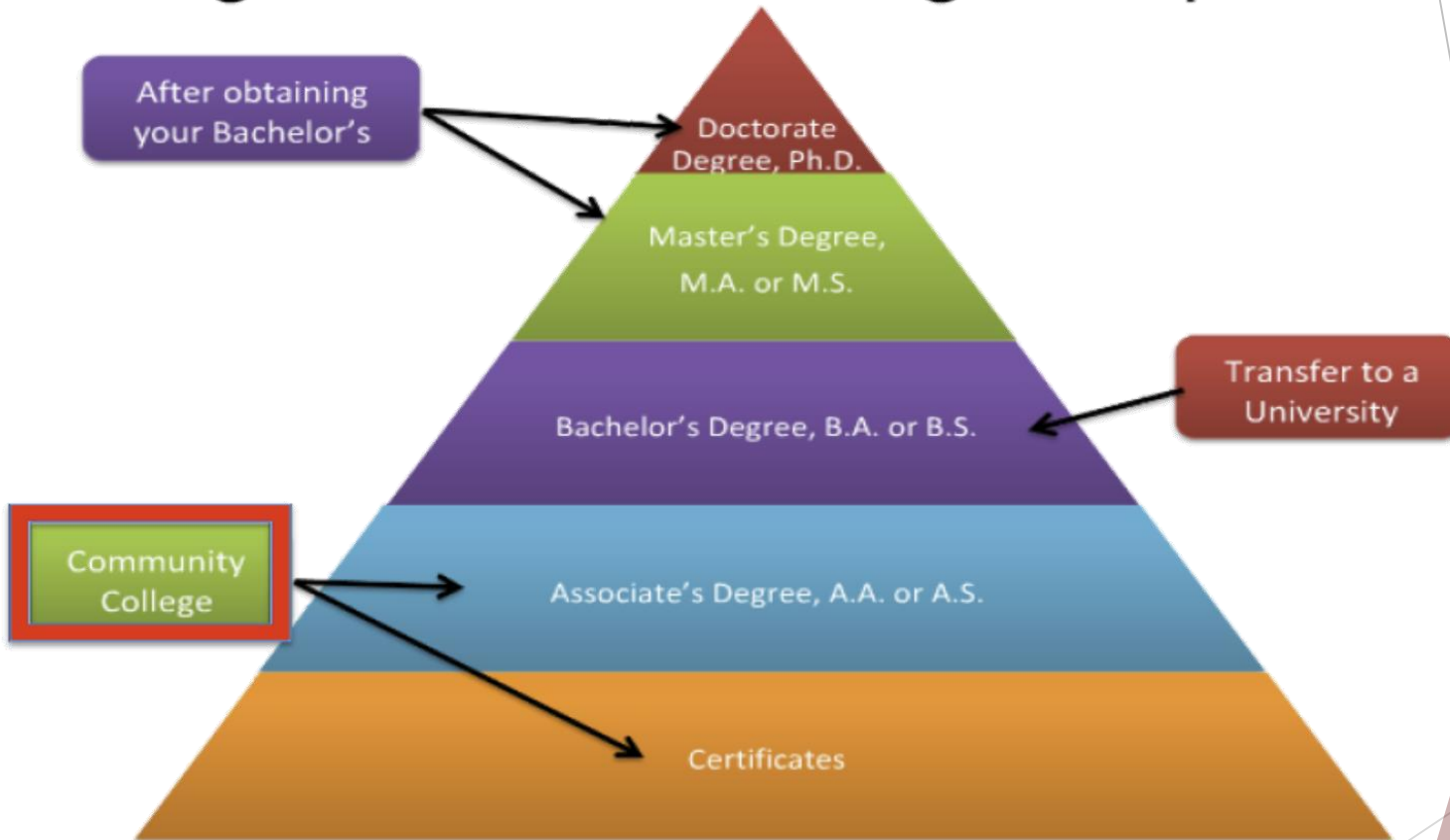


Palomar College Parent Orientation



Higher Education Degree Options

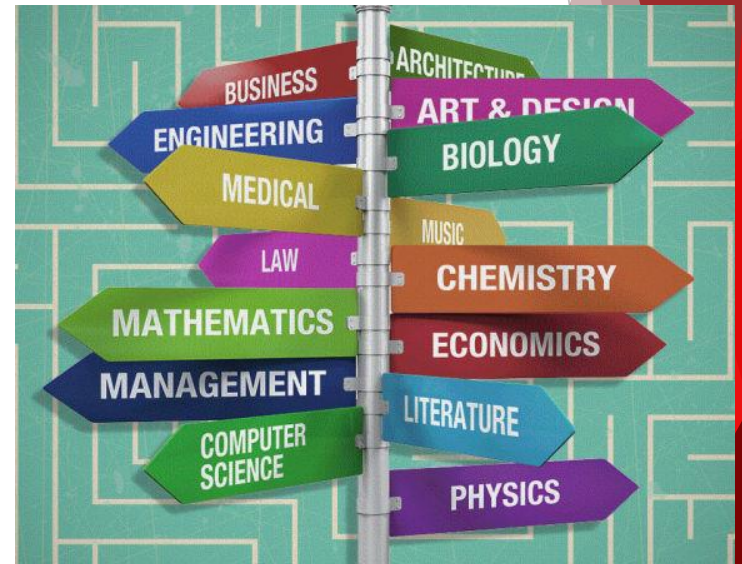


How College Works

- ▶ Two Year Level – General Education (GE), major prep and electives if necessary 60-70 units (CC level)
- ▶ Four Year Level – upper division GE, upper division major work and possibly electives 60 units (University level)

Educational Options at Palomar College

- ▶ Personal or career enrichment
- ▶ Vocational certificate
- ▶ Associate of Arts Degree
- ▶ Transfer preparation to a 4-year school

