

## General Guide to the SCU Core Curriculum for Transfer Student Applicants

Map out your transfer credit using the **TRANSFER CREDIT PLANNER** for the school or college you plan on applying to:

[College of Arts & Sciences](#) OR [Leavey School of Business](#) OR [School of Engineering](#)

<b>FOUNDATIONS</b>	
<b>Critical Thinking and Writing I</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> semester or 1 <sup>st</sup> quarter college level English writing course, or score of 4 or 5 on AP English Literature or Language exams.
<b>Critical Thinking and Writing 2</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> semester or 2 <sup>nd</sup> quarter college level English writing course.
<b>Cultures &amp; Ideas 1</b>	Course with US History or Western Civilization content
<b>Cultures &amp; Ideas 2</b>	Non-US History or Western Civilization content. Course content must have a world or global learning outcome. (AP World Hist or Comparative Govt with score of 4/5)
<b>Second Language</b>  Go to following website for additional details: <a href="https://www.scu.edu/cas/modernlanguages/student-resources/core-language-requirements/">https://www.scu.edu/cas/modernlanguages/student-resources/core-language-requirements/</a>	Completion of 2 <sup>nd</sup> semester or 3 <sup>rd</sup> quarter Foreign language. * Engineering School exempt from language requirement. * Business School and College of Arts & Sciences Natural Science majors: If transferring from quarter system college or university, a 2 <sup>nd</sup> qtr. Foreign Language will fulfill Core second Lang. OR: Some AP Lang exams with score 4/5 or IB High Level Lang exam with grade 6/7 *Go to Modern Lang Dept website for details
<b>Mathematics</b>	Refer to <a href="#">admissions mathematics recommendations</a> for each school. AP CALC AB exam with score of 4 or 5, or CALC BC score of 3, 4 or 5 will satisfy Core. Pre-Calculus math accepted but does not fulfill Core, major or minor math requirements. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>College Arts &amp; Sciences: Statistics or Finite Math or Calculus I</li> <li>Business School: 1 to 2 Calculus courses depending on major</li> <li>Engineering: complete 2-Calculus courses</li> </ul>
<b>Religion Theology &amp; Culture 1</b>	Waived from this requirement if student transfers with 44 or more quarter units (or 30 or more semester units) not including test credit.

<b>EXPLORATIONS</b>	
<b>Ethics</b>	Ethical/moral theories, issues, problems. Business School students required to satisfy this requirement at SCU.
<b>Civic Engagement</b>	<b><i>Must be completed at SCU</i></b>
<b>Diversity: U.S. Perspectives</b>	Examination of diversity as constituted through intersections of social categories and cultures in US.
<b>Arts</b>	A course with a creative expression learning component such as hands-on art course, dance, music performance, or creative writing course. A total of 4.00 quarter units (or 2.66 semester units) must be completed to fulfill this requirement.
<b>Natural Science</b>	Science course with a Lab
<b>Religion, Theology &amp; Culture 2</b>	<b><i>Must be completed at SCU</i></b>
<b>Social Science</b>	Course that analyzes social topics. Business students will fulfill this requirement with an economic course required for admissions.
<b>Cultures &amp; Ideas 3</b>	Course content must have a world or global learning outcome ( <i>same as C &amp; I 2 above</i> )
<b>Science, Technology &amp; Society</b>	<b><i>Must be completed at SCU</i></b>
<b>Religion Theology &amp; Culture 3</b>	<b><i>Must be completed at SCU</i></b>

<b>INTEGRATIONS</b>	
<b>Experiential Learning &amp; Social Justice</b>	<b><i>Must be completed at SCU</i></b>
<b>Advanced Writing</b>	<b><i>Must be completed at SCU</i></b>
<b>Pathways</b>	<b><i>Must be completed at SCU</i></b>

- Advanced Placement and the High Level International Baccalaureate exams may fulfill some Core requirements. Refer to the AP/IB chart located in the current Undergraduate Bulletin at: <https://www.scu.edu/bulletin/undergraduate-bulletin/>
- To learn more about Santa Clara University's Core Curriculum learning goals and objectives, [click here](#).
- This guide is to be used by transfer applicants. Students applying as first-year students may not transfer courses to fulfill Core Critical Thinking & Writing 1 and 2, Cultures & Ideas 1 and 2, in addition to the Core requirements listed above that must be completed at SCU.

