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ORIENTATION BOOKLET

WELCOME TO CUESTA COLLEGE



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CUESTA’S STUDENT PLANNING CALENDAR



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WELCOME TO CUESTA COLLEGE



This is an exciting step in your life and also a fresh start. You are beginning your college academic career with a clean slate and an opportunity to take full advantage of this experience. With this comes a responsibility to make the most of your college education. You might need to begin to create new habits.

Below are tips to help you be a successful student.

Attend all classes! For many students, skipping class is hard to resist. If you don't attend class you will miss out on important information which could impact your grade. If you are out sick, make sure you contact your instructors to let them know why you missed class, and find out what was covered.

Manage your time. Instructors will hand out a syllabus at the beginning of the term which tells you when assignments are due. It is your responsibility to know and remember deadlines in each class. Use a planner/calendar to get a clear picture of due dates, deadlines and test preparation needs.

Balance work and play. Think about what you want from your college experience and make school your first priority! Your social life should come second to your school work, and you are the only one who can make sure that happens.

Study, study, study! Instructors expect you to study 2-3 hours outside of class for every hour spent in class. In college, studying has to be a major part of your life outside of the classroom.

Keep up on your reading. For courses with textbooks, complete reading assignments before the class session. Also, expect the majority of your reading assignments and projects to be completed on your own outside of class. Read actively by highlighting, annotating and summarizing your texts.

Take notes on everything. In high school, your teachers probably gave you an outline of their lectures and told you what points would be on the tests. In college, the instructors often just lecture. Taking good notes and knowing how to pick out important information from lectures and textbooks is a valuable skill. Consider attending a workshop to improve these skills or take a College Success course to bring it all together.

Seek out help when you need it! Don't be afraid to ask for help from your instructors, counselors, the Student Success Center, and free tutoring in the writing/math labs. People will be happy to help you, but you need to seek out their assistance.

You get to choose your classes and major. In high school, many or most of your classes were chosen for you. In college, you get to choose your major and plan of study. This can be intimidating, and at times you may want help, so remember there are counselors here to help you!

Your parents won't be able to help as much. By law, instructors cannot discuss your school work with your parents. The college considers you an adult regardless of age, and sharing your personal information is illegal. Your parents may be able to give you guidance about classes and your social life.

Be an adult. Instructors will treat you like an adult, so make sure you act like one! Discipline problems will not be tolerated and students can be removed from class or campus for acting inappropriately.

CHOOSE YOUR EDUCATIONAL PATHWAY

Which educational pathway is right for you? Below you'll find an overview of each option:

EDUCATIONAL PATHWAY 1

Cuesta College Career Education Certificate or Associate Degree

Career Education and/or technical training courses are designed to increase your **skills for employment**. You can obtain a certificate in more than **50 fields** at Cuesta College. These certificates can be obtained in a short period of time (1 or 2 semesters); the courses focus on a specific vocational area.

You can obtain an Associate of Arts (A.A.) or Associate of Science (A.S.) degree at Cuesta College. More than **50 designated degrees** are offered.

To view a list of degrees and certificates see [page 5](#).



EDUCATIONAL PATHWAY 2

California State University (CSU) Transfer

The 23 CSU campuses, including Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, are located throughout California. On [page 6](#) of this booklet, you will find a map with the locations of the campuses and information about this pathway. See [page 7](#) for a list of majors that are offered primarily at the CSU. If you're interested in a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN), choose this pathway rather than the AA/AS pathway.



EDUCATIONAL PATHWAY 3

University of California (UC), Private or Out-of-State Transfer

The 9 UC undergraduate campuses, including UC Santa Barbara, are located throughout California. On [page 6](#) of this booklet, you will find a map with locations of the campuses, and information about this system. The UC system is the most prestigious and competitive of the public higher educational systems. As a California Community College transfer student, you will receive priority consideration for admission to UC, even above transfer students from all other colleges and universities, including students already enrolled at CSU and UC campuses. If you are considering transfer to a UC campus, or an out-of-state or private college, this pathway will guide you in selecting your first semester classes.



STUDENT SUCCESS STARTS WITH A CLEAR PATHWAY



ACHIEVE YOUR GOAL WITH A DEGREE AUDIT ONLINE!

It's amazing how much easier it is to get somewhere when you know where you're going. Your myCuesta Pathway delivers access to real-time progress toward your degree completion, so you can reach your academic goals efficiently and easily.

FAQS

What is myCuesta Pathway?

myCuesta Pathway is a degree audit program designed to help you understand the requirements for your major, degree, or certificate which may consist of core courses, general education, and electives. This is a web-based program that takes the courses from your Cuesta College transcript and reorganizes them to help you track your progress of your degree.

What are the benefits of myCuesta Pathway?

- See which courses you have completed in your major
- Identify remaining courses needed to complete your degree/major
- See what courses you have taken that do not count toward your major
- View the grades or waivers applied to your transcript
- Confirm your grade point average (GPA)
- Find out how courses completed will meet other major requirements before you officially change your major
- Estimate how many semesters it will take you to graduate/transfer
- Select the right courses for the next semester
- Anytime/anywhere access to information

Does using myCuesta Pathway mean I do not need to see my counselor?

No. myCuesta Pathway is a tool designed to help aid and facilitate academic advising. Your audit is NOT an official evaluation. All degree and transfer requirements need to be verified by your counselor prior to graduation. You also need to see a counselor if you have non-native transcripts.

Can myCuesta Pathway help me if I am considering changing my major?

Yes! There is a "What If" function that can be used to hypothesize a change in major and to see how far along you would be in your academic goal if you did change your major.

Is my degree audit the same as myCuesta College transcript?

No. Your transcript is arranged by each semester and is the final and official documentation of your academic record at Cuesta College.

AREAS OF STUDY

BUSINESS, AGRICULTURE, HOSPITALITY, AND LEGAL

Culinary Arts Foundation, CS
Culinary Arts Studies, CA
Culinary/Hospitality, AS
Hospitality Management Foundation, CA
Hospitality Management, AS-T
Plant-Based Sustainable Nutrition, Agriculture, And Culinary Arts, C.S.
Agricultural Plant Science, AS-T
Agriculture Business, AS-T
Equipment Technician, CA
Farm Management, CA
Mechanized Agriculture, CA
Viticulture, CA
Accounting Clerk, CA
Business Administration 2.0, AS-T
Business Administration, Career Track, AA
Business Administrative Assistant, AA
Business Administrative Assistant, CA
Business Career Track Core, CA
Retail Management, CA
Management Information Systems, AS
Economics, AA-T
Legal Studies: Business Option, AA
Legal Studies: Social Science Option, AA
Paralegal, AA
Paralegal, CA
Recreation Administration, AA

CREATIVE ARTS, HUMANITIES AND COMMUNICATION

Film, TV and Electronic Media, AA
Film, TV and Electronic Media, AS-T
English, AA-T
Art History and Professional Practices, AA
Art History, AA-T
Art Studio, AA
Ceramics, CA
Graphics, CA
Photography, CA
Sculpture Foundry, CA
Studio Arts, AA-T
Communication Studies, AA-T
Journalism, AA
Journalism, AA-T
Multimedia Journalism, CS
Spanish, AA-T
Theatre Arts, AA-T
Audio Technology I, CA
Commercial Music, CA
Jazz Studies, AA
Music Performance, AA
Music, AA-T
Music, CA
Liberal Arts: Arts and Humanities Emphasis, AA

EDUCATION AND INFORMATION

Child and Adolescent Development, AA-T
Child Development Associate Teacher, CA
Child Development Master Teacher, CA
Child Development Site Supervisor, CA
Child Development Teacher, CA
Early Childhood Education
Early Childhood Education, AS-T
Inclusion and Special Needs, CA
Child Development for Elementary Educators, CA
Elementary Teacher Education, AA-T
High School/Middle School Teacher Pathway, CA
Paraprofessional Educator Foundation, CS
Paraprofessional Educator/Pre-Teaching, AA
Paraprofessional Educator/Pre-Teaching, CA
Coaching, CS
Library Services to Children, CS
Library/Information Technology, AS
Library/Information Technology, CA
Searching and Researching Strategies, CS
Web Page Coding, CS

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Nutrition and Dietetics, AS-T
Nutrition Education/Coaching, CA
Exercise Science - Fitness Professional, CA
Kinesiology, AA-T
Public Health Science, AS-T
Emergency Medical Technician Refresher, CS
Emergency Medical Technician, CS
Paramedic, AS
Paramedic, CA
Medical Assisting, AS
Medical Assisting, CA
Medical Assisting, CS
Phlebotomy, CS
Nursing Assistant, CS
Licensed Vocational Nurse, Basic Intravenous Therapy, Blood Administration and Phlebotomy, CS
Licensed Vocational Nursing, AS
Nursing, Licensed Vocational Nurse, CA
Nursing, Registered, AS
Pre-Nursing, AS
Psychiatric Technician, AS
Psychiatric Technician, CA

SKILLED TRADES AND TECHNOLOGY

Android Developer, CS
Cloud Computing, CA
Internet Applications Developer, CS
IOS Developer, CS
Auto Body Technician, AS
Auto Body Technician, CA
Advanced Engine Performance Technician, AS
Automotive Technician, AS
Automotive Technician, CA
Engine Performance Specialist, CA

Maintenance and Light Repair Technician, CA
Aviation Maintenance Technician
Computer and Networking Technology, AS
Computer Networking Support, CS
Computer Support Specialist, CS
Network Infrastructure Support, CS
Construction Technology, AS
Construction Technology, CA
Electrical Technology, AS
Electronics and State Electrician, CA
Power and Instrumentation Certificate, CA
Manufacturing, AA
Manufacturing, CA
Welding Technology Pipe, CS
Welding Technology, AS
Welding Technology, CA
Welding Technology, Structural, CS
Geographic Information Systems, CA

SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES AND HUMAN SERVICES

Addiction Studies Foundation, CA
Addiction Treatment Studies, AA
Addiction Treatment Studies, CA
Human Development/Human Services, AA
Paraprofessional Counseling Skills, CA
Parenting Education/Family Coach, CA
Social Justice Studies, AA-T
Social Work/Human Services, AA-T
Law, Public Policy & Society, AA-T
Administration of Justice, AS-T
Criminal Justice, AA
Anthropology, AA-T
Global Studies, AA-T
History, AA
History, AA-T
Philosophy, AA-T
Political Science, AA
Political Science, AA-T
Psychology, AA
Psychology, AA-T
Sociology, AA
Sociology, AA-T
Liberal Arts: Social and Behavioral Sciences, AA

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, AND MATH (STEM)

Biology, AS-T
Computer Science, AS
Architectural Technology, AS
Engineering, AS
Mathematics, AS-T
Chemistry, AS
Premedical Studies, CA
Environmental Science, AS-T
Geology, AS
Geology, AS-T
Physics, AS
Physics, AS-T
Liberal Arts: Science, AA

AA: ASSOCIATE IN ARTS
AS: ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE
AA-T: ASSOCIATE IN ARTS FOR TRANSFER
AS-T: ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE FOR TRANSFER
CA: CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT
CS: CERTIFICATE OF SPECIALIZATION
CC: CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION (NON CREDIT)
CC: CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCY (NON CREDIT)

Browse this information online at:
cuesta.edu/academics/areas-of-study/choose-an-area-of-study.html AND
cuesta.edu/academics/areas-of-study/all-degrees-certificates.html

EDUCATIONAL PATHWAY 1

LIST OF DEGREES AND CERTIFICATES

Associate in Arts for Transfer (AA-T.)
Associate in Science for Transfer (A.S.-T.)
Associate in Arts (A.A.)
Associate in Science (A.S.)
Certificate of Achievement (C.A.)
Certificate of Specialization (C.S.)
Certificate of Competency (C.C.)
Certificate of Completion (C.C.)

ADDITION STUDIES, SOCIAL WORK, AND HUMAN SERVICES (FORMERLY HUMAN DEVELOPMENT/HUMAN SERVICES)

Addiction Studies Foundation, C.A.
Addiction Treatment Studies, A.A.
Addiction Treatment Studies, C.A.
Human Services, A.A.
Paraprofessional Counseling Skills, C.A.
Parenting Education/Family Coach, C.A.
Social Work/Human Services, AA-T.

AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Plant Science, A.S.-T.
Agriculture Business, A.S.-T.
Equipment Technician, C.A.
Farm Management, C.A.
Mechanized Agriculture, C.A.
Viticulture, C.A.

ANTHROPOLOGY

Anthropology, AA-T.

ARCHITECTURAL TECHNOLOGY

Architectural Technology, A.S.

ART

Art History and Professional Practices, A.A.
Art History, AA-T.
Art Studio, A.A.
Ceramics, C.A.
Graphics, C.A.
Photography, C.A.
Sculpture Foundry, C.A.
Studio Arts, AA-T.

AUTO BODY TECHNOLOGY

Auto Body Technician, A.S.
Auto Body Technician, C.A.
Noncredit Auto/Body Collision Repair, C.C.
Noncredit Automotive Refinish Repair, C.C.