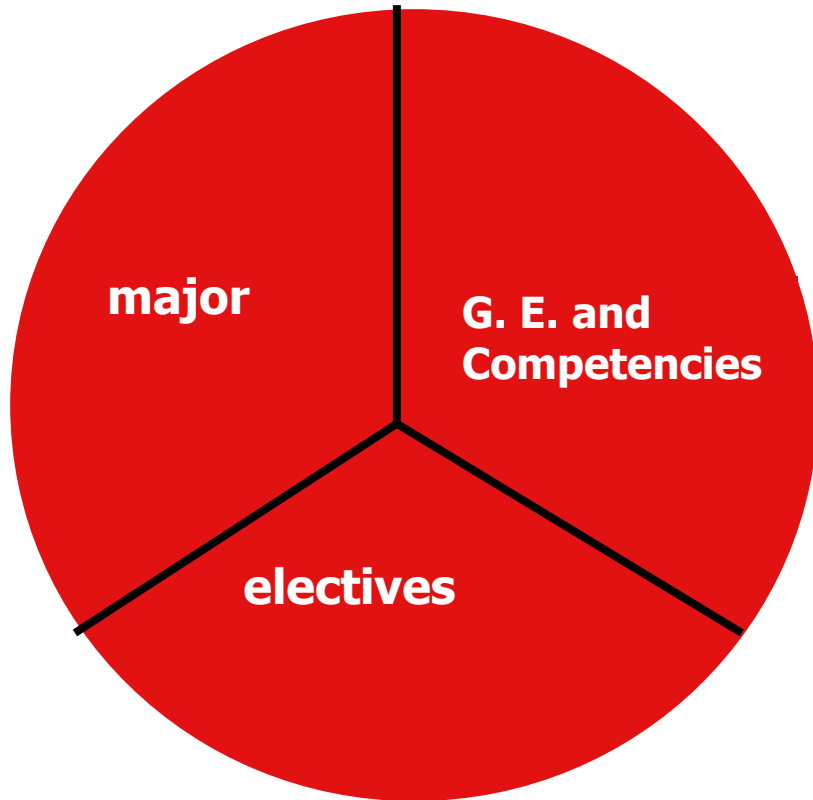


Vocational Certificates

- ▶ Hands-on vocational training
- ▶ Little, if any academic coursework
- ▶ Prepares students for immediate employment
- ▶ Requires less coursework than degree programs



Associates Degrees



- ▶ Require 60 degree applicable units
- ▶ Prepare students for immediate employment after graduation
- ▶ Require 2.0 G.P.A.
- ▶ Yellow Sheet

Transfer Possibilities



Did you know that
Two Thirds of all UC
Graduates are
California
Community College
Transfer Students?