## **ADDITIONAL TRANSFER CREDIT POLICIES:**

Please note that the **General Guide to the SCU Core Curriculum for Transfer Student Applicants** should be used as a resource to help understand and select courses at your institution that will transfer and satisfy SCU's admission recommendations and additional Core curriculum requirements. The information provided in this guide is subject to change at any time at the discretion of the University.

- Transferrable courses must be completed at an accredited college or university.
- SCU operates on a quarter system calendar. Courses completed at a semester institution are converted by multiplying the number of units by 1.5. For example, a 3.00 semester unit course equates to 4.50 quarter units.
- Students are allowed to transfer in a maximum of one-half of the total minimum number of quarter units required to graduate in their specific program. The maximum number includes credit transferred from another institution and Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate test credits.
- It is recommended to transfer with 30 or more semester units (44 or more quarter units) of transfer credit (not including AP/IB test credit).
- Completion of some Core areas is NOT required for admission. For SCU admission recommendations, go to: <http://www.scu.edu/ugrad/transfer/>
- The following courses are not transferable: most first-year seminars, internships, professional development courses, independent study courses, workshops, most physical education courses, most criminal/administration of justice courses, remedial English and remedial mathematics courses.
- Per policy, transfer credit earned after enrollment at SCU is limited to a maximum of 2 outside courses and still limited to a maximum of one-half of the total minimum number of quarter units required to graduate in their specific program. Refer to the SCU Undergraduate Bulletin for additional transfer credit restrictions at: <http://www.scu.edu/academics/bulletins/undergraduate/index.cfm>
- SCU does not give transfer credit for P/NP, CR, S or courses with a grade of C- or lower. Note: Exception for spring 2020 term due to the COVID-19 pandemic, course work receiving a grade of Pass or Credit is transferable. Grades are not transferable to SCU, only units. However, awarding of degrees with Latin honors is based on all graded undergraduate courses attempted at SCU and courses taken elsewhere that are used towards the fulfillment of a student's degree. Honors will not be awarded above those merited by the student's record at SCU.
- To help guide California Community College students with transfer planning and course selections, use the SCU Transfer Guides located at: <https://www.scu.edu/registrar/transfercredit/>
- The Core Second Language requirement CAN NOT be satisfied by completing two-to- four years of study in a foreign language at the High School level. Exception: engineering majors completing two years of high school foreign language are exempt from completing Core second language requirement at SCU. For details on how the SCU Core Second Language can be satisfied, go to: <https://www.scu.edu/cas/modernlanguages/student-resources/core-language-requirements/>

Admitted students will have access to an evaluation of their transcript(s) listing accepted courses with SCU transfer credit equivalencies. Once matriculated, students will have access to an online Academic Progress Report via their Workday account detailing how previous coursework meets SCU graduation requirements. The time needed to complete a degree will depend on the student's total number of transfer credits and the distribution toward specific SCU Core, school/college and major curriculum requirements.

For more information about transferring to SCU, admission recommendations, and frequently asked questions, please visit admissions website at: <http://www.scu.edu/ugrad/transfer/>

For additional questions regarding transfer credit and/or AP/IB test credit, email [transfercredit@scu.edu](mailto:transfercredit@scu.edu).

Disclosure: The information contained in this document is to be used as a guide for the purpose of admissions into Santa Clara University. This information is reviewed periodically and the date of the most recent update is noted in the bottom right-hand corner of this guide. Transferability is not guaranteed and is up to our discretion, largely based upon the Santa Clara University core curriculum in effect at the time of admission.