AUTOMOTIVE TECHNOLOGY

Advanced Engine Performance Technician, A.S.
Automotive Technician, A.S.
Automotive Technician, C.A.
Engine Performance Specialist, C.A.
Maintenance and Light Repair Technician, C.A.

AVIATION MAINTENANCE

Aviation Mechanic - Airframe & Powerplant, C.A.

BASIC SKILLS HIGH SCHOOL

Secondary Education, C.C.

BASIC SKILLS NONCREDIT

GED Preparation, C.C.

BIOLOGY

Biology, A.S.-T.

BUSINESS

Accounting Clerk, C.A.
Accounting Concentration, C.A.
Business Administration 2.0, A.S.-T.
Business Administration, Career Track, A.A.
Business Career Track Core, C.A.
Business Administrative Assistant, A.A.
Business Administrative Assistant, C.A.
Digital Commerce Concentration, C.A.
General Business Concentration, C.A.
Marketing Concentration, C.A.
Management Specialization, C.A.
Small Business Management Concentration, C.A.

CHEMISTRY

Chemistry, A.S.
Premedical Studies, C.A.

CHILD DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY STUDIES

Child and Adolescent Development, AA-T.
Child Development And Family Studies, A.A.
Child Development Associate Teacher, C.A.
Child Development Master Teacher, C.A.
Child Development Site Supervisor, C.A.
Child Development Teacher, C.A.
Early Childhood Education, A.A.
Early Childhood Education, A.S.-T.
Inclusion and Special Needs, C.A.

COLLEGE SUCCESS STUDIES

Academic Skills Bridge to College Credit, C.C.
Noncredit Reading, Writing, and Grammar, C.C.

COMMUNICATION STUDIES

Communication Studies 2.0, AA-T.

COMPUTER AND NETWORKING TECHNOLOGY

Computer and Networking Technology, A.S.
Computer Networking Support, C.S.
Computer Support Specialist, C.S.
Network Infrastructure Support, C.S.
Noncredit Computer Technician Internship Preparation, C.C.

COMPUTER INFORMATION SYSTEMS

Android Developer, C.S.
Cloud Computing, C.A.
Computer Science, A.S.
Internet Applications Developer, C.S.
IOS Developer, C.S.
Management Information Systems, A.S.

CONSTRUCTION TECHNOLOGY

Construction Technology, A.S.
Construction Technology, C.A.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Administration of Justice, A.S.-T.
Criminal Justice, A.A.

CULINARY ARTS

Culinary Arts Foundation, C.S.
Culinary Arts Studies, C.A.
Culinary/Hospitality, A.S.

DRAMA

Theater Arts, AA-T.

ECONOMICS

Economics, AA-T.

EDUCATION

Career Technical Education Teacher Preparation, A.S.
Elementary Teacher Education, AA-T.
High School/Middle School Teacher Pathway, C.A.
Paraprofessional Educator Foundation, C.S.
Paraprofessional Educator/Pre-Teaching, AA.
Paraprofessional Educator/Pre-Teaching, C.A.
PK – 3 Pathway For Elementary Educators, C.A.

ELECTRONICS AND ELECTRICAL TECHNOLOGY

Electrical Technology, A.S.
Electronics and State Electrician, C.A.
Power and Instrumentation Certificate, C.A.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

Emergency Medical Technician Refresher, C.S.
Emergency Medical Technician, C.S.
Paramedic, A.S.
Paramedic, C.A.

ENGINEERING

Engineering, A.S.

ENGLISH

English, AA-T.

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

AESL Citizenship, C.C.
Noncredit ESL, Level I - C.C.
Noncredit ESL, Level II, C.C.
Noncredit ESL, Level III, C.C.
Noncredit ESL, Level IV, C.C.
Noncredit ESL, Level V, C.C.
Noncredit ESL, Listening and Speaking for English Speakers of Other Languages, C.C.
Noncredit ESL: Grammar, C.C.
Noncredit ESL: Beginning Conversation, C.C.
Noncredit Vocational ESL, C.C.
Transitions, C.C.

ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES

Environmental Science, A.S.-T.

ETHNIC STUDIES

Social Justice Studies, AA-T.

FILM, TELEVISION AND ELECTRONIC MEDIA

Film, TV and Electronic Media, A.A.
Film, TV and Electronic Media, A.S.-T.

GEOLOGY

Geographic Information Systems, C.A.
Geology, A.S.
Geology, A.S.-T.

GLOBAL STUDIES

Global Studies, AA-T.

HISTORY

History, A.A.
History, AA-T.

HOSPITALITY

Hospitality Management Foundation, C.A.
Hospitality Management Noncredit, C.C.
Hospitality Management, A.S.-T.

JOURNALISM

Journalism, A.A.
Journalism, AA-T.
Multimedia Journalism, C.A.

KINESIOLOGY

Coaching, C.S.
Exercise Science - Fitness Professional, C.A.
Fitness and Health, C.A.
Kinesiology, AA-T.
Sports Medicine, C.A.

LEGAL STUDIES

Law, Public Policy & Society, AA-T.
Legal Studies: Business Option, A.A.
Legal Studies: Social Science Option, A.A.

LIBERAL ARTS

Liberal Arts: Arts and Humanities Emphasis, A.A.
Liberal Arts: Science, A.A.
Liberal Arts: Social and Behavioral Sciences, A.A.

LIBRARY/INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Library Services to Children, C.S.
Library/Information Technology, A.S.
Library/Information Technology, C.A.
Searching and Researching Strategies, C.S.
Web Page Coding, C.S.

MATHEMATICS

Mathematics, A.S.-T.

MEDICAL ASSISTING

Medical Assisting, A.S.
Medical Assisting, C.A.
Medical Assisting, C.S.

MUSIC

Audio Technology I, C.A.
Commercial Music, C.A.
Jazz Studies, A.A.
Music, AA-T.
Music, C.A.
Music Performance, A.A.

NONCREDIT VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

California Conservation Awareness, C.C.
Noncredit Adobe Acrobat Tools, C.C.
Noncredit Basic Digital Imaging, C.C.
Noncredit Basic Internet Skills, C.C.
Noncredit Basic Mac Software Skills, C.C.
Noncredit Basic Office Software Skills, C.C.
Noncredit Beginning Computer Skills, C.C.
Noncredit Beginning Mac Skills, C.C.
Noncredit Computer And Device Fundamentals, C.C.
Noncredit Digital Design Software Basics For The Office, C.C.
Noncredit Digital Maker, C.C.
Noncredit Digital Printing: Newsletters And Magazines For The Office, C.C.
Noncredit Foster Youth Child Advocate, C.C.
Noncredit Green Documents For Business, C.C.
Noncredit Harness The Cloud To Maximize Work Performance, C.C.
Noncredit Information Design For The Office, C.C.
Noncredit Powerful Presentations, C.C.
Noncredit Research Specialist, C.C.
Noncredit Web Design For The Office, C.C.
Noncredit Windows Server Administration, C.C.

NONCREDIT WORKFORCE PREPARATION

Employability & Transitions, C.C.
Noncredit Accounting Basics For Small Business, C.C.
Noncredit Career Strategist, C.C.
Noncredit Customer Relations, C.C.
Noncredit Effective Marketing Communication Management, C.C.
Noncredit Emerging Leaders, C.C.
Noncredit Enterprise Communication 2, C.C.
Noncredit Enterprise Communication, C.C.
Noncredit Global Trends In Human Resources, C.C.
Noncredit High Performance Teams, C.C.
Noncredit Management Tool Box, C.C.
Noncredit Managing To Maximize Performance, C.C.
Noncredit Project Management, C.C.
Noncredit Sales Techniques, C.C.
Noncredit Social Media For Business, C.C.
Noncredit Strategic Marketing, C.C.
Noncredit Thrive And Survive In The Workplace, C.C.
Noncredit Workplace Essentials, C.C.

NURSING ASSISTANT

Nursing Assistant, C.S.

NURSING, LICENSED VOCATIONAL NURSE

Licensed Vocational Nurse, Basic Intravenous Therapy, Blood Administration and Phlebotomy, C.S.
Licensed Vocational Nursing, A.S.
Nursing, Licensed Vocational Nurse, C.A.

NURSING, REGISTERED

Nursing, Registered (30 Unit Option), C.A.
Nursing, Registered, A.S.
Pre-Nursing, A.S.

NUTRITION

Nutrition and Dietetics, A.S.-T.
Nutrition Education/Coaching, C.A.
Plant-Based Sustainable Nutrition, Agriculture, And Culinary Arts, C.S.

PARALEGAL

Paralegal, A.A.
Paralegal, C.A.

PHILOSOPHY

Philosophy, AA-T.

PHLEBOTOMY

Phlebotomy, C.S.

PHYSICS

Physics, A.S.
Physics, A.S.-T.

POLITICAL SCIENCE

Political Science, A.A.
Political Science, AA-T.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT STUDIES

Customer Service, C.S.

PSYCHIATRIC TECHNICIAN

Psychiatric Technician, A.S.
Psychiatric Technician, C.A.

PSYCHOLOGY

Psychology, A.A.
Psychology, AA-T.

PUBLIC HEALTH SCIENCE

Public Health Science, A.S.-T.

AVIATION MAINTENANCE

Aviation Mechanic - Airframe & Powerplant, C.A.

RECREATION ADMINISTRATION

Recreation Administration, A.A.

SOCIOLOGY

Sociology, A.A.
Sociology, AA-T.

SPANISH

Spanish, AA-T.

TRANSFER CERTIFICATES

CSU General Education, C.A.
IGTC General Education, C.A.

WELDING

Noncredit Structural Steel Certification, C.C.
Welding Technology Pipe, C.S.
Welding Technology, A.S.
Welding Technology, C.A.
Welding Technology, Structural, C.S.

ASSOCIATE DEGREES FOR TRANSFER

Administration of Justice
Agriculture Business
Agriculture Plant Science
Anthropology
Art History
Biology
Business Administration
Child & Adolescent Development
Communication Studies
Early Childhood Education
Economics
Elementary Teacher Education
English
Environmental Sciences
Film, Television & Electronic Media
Geology
Global Studies
History
Journalism
Kinesiology
Law Public Policy & Society
Mathematics
Music
Nutrition & Dietetics
Philosophy
Physics
Political Science
Psychology
Public Health Science
Social Justice Studies
Social Work/Human Services
Sociology
Spanish
Studio Arts
Theatre Arts

EDUCATIONAL PATHWAY 2 & 3

CALIFORNIA PUBLIC 4-YEAR UNIVERSITIES

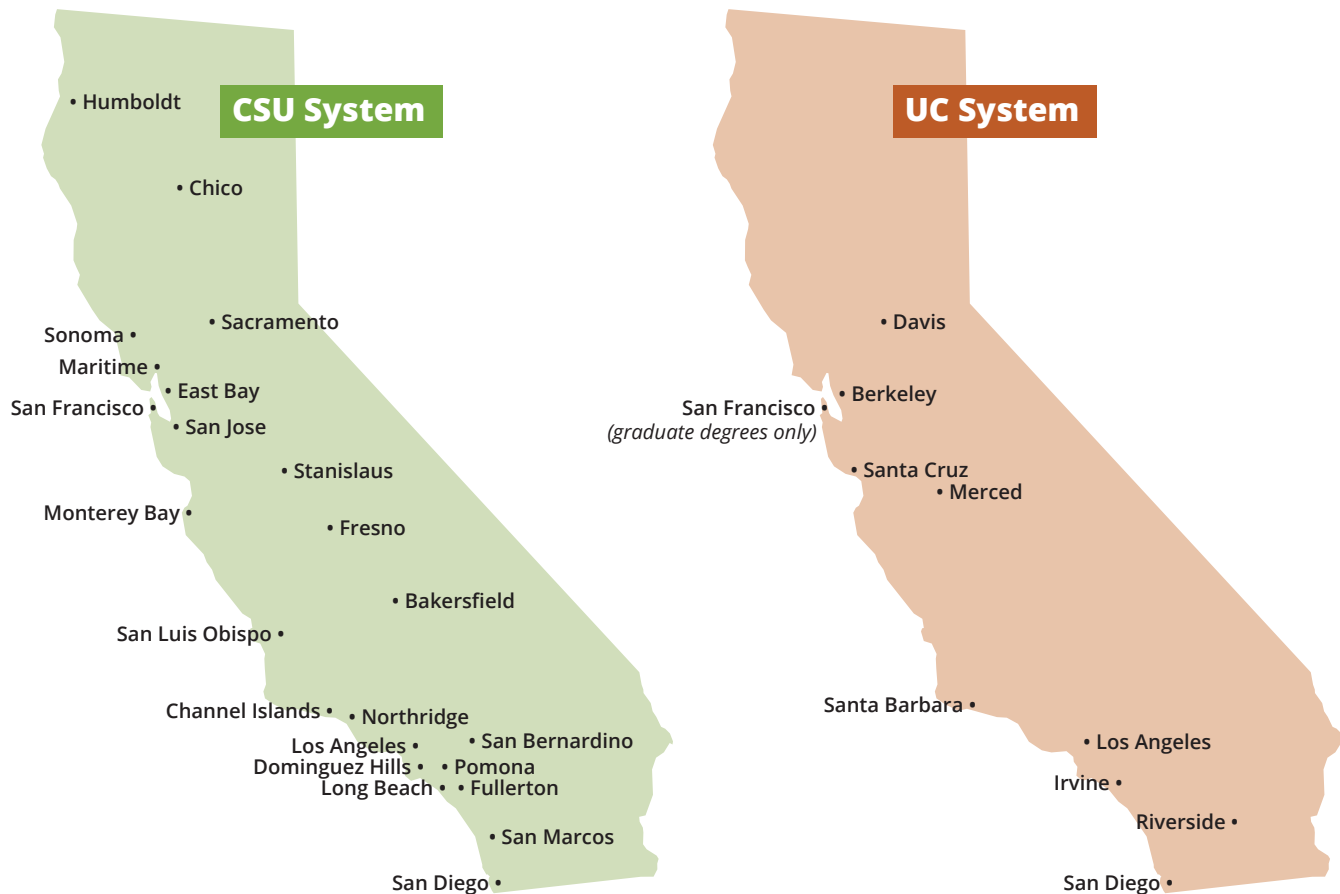
ASSOCIATE DEGREES FOR TRANSFER

See a counselor for additional information on requirements.