Transfer to UC

- ▶ **9 Universities**
- ▶ **IGETC (Green Sheet @ Palomar)**
 - ▶ UCSD University Link- Low income, foster youth and Veterans with a 3.5 GPA
- ▶ **TAG Option to 6 Schools**
 - ▶ UC Davis
 - ▶ UC Irvine
 - ▶ UC Merced
 - ▶ UC Riverside
 - ▶ UC Santa Barbara
 - ▶ UC Santa Cruz

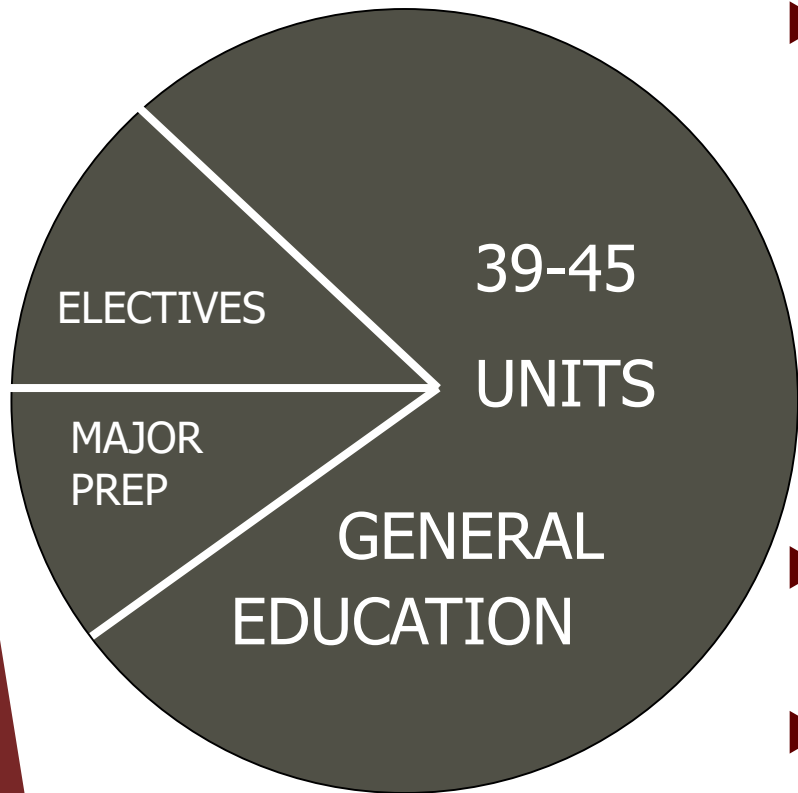


Transfer to CSU

- ▶ 23 Universities
- ▶ Complete the CSU General Education Requirements (Blue Sheet @ Palomar)
- ▶ Meet requirements for all CSU schools



TRANSFER PREPARATION



- ▶ UC and CSU require 60 transfer level units to include:
 - ▶ general education courses
 - ▶ preparation courses in the major
 - ▶ electives
- ▶ 60 transferable units equates to Junior status
- ▶ It is important to decide on a major as soon as possible