Santa Clara University  
College of Arts & Sciences

*For use by transfer applicants*

**TRANSFER CREDIT PLANNER CHECK-SHEET**

*\*Admission recommendations*

University Core Requirement

Course Completed or IP (In Progress) or AP/IB test credit

**FOUNDATIONS**

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|--|-------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Critical Thinking &amp; Writing 1*</b> | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Critical Thinking &amp; Writing 2*</b> | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Cultures &amp; Ideas 1</b>             | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Cultures &amp; Ideas 2</b>             | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Second Language</b>                    | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Mathematics*</b>                       | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Religion Theology &amp; Culture 1</b>  | _____ |

*(Students transferring with 30 or more semester units (or 44 or more quarter units) of transfer credit (excluding test credit) will be exempt from completing one RTC Core requirement)*

**EXPLORATIONS**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Ethics</b>                             | _____   |
| ▪ <b>Civic Engagement</b>  | <b><i>Must be completed at Santa Clara University</i></b> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Diversity</b>                          | _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Arts</b>                               | _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Natural Science with Lab*</b>          | _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Social Science</b>                     | _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Religion, Theology &amp; Culture 2</b> | <b><i>Must be completed at Santa Clara University</i></b> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Cultures &amp; Ideas 3</b>             | _____   |
| ▪ <b>Science, Technology &amp; Society</b>                         | <b><i>Must be completed at Santa Clara University</i></b> |
| ▪ <b>Religion, Theology &amp; Culture 3</b>                        | <b><i>Must be completed at Santa Clara University</i></b> |

**INTEGRATIONS**

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|---|---|
| ▪ <b>Experiential Learning for Social Justice</b> | <b><i>Must be completed at Santa Clara University</i></b> |
| ▪ <b>Advanced Writing</b>                         | <b><i>Must be completed at Santa Clara University</i></b> |
| ▪ <b>Pathways</b>                                 | <b><i>Must be completed at Santa Clara University</i></b> |

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON REQUIREMENTS PER MAJOR, GO TO: <https://www.scu.edu/cas/academics/undergraduate-majors-and-minors/>

TOTAL SEMESTER UNITS \_\_\_\_\_ x \_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL QUARTER UNITS\*\*

**\*\*Note:** The maximum number of units allowed to transfer (including AP/IB test credit) is: 87.50 quarter units. The time needed to complete a degree offered in the College of Arts & Sciences will depend on the total number of units accepted and their distribution toward satisfying SCU Core, School/College and major curriculum requirements.

Santa Clara University

Leavey School of Business

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**\*Admission recommendations**

University Core Requirement      Course Completed or IP (In Progress)

**FOUNDATIONS**

- ☐ **Critical Thinking & Writing 1\*** \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ **Critical Thinking & Writing 2\*** \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ **Cultures & Ideas 1** \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ **Cultures & Ideas 2** \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ **Second Language** \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ **Mathematics\***      **See Business Core MATHEMATICS requirements**
- ☐ **Religion Theology & Culture 1** \_\_\_\_\_

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**EXPLORATIONS**

- **Ethics**      *Satisfied within major requirements at SCU*
- **Civic Engagement**      **Must be completed at Santa Clara**
- ☐ **Diversity: U.S. Perspectives** \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ **Arts** \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ **Natural Science W/Lab** \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ **Social Science\***      **See Business Core ECONOMICS requirements**
- **Religion, Theology & Culture 2**      **Must be completed at Santa Clara**
- **Cultures & Ideas 3**      *Satisfied within major requirements at SCU*
- **Science, Technology & Society**      **Must be completed at Santa Clara**
- **Religion, Theology & Culture 3**      **Must be completed at Santa Clara**

**INTEGRATIONS**

- **ELSJ**      **Must be completed at Santa Clara University**
- **Advanced Writing**      **Must be completed at Santa Clara University**
- **Pathways**      **Must be completed at Santa Clara University**

**LEAVEY SCHOOL OF BUSINESS CORE REQUIREMENTS**

(Refer to the Leavey School of Business website for individual major requirements at:  
<https://www.scu.edu/business/myleavey/undergraduates/advising/>)

Leavey School of Business Requirement      Course completed or IP (In Progress)

**ACCOUNTING\***

- ☐ **Intro to Financial Accounting\*** \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ **Intro to Managerial Accounting\*** \_\_\_\_\_