- AS-T Administration of Justice
- AS-T Agriculture Business
- AS-T Agriculture Plant Science
- AA-T Anthropology
- AA-T Art History
- AS-T Biology
- AS-T Business Administration
- AA-T Child and Adolescent Development
- AA-T Communication Studies
- AS-T Early Childhood Education
- AA-T Economics
- AA-T Elementary Teacher Education
- AA-T English
- AS-T Environmental Science
- AS-T Film, Television and Electronic Media
- AS-T Geology
- AA-T Global Studies
- AA-T History
- AS-T Hospitality Management
- AA-T Journalism
- AA-T Kinesiology
- AA-T Law, Public Policy, Society
- AS-T Mathematics
- AA-T Music
- AS-T Nutrition and Dietetics
- AA-T Philosophy
- AS-T Physics
- AA-T Political Science
- AA-T Psychology
- AS-T Public Health Science
- AA-T Social Justice Studies
- AA-T Social Work/ Human Development
- AA-T Sociology
- AA-T Spanish
- AA-T Studio Arts
- AA-T Theatre Arts

CALIFORNIA PUBLIC 4-YEAR UNIVERSITIES

Both CSU and UC are public, state-funded university systems that teach, conduct research, and award bachelor's and master's degrees. The University of California also awards doctorate degrees (PhD, MD, etc.) and some CSUs offer joint Ed.D programs with private institutions.



EDUCATIONAL PATHWAY 2 & 3

CALIFORNIA PUBLIC 4-YEAR UNIVERSITIES

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY (CSU)

Type of Degrees Awarded

Bachelor's, Master's, Doctorate in Education (EdD)

Main Focus of Undergraduate Education

- Primary mission is dedicated to instruction.
- Prepares the majority of teachers in the State.
- Offers undergraduate majors that include hands-on or professional training leading to a specific career or field after graduation:
 - Agriculture
 - Architecture
 - Business
 - Child Development/Early Childhood Education
 - Communication (primarily CSU campuses)
 - Computer Information Technology
 - Construction Management
 - Criminal Justice
 - Fashion Design
 - Graphic Design/Graphic Communication
 - Hospitality
 - Industrial Technology
 - Interior Design
 - Journalism/Broadcasting/Electronic Media
 - Kinesiology
 - Nursing
 - Nutrition/Dietetics
 - Social Work
 - Teacher Education

The Associate Degree for Transfer (AA-T or AS-T) ("A Degree with a Guarantee" icangotocollege.com/associate-degree-for-transfer)

Students who earn an AA-T or AS-T and who meet the minimum CSU eligibility requirements are guaranteed admission to a campus in the 23 campus CSU system, but not necessarily to a specific CSU campus.

- Students may receive a GPA bump in the admission/selection process.
- Students may be able to complete a bachelor's degree in as little as 60 semester/90 quarter units after transfer.
- See a counselor to create a Student Education Plan (SEP) to plan your sequence of classes for your AA-T/AS-T.

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA (UC)

Type of Degrees Awarded

Bachelor's, Master's, Doctorate (PhD), and Professional (Law, Medicine, Dentistry, Veterinary, Business/Management).

Main Focus of Undergraduate Education

Majors and programs have a heavy focus on developing strength in theory, research and analysis.

Designated as California's primary academic research institution.

Provides internships and study abroad programs to provide students with practical job training to supplement the academic theoretical training.

Programs are good preparation for students who plan to enter graduate or professional programs.

Transfer Admissions Guarantee (TAG)

Some UC campuses offer a guaranteed admission to community college students who meet specific requirements through the Transfer Admission Guarantee (TAG) program.

- UC TAG is a contract established between you and one UC campus.
- UC TAG outlines the courses you must complete before transfer, and the GPA you must maintain in order to qualify for the UC TAG.
- Set up your Transfer Admission Planner (TAP) now to track your educational progress while at the community college.
uctap.universityofcalifornia.edu/students
- See a counselor to create a Student Education Plan (SEP) and to plan your sequence of courses for the UC TAG, or general UC transfer.

DEGREES OFFERED AT BOTH CSU AND UC CAMPUSES*

- Art
- Anthropology
- Biology
- Business Administration
- Chemistry
- Computer Science
- Economics
- Engineering
- Environmental Studies and Sciences
- English/Literature
- Geography
- Geology
- History
- Health Sciences/Public Health
- Humanities
- Languages
- Math
- Performing Arts (Theater, Dance)
- Philosophy
- Physical Sciences
- Physics
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Sociology and Social Sciences

* Not all campuses offer all majors

USING YOUR myCuesta ACCOUNT

LOGIN, EMAIL AND OTHER ACCOUNT INFORMATION

myCuesta LOGIN

Login to my.cuesta.edu by entering your username and password (case sensitive).

First time logging in?

Refer to your welcome/admission email from Cuesta College, which includes your username and a temporary password to get you started.

Logged in before but don't know your password?

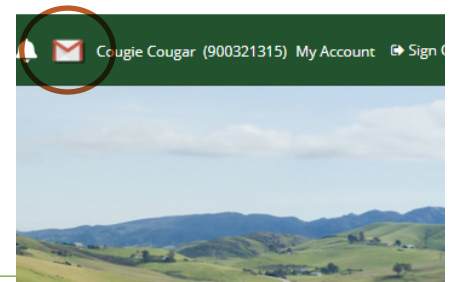
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ACTIVATE CUESTA EMAIL ACCOUNT

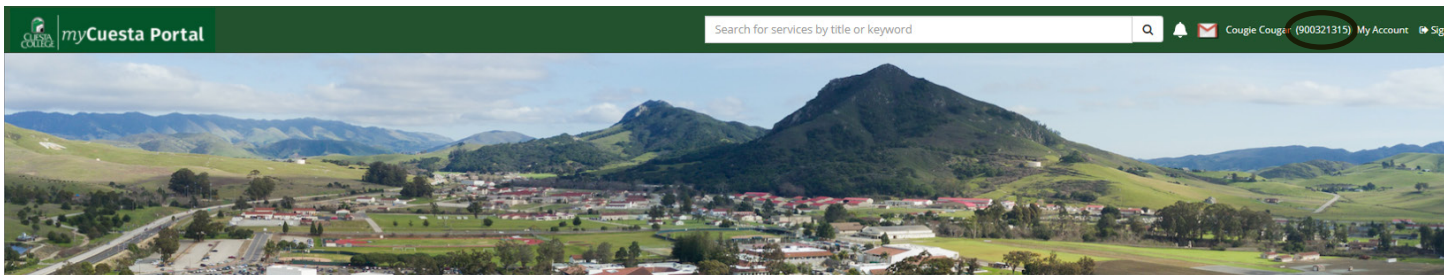
Login to myCuesta and open Student Email portlet under Pick a Service OR Select the mail icon in the top right corner.

IMPORTANT! Activating your Cuesta College e-mail account will allow you to receive crucial information regarding your academic status (i.e. grades, registration dates, financial aid status, etc.) and important emails and updates at Cuesta College.



HOW TO LOCATE YOUR STUDENT ID NUMBER

Login to myCuesta and the Student ID number is in the upper right corner.



UPDATING YOUR ADDRESS IN myCuesta

Login to myCuesta, open **Student Self-Service** portlet.

Click on the **Records** tab, then **Student Profile**



Registration

Accounts

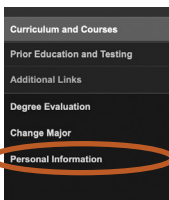
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Student - Records



Student Profile

View detailed student information including address, phone and major.



Click icon  to edit/make changes or click  to delete.

Under Personal Information, make changes or update:

- Preferred First Name
- Marital Status
- Phone Number(s)
- Personal E-mail Address
- Emergency Contact
- Ethnicity and Race
- Veteran Classification

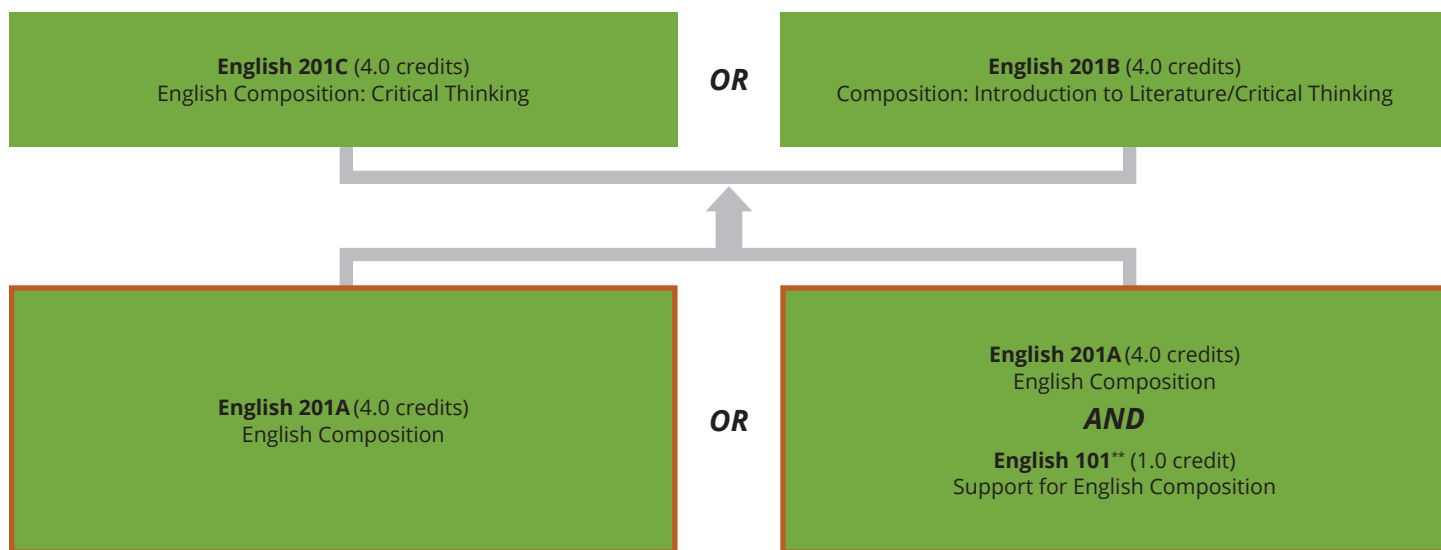
Note: All Cuesta communications sent to myCuesta student email.

ENGLISH PLACEMENT

Students can do one of the following to place into an English course:

- Complete the **online orientation** within your *myCuesta* portal to receive the recommendation for your first English course.
- Pass the AP English Language or Literature Composition Exam with a score of 3 or above—[Complete Prerequisite Form A](#).
- Earn a “C” or better grade in an English course taken at another college or university AND submit a copy of college/university transcript—[Complete Prerequisite Form A](#).

ENGLISH FLOWCHART



 = Transfer-level courses open to all students.