Internet Tools

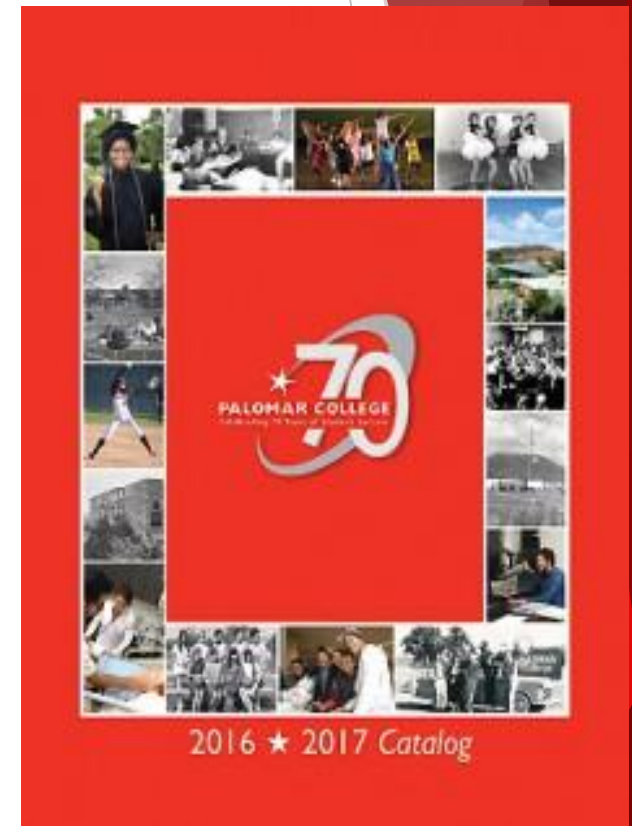
- ▶ <http://www.assist.org>
- ▶ <http://www.csumentor.edu>
- ▶ www.admissions.universityofcalifornia.edu
- ▶ <https://uctap.universityofcalifornia.edu>
- ▶ <http://www.aiccu.edu>

COLLEGE TERMINOLOGY

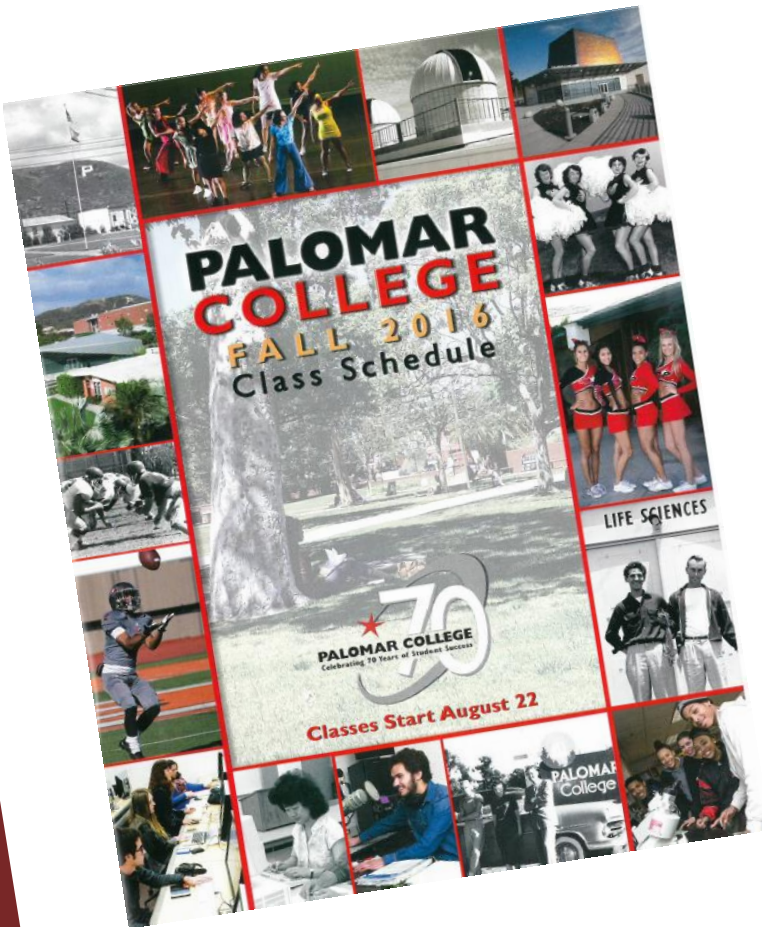


College Catalog

- ▶ Accessible online at www.palomar.edu or for purchase in the bookstore
- ▶ Contains important course and major information
- ▶ Outlines all current college policies
- ▶ Shows all regulations and requirements that apply to the students who begin attending Palomar college during that year



Class Schedule



- ▶ List of class offerings issued before the fall, spring semesters and summer term
- ▶ Available online before every semester or term at www.palomar.edu
- ▶ Includes classes at all locations
- ▶ Read carefully for class locations; hours, days, and dates taught; and prerequisites

Transfer and Non-transfer units

Courses 1-49	Courses 50-99	Courses 100+
Remedial	Pre-College	College Level
Non-AA	AA	AA
Non-Transfer	Non-Transfer	Transfer
ENG 10	ENG 50	ENG 100*
ESL < 50	ESL 97, 98	ESL 101-131
MATH 15	MATH 50, 53, 56* or 60*	MATH 100+
READ 30, 49	READ 51	READ 100

*course requirement for the Associates

PREREQUISITE

A requirement that must be satisfied before enrolling in a particular course; usually a prior course or placement test score

Transcript

- ▶ Students must order transcripts from high school and all prior colleges and AP scores to apply these courses toward any degree, transfer or certificate program. All transcripts must be official.