**INTRODUCTION TO BUSINESS**

- ☐ **Intro to Business** \_\_\_\_\_

**BUSINESS COMPUTING**

- ☐ **Intro to Computing** \_\_\_\_\_

**BUSINESS LAW**

- ☐ **Business Law** \_\_\_\_\_

**ECONOMICS\***

- ☐ **Microeconomics\*** \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ **Macroeconomics\*** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATA ANALYSIS**

- ☐ **Statistics** \_\_\_\_\_

**MATHEMATICS\***      *\*Starting Fall 2024: Finance and Economics majors require two Calculus courses (Calculus 1 and 2). All other business majors only require Calculus 1.*

- ☐ **Calculus I\*** \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ **Calculus II\*** \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL SEMESTER UNITS** \_\_\_\_\_ **x 1.5 =** \_\_\_\_\_ **\*\* TOTAL**

**QUARTER UNITS\*\***

*\*\*Note: The maximum number of units allowed to transfer (including AP/IB test credit) is: 87.50 quarter units. The time needed to complete a degree offered in the Leavey School of Business will depend on the total number of units accepted and their distribution toward satisfying SCU Core, School and major requirements.*

Santa Clara University

School of Engineering

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TRANSFER CREDIT PLANNER CHECK-SHEET

**\*Admission recommendations**

University Core Requirement

Course Completed or IP (In Progress)

**FOUNDATIONS**

- ☐ **Critical Thinking & Writing 1\*** \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ **Critical Thinking & Writing 2\*** \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ **Cultures & Ideas 1** \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ **Cultures & Ideas 2** \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ **Mathematics\*** *Satisfied within major requirements at SCU*
- ☐ **Religion Theology & Culture 1** \_\_\_\_\_

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**EXPLORATIONS**

- ☐ **Ethics** \_\_\_\_\_
- **Civic Engagement** **Must be completed at Santa Clara**
- ☐ **Diversity: U.S. Perspectives** \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ **Arts** *Satisfied within major requirements at SCU*
- ☐ **Natural Science w/Lab\*** *Satisfied within major requirements at SCU*
- ☐ **Social Science** \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ **Religion, Theology & Culture 2** **Must be completed at Santa Clara**
- ☐ **Cultures & Ideas 3** \_\_\_\_\_
- **Science, Technology & Society** **Must be completed at Santa Clara**
- **Religion, Theology & Culture 3** **Must be completed at Santa Clara**

**INTEGRATIONS**

- **ELSJ** *Must be completed at Santa Clara University*
- **Advanced Writing** *Must be completed at Santa Clara University*
- **Pathways** *Must be completed at Santa Clara University*

**SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING REQUIREMENTS**

(Refer to the School of Engineering website for individual major requirements at:  
<https://www.scu.edu/engineering/undergraduate/degree-programs/>)

Engineering School Requirement

Course completed or IP (In Progress)

**MATHEMATICS\***

- ☐ **Calculus and Analytic Geometry I\*** \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ **Calculus and Analytic Geometry II\*** \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ **Calculus and Analytic Geom III/IV** \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ **Differential Equations** \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ \_\_\_\_\_

**NATURAL SCIENCE\***

- ☐ **General Chemistry\*** \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ **Physics w/ Calculus \*** \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ **Physics w/ Calculus \*** \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ **Physics w/ Calculus \*** \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDITIONAL ENGINEERING MAJOR Requirements**

- [Bioengineering](#)
- [Civil, Environmental and Sustainable Engineering](#)
- [Computer Science and Engineering](#)
- [Electrical & Computer Engineering](#)
- [Electrical Engineering](#)
- [General Engineering](#)
- [Mechanical Engineering](#)
- [Web Design and Engineering](#)

TOTAL SEMESTER UNITS \_\_\_\_\_ x 1.5 = \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL QUARTER UNITS\*\*

**\*\*Note:** Refer to the chart listing the maximum number of units allowed to transfer (including AP/IB test credit) per major located on the SCU Undergraduate Admission webpage at: <http://www.scu.edu/ugrad/transfer/>