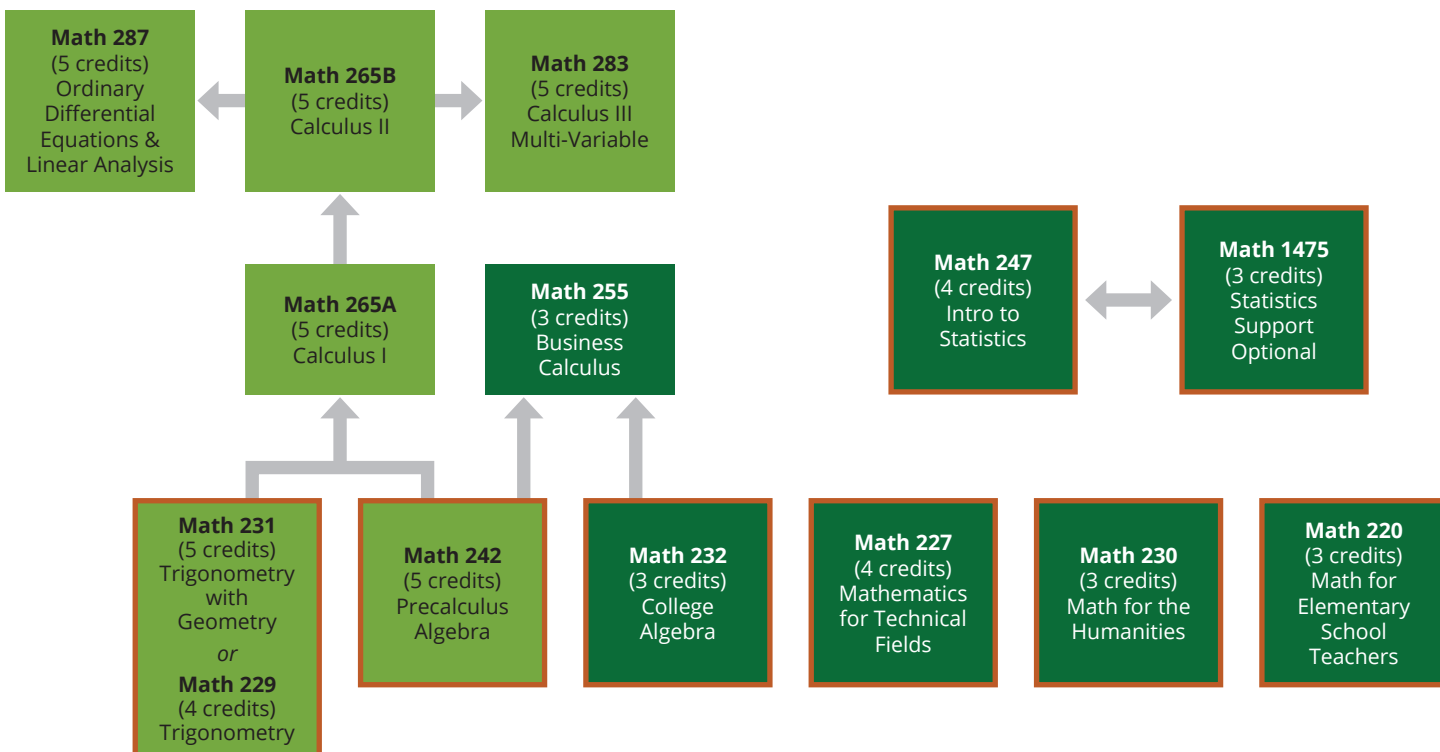
NOTE: AB 705 is a 2017 assembly bill that requires California Community Colleges to maximize the probability that a student will enter and complete transfer-level coursework in English and math within a one-year timeframe. This is why all students have access to transfer-level English and math courses in their first year of college. Students who earned a high school GPA of 2.59 or below should enroll in the co-requisite English 101 with English 201A. Please see a counselor if you are unsure of your educational plan or which English course is right for you.

MATH PLACEMENT

Students can do one of the following to place into a Math course:

- Complete the **online orientation** within your *myCuesta* portal to receive the recommendation for your first math course.
- Pass the AP Calculus or AP Statistics exam with a score of 3 or above—[Complete Prerequisite Form A](#).
- Earn a “C” or better grade in Math course taken at another college or university AND submit a copy of college/university transcript—[Complete Prerequisite Form A](#).

MATH FLOWCHART



■ STEM†

■ NON-STEM†

□ = Transfer-level courses open to all students.

†† STEM and NON-STEM tracks are guidelines. Please discuss math placement with a counselor.

CHOOSE A MAJOR THAT'S RIGHT FOR YOU!

THE STEPS

1. COMMIT TO CHOOSING A MAJOR:

Whether your goal is an Associate Degree or university transfer, you'll need to select a major and complete the courses required for that major. The earlier you decide on a major, the more efficient you'll be in selecting your courses. Most universities require that you complete **major preparation** courses prior to transfer.

2. CHOOSE A MATH COURSE ACCORDING TO YOUR AREA OF STUDY:

MATH 247 Business, Agriculture, Hospitality, and Legal

Business from the Ground Up

MATH 230 Creative Arts, Communication, and Humanities

Fine and Performing Arts, Creative Thinking, and Writing

MATH 220 Education and Information

Teaching and Research

MATH 247 OR 230 Social and Behavioral Sciences and Human Services

People, Culture, and Society

MATH 242 Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM)

How Things Work: Earth, Life, and the Universe

MATH 247 Health and Wellness

Nutrition, Healthcare, and Movement Science

MATH 247 OR 230 Skilled Trades and Technology

Hands-On Building and Design

3. GET HELP IN CHOOSING A MAJOR: IF YOU ARE UNDECIDED ON YOUR MAJOR (many college freshmen are!):

- Take classes that you enjoyed in high school or a class in an area that you might want to explore.
- Attend a Major/Career Exploration Workshop offered by the Transfer/Career Center. Please visit our website for dates/times and to sign up: cuesta.edu/student/studentservices/counseling/transfer/index.html
- - Explore the services and resources: career counseling and online resources.
 - Use assist.org to determine which CSU/UC campuses offer your major and support courses available at Cuesta College.
- See a counselor to discuss your interests and skills.

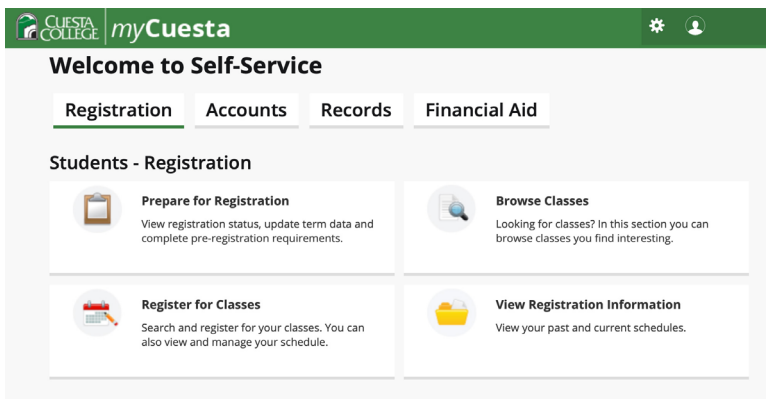
4. COMPLETE YOUR STUDENT EDUCATION PLAN (SEP):

Meet with a counselor to explore the variety of college majors, and related careers. The counselor will outline a semester by semester plan of suggested courses needed to complete your educational goal. To book a counseling appointment and meet with a counselor, visit: cuesta.edu/student/studentservices/counseling/ or call (805) 546-3138.

HOW TO FIND CLASSES

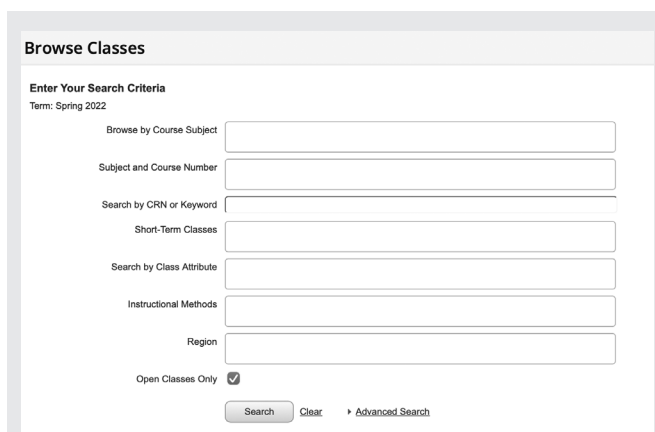
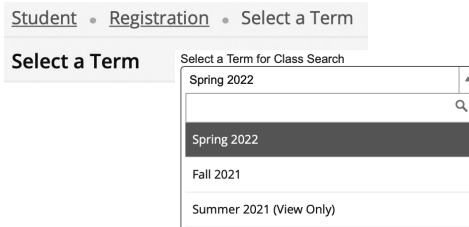
FOLLOW THE DIRECTIONS BELOW TO FIND OPEN CLASSES VIA MYCUESTA

After you log into [myCuesta](#), click on the [Student Self Service portlet](#)
Click on [Browse Classes](#)



Follow these steps for searching for class availability

1. Select **TERM**
2. Enter **SEARCH CRITERIA**
3. Click **SEARCH**



What is a prerequisite, co-requisite, or advisory course?
Refer to FAQs on page 30.

CHOOSE YOUR FIRST SEMESTER COURSES

STUDENT EDUCATION PLAN (SEP)



What if I've completed course work at another college or received a 3 or higher on an AP exam?
Refer to FAQs on page 29.

The process of choosing your first semester courses starts with creating a list of many courses that you might take. This list gives you multiple options in case the class you want is full or conflicts with the time of another class. You'll decide the number of classes for which you register on the next page.

START BY ANSWERING THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

1. What is my Educational Pathway?
Choose one: [Certificate](#) | [Associate Degree](#) | [Transfer](#)
2. Which General Education (GE) pattern will I be following?
Choose one: [Associate Degree GE](#) | [CSU GE](#) | [IGETC](#)
3. What is my major? _____

THEN, FILL OUT YOUR CHART:

Plan on completing transfer-level English and Math classes by the end of your first year as a student at Cuesta College.

1. **ENGLISH**—Refer to the results of Cuesta College's Guided Self-Placement, and write down the English course recommended to you in a chart like the one below.
2. **MATH**—Refer to the results of Cuesta College's Guided Self-Placement, and write down the Math course recommended to you in a chart like the one below.
3. **GENERAL EDUCATION (GE)**—Refer to your GE pattern and write down one GE course you could take your first semester. Check to make sure you have met the prerequisite for the course.
4. **MAJOR/TRANSFER MAJOR PREPARATION**

- Review your certificate or associate degree major requirements online at cuesta.edu/academics.
- Visit assist.org for UC/CSU transfer major preparation courses.
- Refer to [page 11](#) for suggested first semester major courses.
- Write down one introductory major/transfer preparation course in a chart like the one below. If your major is undecided, consider taking an introductory course in a topic in which you are interested.

	Subject/Course #	Course Name	Credits
SAMPLE	ENGL 201A	English Composition	4
English			
Math			
General Education (GE)			
Major			
Other Course			
TOTAL CREDITS:			

Next, use this list of potential courses to **BUILD** your first semester class schedule on the next page.

MANAGE YOUR TIME

Create a chart like the one below and follow these steps to manage your time:

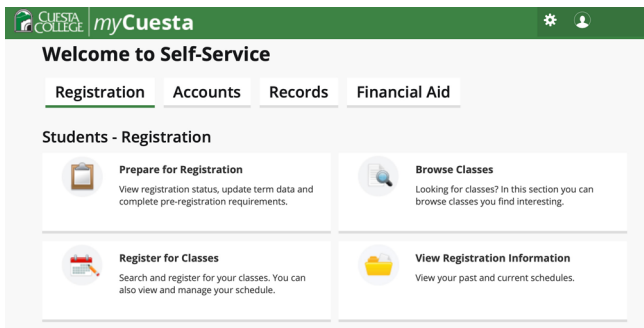
1. Shade in the days and times of the course you selected.
2. Shade in time to study (2 hours for every hour of class).
3. Shade in your work schedule.
4. Shade in other activities (athletics, social, drive time, etc.).

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REGISTER—SIGN UP FOR CLASSES

FOLLOW THE DIRECTIONS BELOW TO REGISTER FOR YOUR CLASSES ONLINE VIA myCuesta

After you log into [myCuesta](#), click on the “Student Self Service” portlet.



1. Click on **REGISTER FOR CLASSES BUTTON** then select a term and click **CONTINUE**.
2. Click **FIND CLASSES** tab and use search filters to browse for the class you wish to enroll in. Select the **ADD** button in the row of the course to add the course to your course **SUMMARY**.
3. View the added course/s in the **SUMMARY** section (lower right). To process your request, select “**WEB REGISTERED**” from the action drop-down and click **SUBMIT**. You are officially registered when the Status of the course updates from Pending to **REGISTERED**. *Note: If the class is full with a waitlist option, you will see a “Wait Listed” option in the drop-down menu. Select “Wait Listed” to be added to the waitlist then click Submit.*
4. After you have added all the classes, continue to **PAY NOW** in the Summary section to pay fees owed by debit/credit card. Select any optional fees (parking permit and/or Cuesta Student ID card) as necessary and select **PROCEED TO PAYMENT**.
5. To confirm your enrollment and view/print your Class Schedule, return to **REGISTER FOR CLASSES** and click on the **SCHEDULE** and **OPTIONS** tab.

A screenshot of the "Browse Classes" search form. The form is titled "Browse Classes" and "Enter Your Search Criteria". It includes a dropdown for "Term: Spring 2022". Below this are several input fields: "Browse by Course Subject", "Subject and Course Number", "Search by CRN or Keyword", "Short-Term Classes", "Search by Class Attribute", "Instructional Methods", and "Region". There is a checkbox for "Open Classes Only" which is checked. At the bottom, there are buttons for "Search", "Clear", and "Advanced Search".