Important questions
to ask when
planning a college
education

How is college different than high school?

Student Responsibility includes:

Course Selection

Registration

Self-Advocacy

Attendance

Tuition, Books and Assorted Fees

How long do college classes last?

- ▶ Most classes in the fall and spring semesters run 16 weeks
- ▶ Summer classes are usually 6-8 weeks
- ▶ Fast Track classes are 8 weeks
- ▶ Intersession classes are 2-4 weeks

How many classes should a student take?

- ▶ Courses are assigned a unit value based on lecture or lab time required each week
- ▶ Units, credits or hours all mean the same thing
- ▶ Typically 1 unit equals 1 hour lecture and 2 hours study per week in a 16 week semester class

How many units can a working student manage?

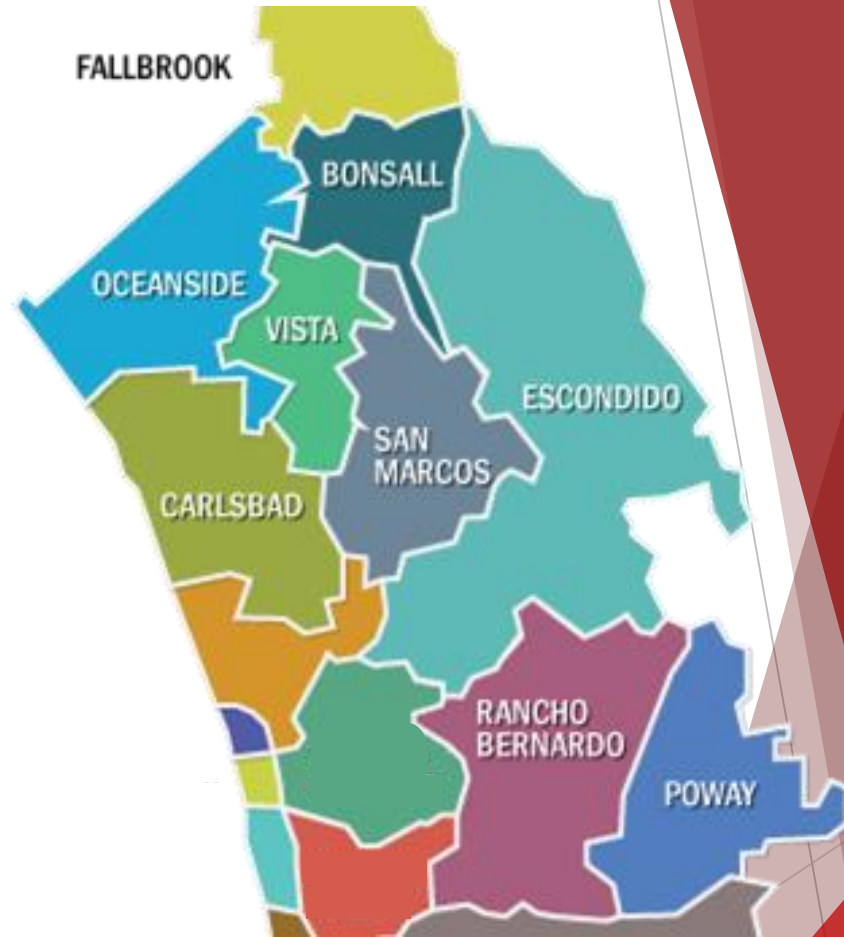
Work Hours	Units
40 or more	6 or less
30-39	6-9
20-29	9-12
20 or less	12 or more

What instructional formats are available?