WAITLIST INFORMATION

You may be offered a waitlist if the class is closed/full. Select “Wait Listed” and then click “Submit Changes” to enroll on the waitlist for a closed class. Select “Waitlist Listed” from the Action drop-down menu then click “Submit” to enroll on the waitlist for a closed class. If you do not respond within the 24 hour notification period, you will be dropped from the waitlist and the seat will be offered to the next waitlisted person.

Waitlist Guide: cuesta.edu/student/studentservices/admrrreg/arpolicies/Waitlist.html

Frequently Asked Waitlist Questions: cuesta.edu/student/documents/admissions_records/waitlistfaq.pdf

COUNSELING SERVICES

LOCATIONS:

San Luis Obispo Campus

Bldg. 3100

Counseling Dept: (805) 546-3138 or

North County Campus

Bldg. N1100

(805) 591-6241

For more information, visit cuesta.edu/student/studentservices/counseling.



HELPFUL HINTS

- Arrive 15 minutes prior to your appointment and check in
- Write down your questions so you will cover what's most important

The services provided by the Cuesta College academic Counseling Department are designed to help you be a successful student! We recommend that you meet with a counselor **at least once each semester** for effective academic planning. Counselors are not “assigned” to students; you choose your counselor.

SCHEDULED APPOINTMENTS

To book a counseling appointment and meet with a counselor, visit: cuesta.edu/student/studentservices/counseling or call (805) 546-3138.

Appointments are 45 minutes in length. Please make a list of questions you have for the counselor. You will be reminded of your appointment through your *myCuesta* email and text. Make sure your information is up to date in your *myCuesta* account.

COUNSELORS CAN HELP YOU WITH:

- Academic degree planning
- Academic probation and dismissal concerns
- Academic problems
- Assist with College/University transfer requirements
- University applications
- Career planning and exploration
- Community referrals
- Course selection
- Crisis intervention
- Development of a Student Education Plan (SEP)
- Graduation requirements
- Information about programs offered at Cuesta College
- Schedule changes
- Study and note-taking strategies
- Strategies for managing stress, anxiety and depression
- Test anxiety & time management
- Transfer planning

SEP (STUDENT EDUCATION PLAN)

A **Student Education Plan (SEP)** is a planning tool that you and your counselor create together based on your academic and career goals. It outlines a semester by semester plan of suggested courses to take based on major, transfer plans and sequence of courses.

- A Student Education Plan (SEP) can only be completed if official transcripts and relevant AP exam scores from all prior colleges are on file.
- SEPs can only be completed during a scheduled counseling appointment.
- Be sure to complete your SEP with a counselor once you have **completed 15 units**.

WALK-IN COUNSELING

- Intended for quick questions; limited to 15 minutes per visit (offered on a first-come, first-served basis).
NOTE: Evaluation of transcripts from other colleges or SEPs cannot be done at walk-in.
- Visit: cuesta.edu/student/studentservices/counseling or call (805) 546-3138.
Email: counsel@cuesta.edu.

HOW CAN I GET HELP PAYING FOR COLLEGE?

MOST STUDENTS QUALIFY FOR SOME TYPE OF FINANCIAL AID!

YOU MUST APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID EVERY YEAR!

For more information, try our Financial Aid Orientation: launch.comevo.com/cuesta-fa

TYPES OF AID AND HOW TO APPLY

For More Information, visit: cuesta.edu/student/student-services/financial/approcess/

HOW DO YOU RECEIVE YOUR FINANCIAL AID MONEY?

Cuesta College has partnered with BankMobile to deliver your financial aid refund. We transfer your refund to BankMobile, and they send you the money by the refund preference you selected. For more information about BankMobile, visit this link: bankmobiledisbursements.com/refundchoices. For more information about the details of your refund, please contact the Financial Aid Office.



COMMON FINANCIAL AID PROGRAMS AT CUESTA:

California College Promise Grant (formerly known as the Board of Governors Fee Waiver):

A state financial aid program that waives the per unit enrollment fee at California community colleges for eligible students.

To maintain your eligibility, you must do well in your classes by:

- Maintaining a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher. If your GPA is less than 2.0 in two consecutive terms, you may lose your CCPG Waiver.
- Completing more than 50% of your attempted units. If you do not complete more than 50% of the units you attempt for two consecutive terms, you may lose your CCPG Waiver. Withdrawals are NOT considered completions.

NOTE: In combination, if you have less than a 2.0 GPA and/or fail to complete more than 50% of the units you attempt, you may also lose your CCPG Waiver.

NOTE: Students who have lost their eligibility for the CCPG Fee Waiver may file a onetime appeal if they can provide documentation of extreme circumstances that affected their academic performance (e.g. hospitalization, incarceration, or death of an immediate family member).

Cuesta College Scholarship Program

The Cuesta College Scholarship Program, made available through private donors, offers over 150 scholarships to current Cuesta students and incoming freshmen. Each scholarship has its own set of eligibility requirements. Students only need to submit one scholarship application to be considered for all of the scholarships offered. When deciding who to award, the committee places the highest emphasis on the written answers to the 5 questions at the end of the application, but also considers academic performance and financial need. Complete the online scholarship application before March 2.

Cal Grant Program

A state financial aid program designed to help low-income California residents with the cost of pursuing undergraduate education at California institutions. Cal Grant B and Cal Grant C programs are available at Cuesta.

Pell Grant Program

A federal financial aid program that provides grants to low-income undergraduate students who demonstrate “need” as determined by the FAFSA application.

FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION

FINANCIAL AID SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PROGRESS (SAP) STANDARDS

STANDARD	Minimum Requirement for all coursework attempted
Qualitative (GPA)	Term GPA is at least 2.0 AND cumulative GPA is at least 2.0
Quantitative (completion rate)	Student must pass 67% of units attempted each term (and cumulatively).
Maximum Time Frame	Attempted units may not exceed 150% of the number of units required to complete your educational objective.

ATTEMPTED UNITS AND COMPLETION RATE

For the purposes of SAP calculations, attempted units include all units in which a student has enrolled regardless of whether or not they finished the class or received a grade for their work. Courses that are dropped prior to the census date will not be included, but any course that receives a grade of W or FW will be included in the calculation.

In order to retain eligibility for financial aid, a student must complete 67% of the units they attempt in a given term, as well as 67% of their overall attempted units.

Note: terms completed prior to Fall 2015 will be evaluated on the basis of the old SAP policy which required an 80% completion rate.

Enrollment Status	If you enroll in this many creditsyou must complete this number of units to meet SAP requirements for term completion rate*
Full-time	12	8.5
$\frac{3}{4}$ time	11	7.5
$\frac{3}{4}$ time	9	6.5
$\frac{1}{2}$ time	8	5.5
$\frac{1}{2}$ time	7	5
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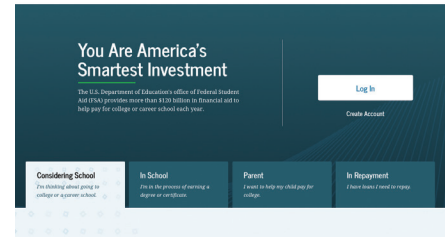
FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION

STEP 1: FAFSA OR DREAM ACT ONLINE

Complete and submit the [FAFSA](#) (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) or [California Dream Act](#) online. Our federal school code is **001192**. [Create a FSA ID](#) user name and password to sign in.

PASO 1: FAFSA O DREAM ACT EN LÍNEA

Complete y envíe la [FAFSA](#) (Solicitud gratuita de ayuda federal para estudiantes) o [California Dream Act](#) en línea. Nuestro código de escuela federal es 001192. Cree una [FSA ID de nombre](#) de usuario y contraseña para iniciar sesión.



STEP 2: LOG IN TO MYCUESTA

Go to my.cuesta.edu.

Log in to your *myCuesta* student account with your user name and password.

- **New Users:** Refer to your welcome/admission email from Cuesta College, which includes your username and a temporary password to get you started.
- **Forgot your password?** Click “Forgot Password?” to recover or reset it.



PASO 2: INICIE SESIÓN EN MYCUESTA

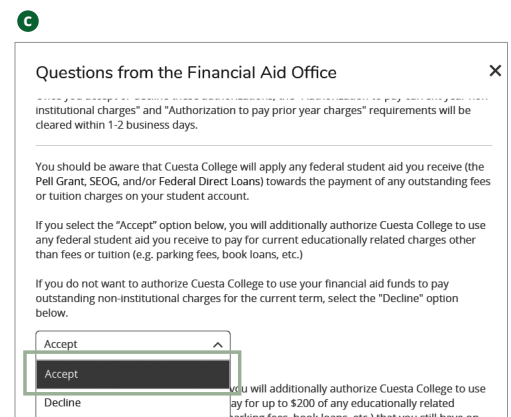
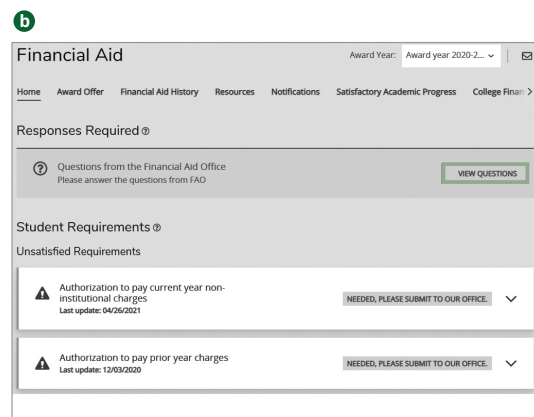
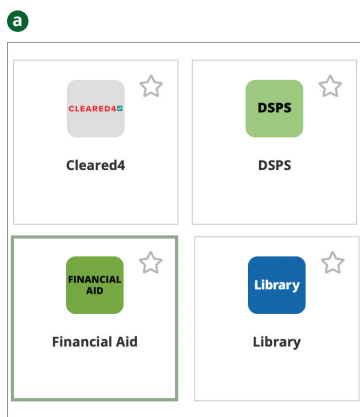
Vaya a my.cuesta.edu.

Inicie sesión en la cuenta de estudiante *myCuesta* con su nombre de usuario y contraseña.

- **Usuarios Nuevos:** Consulte su correo electrónico de bienvenida/admisión de Cuesta College, que incluye su nombre de usuario y una contraseña temporal para empezar.
- **¿Olvidó su contraseña?** Haga clic en “¿Olvidó su contraseña?” (“Forgot Password?”) para recuperarla o restablecerla.

STEP 3: TITLE IV AUTHORIZATION

- Click on the **Financial Aid** applet in your *myCuesta* Student Portal.
- Click on **View Questions** link in the red box at the top of the Home Tab.
- Review the text and select **Accept** or **Decline** in the drop down and click **Submit**. Updates will show in 1-2 business days.



FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION

PASO 3: AUTORIZACIÓN DEL TÍTULO IV

- a Haga clic en el subprograma de ayuda financiera en su Portal del estudiante myCuesta.
- b Haga clic en el enlace Ver preguntas en el cuadro rojo en la parte superior de la pestaña Inicio.
- c Revise el texto y seleccione Aceptar o Rechazar en el menú desplegable y haga clic en Enviar. Actualizaciones se mostrará en 1-2 días hábiles.

STEP 4: CHECK FINANCIAL AID STATUS AND REVIEW REQUIREMENTS

- d Click on the Financial Aid applet in your myCuesta Student Portal and review any unsatisfied requirements on the 'Home' tab.
- e If there are any requirements listed, click on the drop down arrow for more detailed instructions. Check your Cuesta email account AND myCuesta Financial Aid Status weekly for additional forms requested during the review process.

If you are a Dream Student and need your State ID number, please contact the Financial Aid Office.

PASO 4: VERIFIQUE EL ESTADO DE LA AYUDA FINANCIERA Y REVISAR LOS REQUISITOS

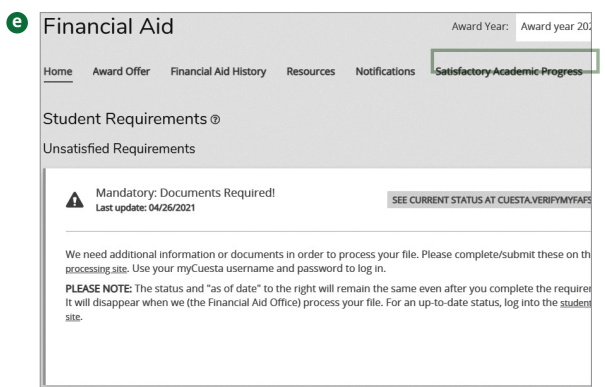
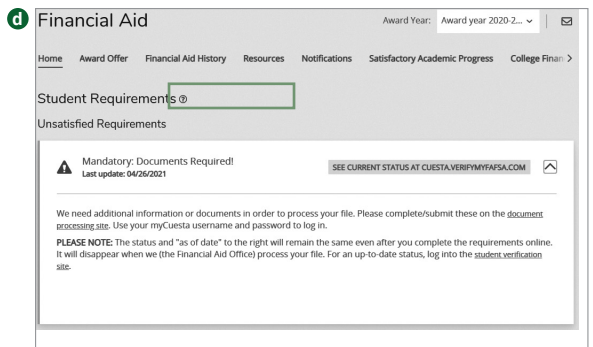
- d Haga clic en el subprograma de ayuda financiera en su myCuesta Student Portal y revise cualquier requisito insatisfecho en la pestaña "Inicio".
- e Si se enumeran los requisitos, haga clic en en la flecha desplegable para obtener más detalles instrucciones. Consulta tu cuenta de correo electrónico de Cuesta Y el estado de ayuda financiera de myCuesta semanalmente para formularios adicionales solicitados durante el proceso de revisión.