- ▶ Traditional lecture style
- ▶ Self paced/Open Entry/Open Exit
- ▶ TV hybrid classes
- ▶ Online (but not recommended for all students)
- ▶ Online Hybrid

Where are classes offered?

San Marcos
Escondido
Camp Pendleton
Fallbrook
Pauma
Online



- ▶ Be careful when selecting classes to choose the correct location

What are good first semester courses?

- ▶ English, Math, and or GE
- ▶ COUN 110, College Success Skills is a great course for new students
- ▶ COUN 115, 165 and 170
- ▶ Reading 30, 49, 51 or 110
- ▶ An introductory course in area being considered for a major

What financial help is available for college?

- ▶ Apply for FAFSA
 - complete online application
 - submit required documents listed on Palomar's e-services
 - attend a FAFSA workshop if needed
- ▶ Apply for local and national scholarships
- ▶ Check in with the Career Center for local and campus job information



What additional support is available ?

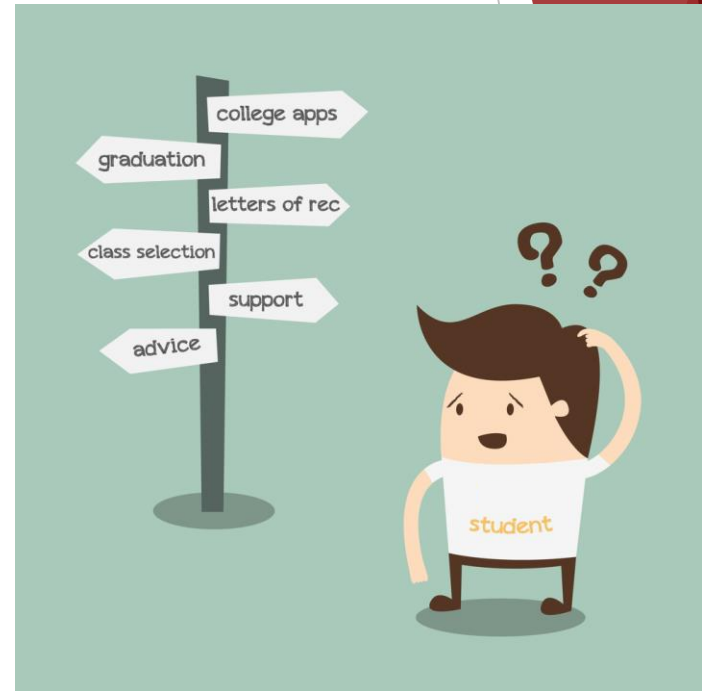
- ▶ Career Center
- ▶ Health Services
- ▶ Transfer Center
- ▶ Tutoring Center
- ▶ English as a Second Language assessment and classes
- ▶ DRC- Disability Resource Center services and classes
- ▶ EOPS- Extended Opportunity Programs and Services
- ▶ TRIO/Student Support Services
- ▶ Veterans Services

What if a student is having difficulty in a course?

- ▶ Meet with the instructor immediately during his/her office hours
- ▶ See a counselor
- ▶ Get a tutor
- ▶ Form a study group
- ▶ Go to the Writing or Math Center
- ▶ Reduce job hours

When should a student see a Palomar College counselor?

- ▶ At least once per semester
- ▶ When unsure of academic goals or what courses to take to achieve goals
- ▶ When experiencing personal or academic challenges that may interfere with achieving academic success



Let's talk about FERPA – Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act

- ▶ Federal law
- ▶ Rights with respect to student records
- ▶ Rights transfer from parent to the student at age 18 OR when attending a school beyond high school -“Eligible Student”

Schools may disclose, without consent, “directory” information

- ▶ Student Name
- ▶ Address
- ▶ Telephone Number
- ▶ Date and Place of Birth
- ▶ Honors and Awards
- ▶ Dates of Attendance

How can families support their college student:

- ▶ Keep student work hours to a minimum
- ▶ Financially and emotionally
- ▶ Maintain open communication
- ▶ Encourage the use of support services on campus
- ▶ Foster your student's independence as he or she transitions into adulthood

The Palomar College Counseling Staff supports all students in their educational endeavors.

Students should make an appointment with a counselor to develop an individual educational plan..

Call (760) 891 7511 for an appointment

Your Student's Success is our Success!