Si eres un estudiante Dreamer Y necesitas tu numero estatal, por favor contacta a la oficina de ayuda financiera.

INFORMACIÓN EN ESPAÑOL

[2022-2023 Promesa Flyer Español PDF](#)

[Preguntas Mas Frecuentes website](#)



QUESTIONS? CONTACT US OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE

San Luis Obispo Campus, Room 3126
(805) 546-3143

North County Campus Rooms N1125 & N1126
(805) 591-6202

Financial Aid Department Website:
cuesta.edu/student/student-services/finaid

Email at finaid@cuesta.edu

CUESTA PROMISE

THE CUESTA PROMISE



APPLICATION STEPS:

- 1. Submit your Cuesta College Fall 2023 admissions application**
October 1, 2022–August 1, 2023
- 2. Submit your Scholarship application**
(Apply by priority deadline, March 2, 2023, to be considered for additional scholarships)
October 1, 2022–August 1, 2023
- 3. Complete the 2023-2024 FAFSA or the Dream Act application**
October 1, 2022–August 1, 2023
- 4. Complete the Cuesta College Online Orientation starting**
October 1, 2022–August 1, 2023
- 5. Register for your classes**
May, 2023–August 1, 2023

To earn a second fee-free year, you must complete more than 50% of units attempted and earn a GPA of 2.00 or higher during your first year on the Promise, and complete a FAFSA or Dream Act application for 2023–2024.

Met the academic requirements? Then simply register for classes the next consecutive year and your fees will be paid!

§ Fees indicated in the course description on Class Finder; does not include books or items the instructor requires in his/her syllabus.

WHAT IS THE CUESTA PROMISE?

The Cuesta College Promise is a scholarship program available to all San Luis Obispo County high school graduates. The Promise offers all local graduates, including undocumented students, two years of attendance fee-free (two consecutive fall and spring semesters). Must be a California resident or AB 540 student. Residency is determined by Admissions & Registration.

Frequently Asked Questions

What fees does the Promise pay for?

The Promise covers these costs for the Fall and Spring semesters:

- Enrollment (\$46 per unit)
- Health (\$19)
- ASCC Student ID Card (\$10)
- Student Center (\$10)
- Student Rep (\$2)
- Course Materials Fees[§]

The Promise will pay for all unit fees, whether a student is full or part-time.

How do I qualify for the Promise?

All graduates from San Luis Obispo County high schools, who earned their diplomas between the dates of July 1, 2022–June 30, 2023, including students who receive their GED or are home-schooled, must attend Cuesta College's Fall 2023 semester. Qualifying students must follow the application process and deadlines above. Must be a California resident or AB 540 student. Residency is determined by Admissions & Registration.

If I am an undocumented student, can I apply for the Promise?

Yes, follow the steps and make sure you submit the California Dream Act Application.

What if I want to take a break and not attend the second consecutive year at Cuesta, can I still get the second year free when I decide to come back later?

No, you must return to Cuesta for the next consecutive year in order to qualify for the second-year fee-free.

What happens if I miss the deadlines?

You won't be eligible for the Promise Scholarship.

I'm not a senior this school year. Will I be able to get the Promise in the future?

Yes! The Cuesta College Foundation has established an ongoing fund so that the Promise will be around for future generations of SLO County high school students. Just remember: after you graduate, you must attend Cuesta College the Fall semester immediately following your commencement to obtain the Promise Scholarship.

Do I qualify for the Cuesta Promise Scholarship if I earned a GED, graduated from a home school or passed the CHSPE between July 1, 2022 and June 30, 2023?

Yes. If you are a San Luis Obispo County resident and earned your GED, graduated from a home school or received your CHSPE results between July 1, 2022 and June 30, 2023, and you indicated this on your Cuesta College admissions application, you qualify for the Promise.

What should I do if I don't see my high school listed on the Cuesta College admissions application?

If you do not see your high school on the Cuesta College admissions application, please email promise@cuesta.edu to ensure that your high school or home school qualifies for the Cuesta Promise Scholarship and find out if you will need to submit a Promise Appeal.

What if I received the Promise in the Fall—do I need to do anything extra to get it in the Spring?

No. Just register for classes and your fees will be paid.

I received the first year of the Cuesta Promise. What do I need to do to receive the second year?

You will need to meet the following academic requirements to qualify for year two fee-free:

- Complete more than 50% of the units attempted in the Fall 2023 and Spring 2024 semesters
- Earn a Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.00 or higher during the Fall 2023 and Spring 2024 semesters
- Renew the FAFSA or Dream Act before August 1, 2024

If you meet these requirements, simply register for classes and your fees will be paid.

What should I do if I am being charged out of state tuition?

The Cuesta Promise will pay fees for students that are a California Resident or AB540 student. Double-check that your residency status is correct with Admissions & Registration. If it is not, then you may need to fill out a Statement of Legal Residence or California Nonresident Tuition Exemption request. More information available at cuesta.edu/student/student-services/admrreg/arpolicies/residency.

How do I check the status of my Promise application?

You can check the status of your Promise application in the same place you check your financial aid status. Instructions available at bit.ly/promise-status

Once I've completed all the requirements, when will I be awarded the Promise?

Cuesta begins awarding the Promise each year in May. When you've been awarded, you will receive an email in your *myCuesta* email account and be mailed a congratulatory letter to your home address. You can also double-check your account balance in *myCuesta* to see if the fees have been paid! Find it in *myCuesta*: Student Self Service > Student Account > Account Detail for Term and Payment Information.

What if I think I've done all of the requirements, but I don't see the Promise on my student account?

Double-check that you have completed all of the requirements and allowed enough time for those changes to be processed. If you still don't see the Promise on your student account, please email promise@cuesta.edu for assistance.

LET US HELP YOU

Paying for the cost of a college education requires a partnership among parents, students, and the college. As the cost of higher education continues to rise, we want you to know that Cuesta College offers a full array of financial aid programs—grants, work study, scholarships, federal loan programs, and fee waivers. These programs are available to both full- and part-time students who are seeking a degree or certificate. For those who qualify, financial aid is available to help with tuition, fees, books and supplies, food, housing, transportation, and childcare. Please log on to our website for additional information: cuesta.edu/student/student-services/finaid.

FINANCIAL AID OFFICES

SLO Campus:
Building 3000
Room 3126
(805) 546-3143

Paso Robles Campus:
Room N1100
(805) 591-6202

e-mail: finaid@cuesta.edu

TALKING WITH YOUR INSTRUCTOR

My name is: _____

I am in your _____ class that meets on _____ @ _____

My question is: _____

What I have done to answer it already is: _____

This is what I do understand: _____

This is where I am stuck: _____

MAKE THE MOST OF A MEETING:

- Schedule a time to talk to your instructor. Email your instructor or approach him/her after class. Many times the syllabus will list the preferred way to schedule a meeting.
- Arrive on time to the meeting.
- Bring the course syllabus and a list of your questions.
- When asking questions, if your instructor's explanation is clear, follow up with:
 - "Thanks, that's helpful." "My next question is..."
- If your instructor's explanation is not clear, follow up with:
 - "What does that mean?"
 - "Can you help me understand the main point?"
 - "Can you give me an example?"
 - "Is there a page in the textbook, specific lecture notes or a resource online that I can reference for further information?"

TIPS FOR DISCUSSING YOUR GRADE IN THE CLASS:

- Carefully read all of your instructor's corrections and comments.
- Make a copy of the assignment and write out your questions.
- Go with a good attitude. Be respectful and calm. This is a conversation, not a negotiation or a trial.

After you have an open, honest talk, you'll have a better idea of what your instructor expects of you. Remember that your instructor is a valuable resource and he/she wants you to succeed. Also, be sure to thank your instructor for his or her time.

Notes: _____

ATHLETICS—GO COUGARS!

San Luis Obispo Campus: Bldg 1300
(805) 546-3207
cuestaathletics.com

Cuesta College is a member of the Western State Conference. Other conference members include Allan Hancock, Antelope Valley, Bakersfield, Citrus, College of the Canyons, Glendale, Los Angeles Pierce, Los Angeles Valley, Moorpark, Oxnard, Santa Barbara, Santa Monica, Ventura and West Los Angeles. We offer intercollegiate men's sports in baseball, basketball, cross country, swimming/diving, track/field, water polo and wrestling. We offer women's intercollegiate sports in basketball, cross country, soccer, softball, swimming/diving, track/field, volleyball and water polo.

Student athletes must enroll in and regularly attend 12 credits or more during season. If you are interested in participating or have questions in regards to eligibility or transfer requirements, schedules, or more specific information please contact the Athletic Department.

CAMPUS POLICE/PUBLIC SAFETY

San Luis Obispo Campus: Bldg 7500
(805) 546-3205

North County Campus: Bldg. N1000
(805) 591-6205

cuesta.edu/about/depts/publicsafety/index.html

Police Services: Cuesta College employs sworn Police Officers providing a complete range of police services in addition to: safety escorts to your car, medical response, vehicle unlocks, battery jumpstarts, livescan fingerprint services, lost & found and help with parking permits and citations.

Parking Permits: Parking enforcement begins the second week of each semester. Semester permits are sold exclusively online through the parking permit portal. Students can access the parking permit portal through their myCuesta account. License plates serve as the parking permit. Daily permits are available online or at self-serve permit machines in parking lots.

cuesta.edu/about/depts/publicsafety/parkingandpermits

Emergency Information: Cuesta College Police Dispatch can be reached during school hours by calling at the phone numbers listed above. Cuesta College also uses a text and email communication system called "myAlert" to communicate to all students and staff during emergencies, which can be accessed through the myCuesta webpage or through the Public Safety webpage. Cuesta College also utilizes a Campus Emergency Light System in all classrooms, and there are 13 "blue light" emergency call towers distributed to both campuses. For more emergency information, please visit: cuesta.edu/emergency.

Annual Security Report: Cuesta College is required by Federal law to submit an annual report describing the various emergency and police services on campus, along with information about the last 3 years of reported crimes on any Cuesta College District property. You can access the report here: cuesta.edu/about/depts/publicsafety/clery_act.

CAREER CONNECTIONS: EMPLOYMENT SERVICES AND JOB PLACEMENT

San Luis Obispo Campus: Bldg 5300
(805) 546-3252

North County Campus: Bldg N1000
(805) 591-6273

cuesta.edu/student/resources/careerconnections

Career Connections provides a centralized location where students can identify and receive information about available jobs and internships in the community as well as access to job search resources available at Cuesta College. These services include postings of job openings at local businesses as well as interviews and formal or informal meetings with local businesses.

Career Connections also offers students access to practical workplace experience that relates to their educational and career goals. A variety of workshops and orientations are provided throughout the year, as well as online resources and an annual job fair open to students and the community.

Career Connections also provides a centralized location for local businesses to post job openings, conduct interviews, and meet with students on a formal or informal basis.



SUPPORT SERVICES (cont.)

CHILDREN'S CENTER & LAB SCHOOLS

San Luis Obispo Campus: Bldg 4000
(805) 546-3263

North County Campus: Bldg N4000
(805) 591-6291

cuesta.edu/student/resources/childrenscenter/index.html

The Cuesta College Children's Centers programs are laboratory schools that support students in many fields of study and offer hands-on experience in early learning classrooms. Cuesta College Children's Center and Lab Schools has two programs: one at the San Luis Obispo campus, and one at the North County campus in Paso Robles. These programs are licensed, planned, facilitated, and operated by Early Childhood Education professionals.

We enroll children from age 18 months to 5 years. Our programs are based on the educational philosophies taught in Cuesta's Child Development and Family Studies degree program. Within the context of the program we meet the physical, social, emotional, intellectual, and language developmental needs as well as early literacy, math, science, discovery and creative interests of each child enrolled.

The Children's Center follows the college academic year, semester to semester and is closed when school is not in session, during holidays, flex days, and semester breaks observed by the college. For current calendar information, visit cuesta.edu/student/resources/childrenscenter/formsandinfo.html

We serve students, faculty/staff, as well as community families and have grants available to support PELL eligible students with costs.

Cuesta College Children's Center and Lab Schools is proud to partner with Community Action Partnership San Luis Obispo (CAPSLO) to provide early learning and education opportunities to families at our San Luis Obispo site through CAPSLO's Early Head Start and Head Start programs. For more information and to apply for these programs, visit the CAPSLO website: capslo.org/child-care-resource-connection

COUNSELING SERVICES (ACADEMIC COUNSELING)

San Luis Obispo Campus: Bldg 3100
(805) 546-3138

North County Campus: Bldg N1100
(805) 591-6241

cuesta.edu/student/student-services/counseling/index.html

The Counseling Department provides academic counseling and services to assist individuals in attaining their educational, occupational, personal, and life goals. As an integral part of the educational community, they promote and foster a nurturing environment where all feel connected, engaged, and valued.

Counselors are master's level professionals who are trained to provide personal, academic, and career counseling services.

Counselors assist students in determining, analyzing, and understanding their interests, aptitudes, abilities, limitations, and opportunities. Counselors are also skilled in providing personal counseling assistance to students as it relates to achieving their educational objectives.

Counselors can help you with:

- Academic degree planning
- Academic probation and dismissal
- Academic problems
- Academic renewal
- Career planning and exploration
- Community referrals
- Course selection
- Crisis Intervention
- Development of a Student Education Plan (SEP)
- Graduation requirements
- Information about programs offered at Cuesta College
- Schedule changes
- Study and note-taking strategies
- Strategies for managing stress, anxiety and depression
- Test anxiety & time management
- Transfer planning

Counseling Appointments: Counselors are available to meet with students in-person, online or by phone, either through a scheduled appointment or on a walk-in/drop-in basis. During a counseling appointment, students may identify their educational goals and develop long term academic comprehensive plan. *Students are expected to complete a comprehensive SEP upon completion of 15 credits.*

Scheduled Appointments: The best time to schedule an appointment is mid-semester (September/October for Fall; February/March for Spring). To make an appointment, go to the counseling website, call, or stop by the Counseling office on the San Luis Obispo or North County campus. Appointments are 45 minutes in length and are scheduled one to three weeks in advance.

*If you have transcripts from other colleges, please make sure that the Admissions & Registration Office has received OFFICIAL copies before you schedule a counseling appointment. AP Math and/or English scores are also required (scores of 3 or higher) before an appointment will be made.

In-Person Walk-in and Online Drop-in Counseling: Walk-in and Drop-in counseling sessions are offered on a first-come, first-served basis and are limited to 15-minutes. These brief sessions are appropriate for:

- Referral to campus and community services
- Short term academic planning
- Informational quick questions
- Emergency problem solving

NOTE: Evaluation of transcripts from other colleges will require an appointment.

Online and Phone Appointments:

Online (Zoom) and phone appointments can be scheduled via the Counseling website or by calling the Counseling office.

eAdvising:

Brief questions can be emailed to: counsel@cuesta.edu

SUPPORT SERVICES *(cont.)*

DISABILITY SUPPORT PROGRAMS & SERVICES (DSPS)

San Luis Obispo Campus: Bldg 3300
(805) 546-3148

North County Campus: Bldg N3100
(805) 591-6215

cuesta.edu/student/studentservices/dsps/index.html

Disability Support Programs and Services (DSPS) promotes the full participation of students with disabilities in all aspects of their postsecondary education. DSPS advocates and facilitates equal educational opportunities through appropriate support services, instruction, policies and funding allocations. DSPS works to eliminate discrimination against students with disabilities and to promote their independence, growth, productivity and equality. Our goal is to provide academic accommodations and other services to assist students with disabilities in achieving their academic goals. Accommodations are determined individually for each student through an interactive process and based on functional limitations. To read more about our services and accommodation examples, visit our website.

EOPS/CARE, CALWORKS, AND FOSTER YOUTH

San Luis Obispo Campus: Bldg 3100
(805) 546-3144

North County Campus: Bldg N1100
(805) 591-6214

EOPS/CARE: cuesta.edu/student/studentservices/eops/index.html

CalWORKS: cuesta.edu/student/studentservices/calworks/index.html

Foster Youth: cuesta.edu/student/studentservices/fosteryouth/index.html

These programs provide comprehensive support, services, and resources to **EOP&S/CARE**, **CalWORKS** and **Foster Youth** students in order to empower, motivate and encourage them to reach their educational, career and life goals in a welcoming and safe environment.

- **Extended Opportunity Programs & Services (EOPS):** EOPS provides support, services, and resources to students who face academic and financial barriers to help them reach their educational goals. To qualify, students must demonstrate high financial need, have a need for academic support, qualify as a California resident or Dream Act student, and be enrolled as a full-time student at Cuesta College. Students will receive a book grant, to help with costs of textbooks, priority registration and academic, personal and career counseling.
- **Cooperative Agencies Resources for Education (CARE):** CARE is a state-funded program to assist students 18 years or older who are single head of households with child care expenses. You must be accepted into the EOPS program, receive cash aid from the Department of Social Services, and have a child under the age of 18. Once accepted into the program you will be eligible for grant monies to help cover child care and transportation costs.

- **CalWORKs:** The Cuesta College CalWORKs program provides support, services, and resources to CalWORKs recipients to gain self-sufficiency through education and work experience. To qualify, students must be receiving cash aid. Students will receive priority registration, job placement, and academic, personal and career counseling.
- **Foster Youth:** Foster youth and former foster youth receive support, services and resources through the CaFE Center. Students will receive book grants to help with the cost of textbooks, priority registration, financial aid coordination, academic, personal and career counseling.

LIBRARY SERVICES

San Luis Obispo Campus: Bldg 3200
(805) 546-3157 (Librarian/Reference Desk)
(805) 546-3155 (Circulation/Reserves)

North County Campus: Bldg N3100
(805) 592-9410 (Librarian/Reference Desk)
(805) 591-6211 (Circulation/Reserves)

South County Center: (Online only)
cuesta.edu/library/index.html

Cuesta College Library is committed to Student Success by supporting the college's instructional programs, developing and maintaining collections of print and electronic resources, and by teaching students to access, evaluate, and use information effectively and ethically.

- Textbooks for check-out (print and ebooks)
- Books, journals and other research materials
- Library guides on assignments, plagiarism and citation styles
- Journal, newspaper, art images and streaming video databases
- Research assistance in-person and via chat, Zoom and email
- Quiet study areas and group study rooms
- Online free cultural and literary events
- Children/Young Adult/ESL areas and materials

Open Innovation Labs

Open Innovation Labs support student success through technology and innovation. They are located in the SLO and NCC Libraries and offer equipment and support for student educational technology needs.

- PCs and Macs with course software, WiFi access
- Audiovisual collaboration space
- Color and b&w printing, copying and scanning
- In person and online Canvas/educational technology support: support@my.cuesta.edu

SUPPORT SERVICES *(cont.)*

MONARCH CENTER / CENTROS MONARCA

**San Luis Obispo Campus: Edificio 3300/Oficina 3315A
(805) 546-3109**

**North County Campus: Edificio N1100/Oficina N1123
(805) 591-6215**

cuesta.edu/student/studentservices/monarch-centers/index.html

The Monarch Center provides a welcoming and safe place where undocumented students and their families can gather and feel safe, valued and supported. The center facilitates access to Cuesta's programs and services as well as local and State resources to assure the personal and academic success of the undocumented students and their families. The Monarch Centers are a place where diversity and all cultures are embraced and celebrated.

STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES

**San Luis Obispo Campus: Bldg 3100, Rm 3150
(805) 546-3171**

**North County Campus: Bldg N1000, Rm N1013
(805) 591-6201**

cuesta.edu/student/resources/healthcenter/index.html

Student Health Services seeks to help students achieve and maintain optimal physical, mental and emotional health and to educate students towards taking responsibility for their own health and wellness .

The Student Health Center offers free and confidential mental and physical health care services for every enrolled Cuesta College student that has paid the health fee. Our dedicated staff of professionals include: a nurse practitioner, registered nurses, licensed marriage and family therapist (LMFT), associate marriage and family therapist (AMFT), and caring support staff. We offer mental health counseling, a primary/acute care clinic, health screenings, reproductive and sexual health services, and a nutritional guidance program.

STUDENT ID CARDS

**San Luis Obispo Campus: Bldg. 3100
(805) 546-3140**

**North County Campus: Bldg. N1100
(805) 591-6225**

cuesta.edu/admissionsaid/studentid.html

Your student identification card is the official ID card for Cuesta College students. It can be used on campus and at local businesses when student ID is required. Students who purchase an ID through the MyCuesta portal will be sent an email to their myCuesta email address, with instructions on how to create their digital Cuesta College student ID card.

Digital ID cards will be the default ID card for students. However, physical IDs will be available to students upon request. Call, stop by, or visit our website for more information.

STUDENT LIFE & LEADERSHIP

**San Luis Obispo Campus: Bldg 5300
(805) 546-3289**

**North County Campus: Bldg N1000
(805) 591-4548**

cuesta.edu/student/campuslife/studentlife/index.html

The Student Life and Leadership department is here to help you with adjusting to life as a student while having fun doing it! Through collaboration with campus departments, programs, and organizations we develop, plan, and implement college activities and resources for students on the San Luis Obispo Campus, North County Campus and South County Center. Your student government, Associated Students of Cuesta College (ASCC), is here to promote the general welfare of Cuesta College students and to encourage student participation in, planning for, and involvement in student activities. It offers opportunities to participate in social and cultural activities. On the SLO campus, students can take a break between classes in the **ASCC Social Club** (room 5312) or visit the **Cultural Center** (bldg. 5300). The Cultural Center hosts heritage events, club meetings, diversity workshops and student lounge. On the NC Campus, students can take a break between classes in the Student Life and Leadership lounge (room N1005). Free food resources are available to students at the **Cougar Pantry** (room 5104A) and our monthly food bank distribution. To learn more about our programs and services, please visit our website.

STUDENT SUCCESS CENTERS (TUTORING)

**San Luis Obispo Campus: Bldg. 3300
Math Lab, Bldg. 3400
(805) 546-3150**

**North County Campus: Bldg. N3130
(805) 591-6245**

cuesta.edu/student/resources/ssc/Virtual_SSC.html

The Student Success Centers promote the academic skills, learning strategies, and habits necessary for academic success in all disciplines. The Student Success Centers at the San Luis Obispo and North County Campuses provide free drop-in tutoring in a variety of subjects, embedded tutoring, writing support, and online tutoring via NetTutor. Check out the online calendars for the complete list of subjects we offer tutoring for.

SUPPORT SERVICES *(cont.)*

UNIVERSITY TRANSFER/CAREER CENTER

San Luis Obispo Campus: Bldg. 3100
(805) 546-3162

cuesta.edu/student/student-services/counseling/transfer/

The University Transfer/Career Center has a wide variety of resources available to university bound students including college and university information, college search materials, major and career books, and study abroad brochures and catalogs. The center maintains information about university transfer requirements, the university application process, articulation agreements and transfer admission guarantee programs. In addition, the center provides internet access with links to assist students completing online admissions applications and researching colleges.

Appointments to meet with a counselor can be made three weeks in advance beginning the first working day of the week. Please call to verify daily hours.

University Transfer/Career Center staff serve as liaisons to colleges and universities and advocate for students in the admission process. Center staff also coordinate university representative visits in which university outreach staff come to campus or meet with Cuesta College students virtually.

Transfer Admission Guarantee (TAG programs) are commitments that selected colleges and universities make to Cuesta College students who meet specific credit, GPA, and course requirements. A TAG serves as a contract between the student and college or university. Students who have completed a TAG and have met contractual requirements are guaranteed admission.

Transferring to California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo

Because admission to Cal Poly San Luis Obispo is highly competitive; it is strongly recommended that students work closely with a Cuesta College counselor to ensure they are well-prepared for Cal Poly SLO's transfer selection process. Cal Poly SLO's Transfer Selection Criteria vary by major and include completion of major-related and general education coursework, grades, and extracurricular activities and work experience. Students applying as upper-division transfers that have completed all required/desired coursework and have maintained a high GPA typically are more competitive in Cal Poly SLO's transfer selection process. The Cal Poly Admissions website provides comprehensive information on their transfer selection process.

Career Center Services

The University Transfer/Career Center provides services to assist students in exploring and clarifying their career goals, researching occupational fields, and planning their educational pathways accordingly. Students may make arrangements with University Transfer/Career Center to attend a Career Workshop and use online resources to obtain information about specific occupations. Students can take assessments to help clarify their career path or major choice.

VETERANS SERVICES

San Luis Obispo campus: Bldg. 3100
(805) 546-3142

North County campus: Bldg. N1000
(805) 591-6242

cuesta.edu/student/student-services/veterans/index.html

The Cuesta College Veterans Services Program works diligently to serve military connected students in accessing military education benefits and continuous support in achieving academic success. We provide well-trained, professional staff who strive to create a collaborative community to support and advocate for students in their educational and professional goals. We are committed to adapting to the needs of our military connected student community in order to provide the highest quality of service and continuous improvement. Local, regional and statewide community partnerships are formed to expand available resources and accessible tools that serve the unique needs of student veteran's well-being and success.

The Veterans Resource Center (VRC) is the heart of Cuesta College's veteran community and serves as a one stop service area for academic support and a gathering place for veterans to connect with each other. All active duty military, veterans, reservists, and dependents of veterans from all branches of service are welcome and can expect to receive professional, courteous, and compassionate support as they pursue their educational goals. Our services include:

- Assistance in expediting access to GI Bill funding
- Priority registration for veteran students
- VA Certification
- Dedicated academic counselor
- Financial Aid application assistance
- Group math tutoring
- Free health and wellness counseling
- Access to computers, printer, copy and fax machines
- School supplies
- Community resources
- Opportunity to work with other veterans
- Comfortable and veteran-friendly environment
- Food pantry
- Free coffee

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How do I drop a class?

Students may drop classes via myCuesta. Deadline for dropping courses are located in the class schedule information. This is your responsibility never assume an instructor will drop you from a class. Confirm that you are officially dropped by checking in your myCuesta account. cuesta.edu/student/student-services/admrrreg/arpolicies/dropcourse.html

How do I add a class?

You can add classes in myCuesta one day prior to the first class meeting. If the class is full, you will be offered a waitlist slot if available. If you are unable to enroll in the class before it begins, you may attend the first class and obtain an “add code” from the instructor if there is space available. Add codes may be entered in myCuesta by entering the CRN (course registration number) in the Add Classes Worksheet then validating the 4-digit add code. Deadline to late register with an add code is one day prior to the Census date posted in the Class Finder, found by clicking on the CRN.

How do I enroll in a waitlist slot?

Enter the CRN in myCuesta on the Add Classes Worksheet and follow the directions to enroll in the waitlist seat. Check your myCuesta student email daily (preferably twice a day). If a seat opens and you are next on the waitlist, an email is delivered to your myCuesta email and you have **24 hours** from the date/time stamp of the email to return to the myCuesta Add Classes Worksheet to change the “Waitlisted” status to “Web Registered.” Fees will be assessed and may be paid once you are officially Web Registered.

What happens if I miss my waitlist reservation?

If you do not enroll within the 24-hour waitlisted notification deadline, you are deleted from the waitlist and the seat is offered to the next waitlisted student. Your only option is to re-enroll in an available waitlist seat to return to the notification queue. Add codes are not available to the instructor before the class begins nor will add codes be accepted online or in-person at registration services until the first class meeting. You may attend the first class meeting to obtain an add code on a space-available basis. See page 14 for more information on waitlists. cuesta.edu/student/student-services/admrrreg/arpolicies/Waitlist

What if the class I want to take has a prerequisite, co-requisite or advisory course listed?

Prerequisites, co-requisites, and advisories are intended to enhance a student’s chance of success in a desired course. If a student does not meet a prerequisite or co-requisite for a course as listed in the class schedule, the student will not be allowed to enroll in the course. Successful completion of a prerequisite or co-requisite course is achieved by a final course grade of “C” or better.

Prerequisite: A course that a student *must pass before* enrolling in the more advanced course. Equivalent skills or prior experience that students possess may also be accepted as a prerequisite for a course.

Co-requisite: A course that a student must enroll in at the *same time as, or prior to*, enrolling in the desired course.

Advisory: A course that a student is encouraged, but is *NOT required*, to complete prior to enrolling in the more advanced course.

To request clearance of prerequisite course completed at a college/university other than Cuesta, complete a Prerequisite Form A. Students can challenge a prerequisite or co-requisite by completing the Prerequisite Challenge Form B. These forms are available online at cuesta.edu/student/student-services/assessment/prerequisites/index.html

What if I have completed course work at another college?

Official transcripts from all other accredited institutions attended must be submitted prior to registering for classes to satisfy course prerequisites, financial aid eligibility, Student Education Plans, GE Certifications, and degree and certificate evaluations at Cuesta College. To obtain a transcript from another school, an individual must contact the school directly. Prerequisite or co-requisite coursework completed in high school or at another college/university must be verified by submitting a Prerequisite Clearance Form after official transcripts have been received. For more information about submitting official transcripts, visit our website: cuesta.edu/student/student-services/records/transcriptsubmit.html

What do I do if I received a 3, 4 or 5 score on Advanced Placement (AP) exam?

You may be eligible to receive college credit for a Cuesta course if you earned a score of 3, 4 or 5 on the College Board Advanced Placement Examination (AP). In addition to equivalency to Cuesta courses, certain AP exams are also accepted towards fulfilling subject areas in the CSU GE and IGETC and Cuesta prerequisites. Submit official AP scores to the Records Office and complete a Prerequisite Form A.

Can I take a class Pass/No Pass?

We recommend that you see a counselor if you are thinking about taking a course Pass/No Pass. You can select “pass/no pass” grading for a regular semester course through the fourth week of instruction for full-term classes or through the first 20% of short term classes. A “P” (pass) will be received if you earn a “C” or better grade (and the credits for this course will be added). A “NP” (no pass) will be recorded if you earn a “D” or lower. Neither a “P” nor “NP” grade will have any effect on your grade point average.

NOTIFICATION OF RIGHTS UNDER FERPA

What is FERPA?

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords eligible students certain rights with respect to their education records.

An “eligible student” under FERPA is a student who is 18 years or age or older or attends a postsecondary institution at any age.

Student education records are those records that contain personally identifiable information (PII). Examples of student records include academic transcripts, financial aid awards, and student judicial files.

FERPA provides students the right to provide written consent before the San Luis Obispo Community College District discloses personally identifiable information (PII) from the student’s education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent.

Student Right to Inspect and Review Records

Section 99.10 of FERPA grants students the right to inspect and review their education records within 45 days after the day a request for access is submitted. A student should submit a written request to the Associate Dean, Financial Aid and Records that identifies the record(s) the student wishes to inspect. The Associate Dean, Financial Aid and Records will make arrangements for access and notify the student of the time and place where the records may be inspected. If the education records are not maintained by the Admissions and Records Office, the Director shall advise the student of the correct official to whom the request should be addressed.

Directory Information

Directory information, information that is generally not considered harmful or an invasion of privacy if released, can be disclosed, including disclosure to outside organizations, without prior written consent. An example of release to outside agencies is Cuesta College press releases about student accomplishments including commencement, sports events, and performing arts productions. In addition, federal law requires local education agencies to provide military recruiters, upon request, with the following information—names, addresses, and telephone listings—unless the student requests their information be maintained as confidential.

The District has designated the following information as directory information:

- Student’s name.
- *myCuesta* student email address.
- Photograph.
- Major of study/program.
- Degrees/Certificates and awards received by students (including honors, scholarship awards, athletics awards).
- Dates of attendance.
- Level of Enrollment (number of credits).
- Student participation in officially recognized activities and sports including weight, height and high school of graduation of athletic team members.

- The most recent educational agency or institution attended.
- Student ID number used to communicate in electronic systems but only if the identifier cannot be used to gain access to education records except when used in conjunction with one or more factors that authenticate the user’s identify, such as a PIN, password, or other factor known or possessed only by the authorized user.
- A student ID number or other unique personal identifier that is displayed on a student ID badge, but only if the identifier cannot be used to gain access to education records except when used in conjunction with one or more factors that authenticate the user’s identify, such as a PIN, password, or other factor know or possessed only by the authorized user.

In completing the admission application, students are provided the opportunity to request their directory information be maintained as confidential. Students may also submit a written request to the Admissions & Registration Office at any time to become effective within 5 to 10 working days.

Disclosure of Education Records

FERPA permits the disclosure of PII from students’ education records, without consent of the student, if the disclosure meets certain conditions found in §99.31 of the FERPA regulations. Except for disclosures to school officials, disclosures related to some judicial orders or lawfully issued subpoenas, disclosures of directory information, and disclosures to the student, §99.32 of FERPA regulations requires the institution to record the disclosure. Eligible students have a right to inspect and review the record of disclosures.

A postsecondary institution may disclose PII from the education records without obtaining prior written consent of the student for the following conditions:

- To school officials with legitimate educational interests. A school official is a person employed by the San Luis Obispo Community College District in an administrative, supervisory, academic, research, or support staff position, including law enforcement unit personnel and health staff. This includes contractors, consultants, volunteers, or other parties to whom the school has outsourced institutional services or functions, provided that the conditions listed in §99.31(a)(1)(i)(B)(1) - (a)(1)(i)(B)(3) are met. A District official has a legitimate educational interest if official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibilities for the District. [§99.31(a)(1)]
- Cuesta College has designated AcademicWorks, Aim, Bank Mobile, Barnes and Noble, Campus Logic, Comevo, Credentials Inc., Ellucian, Instructure/Canvas, Maxient, National Student Clearinghouse, Rave, Regroup and Worldshare as a District official.
- To a person serving on the board of trustees;
- To a student serving on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee. [§99.31(a)(1)]

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- To officials of another school where the student seeks or intends to enroll, or where the student is already enrolled if the disclosure is for purposes related to the student's enrollment or transfer, subject to the requirements of §99.34. [§99.31(a)(2)]
- To authorized representatives of the U. S. Comptroller General, the U. S. Attorney General, the U.S. Secretary of Education, or State and local educational authorities, such as a State postsecondary authority that is responsible for supervising the District's State-supported education programs. Disclosures under this provision may be made, subject to the requirements of §99.35, in connection with an audit or evaluation of Federal or State-supported education programs, or for the enforcement of or compliance with Federal legal requirements that relate to those programs. These entities may make further disclosures of PII to outside entities that are designated by them as their authorized representatives to conduct any audit, evaluation, or enforcement or compliance activity on their behalf. [§§99.31(a)(3) and 99.35]
- In connection with financial aid for which the student has applied or which the student has received, if the information is necessary to determine eligibility for the aid, determine the amount of the aid, determine the conditions of the aid, or enforce the terms and conditions of the aid. [§99.31(a)(4)]
- To organizations conducting studies for, or on behalf of, the District, in order to: (a) develop, validate, or administer predictive tests; (b) administer student aid programs; or (c) improve instruction. [§99.31(a)(6)]
- To accrediting organizations to carry out their accrediting functions. [§99.31(a)(7)]
- To comply with a judicial order or lawfully issued subpoena. [§99.31(a)(9)]
- To appropriate officials in connection with a health or safety emergency, subject to §99.36. [§99.31(a)(10)]
- Information the District has designated as "directory information" under § 99.37. [§99.31(a)(11)]
- To a victim of an alleged perpetrator of a crime of violence or a non-forcible sex offense subject to the requirements of § 99.39. The disclosure may only include the final results of the disciplinary proceeding with respect to that alleged crime or offense, regardless of the finding. [§99.31(a)(13)]
- To the general public, the final results of a disciplinary proceeding, subject to the requirements of § 99.39, if the District determines the student is an alleged perpetrator of a crime of violence or non-forcible sex offense and the student has committed a violation of the District's rules or policies with respect to the allegation made against him or her. [§99.31(a)(14)]
- To parents of a student regarding the student's violation of any Federal, State, or local law, or of any rule or policy of the District, governing the use or possession of alcohol or a controlled substance if the District determines the student committed a disciplinary violation and the student is under the age of 21. [§99.31(a)(15)]

Right to Request Amendment of Student Records

Students have the right to request the amendment of the student's education records that the student believes is inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise in violation of the student's privacy rights under FERPA.

A student who wishes to ask the District to amend a record should write the District official responsible for the record, clearly identify the part of the record the student wants changed, and specify why it should be changed.

If the District decides not to amend the record as requested, the District will notify the student in writing of the decision and the student's right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment. Additional information regarding the hearing procedures will be provided to the student when notified of the right to a hearing. [§99.22(e)]

Right to File a Complaint with the Department of Education

Cuesta College students have the right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the District to comply with the requirements of FERPA. The name and address of the Office that administers FERPA is:

Student Privacy Policy Office
U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20202-8520
Phone (855) 249-3072
FERPA.Complaints@ed.gov.

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Construction
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Admissions & Registration	3100	Cooperative Work Experience	5300	Harold R. Callahan & Ada Callahan	
Admin: President's Office	6600B	Counseling	3100	Irving Allied Health/Nursing	2500
Admin: Human Resources	6600D	Data Center	2800	Human Development	4000
Advancement/Foundation	6600C	Disability Support Programs & Services (DSPS)	3300	Humanities Forum	6300
Admin: Fiscal Services	5900	Electronics Power Control Lab	4500	Information Technology	3100
Admin: Purchasing	5600	Engineering Technology/ Electronics Lab	4400	Kinesiology: Men's	1000
Admin: Services Vice President	5800	English as a Second Language		Kinesiology: Women's	1100
Associated Students Auditorium	5400	Outreach	3100	Language Arts	6100
Auto Body	4600	Faculty Offices: Biological & Physical Sciences	2300	Library	3200
Auto Technology & Welding	4200	Faculty Offices: Business/ Engineering	4300	Marketing & Communications	5700
Biological Sciences	2200	Faculty Offices: English	3400	Math Lab	3400
Bookstore	5200	Faculty Offices: Human Development	4000	Physical Sciences	2100
Business Education/Engineering	4100	Faculty Offices: Language Arts/ Social Sciences	6200	Pool	1600
CCAP	2700	Faculty Offices: Math	2700	Reprographics	3100
CalWORKs/EOPS/Foster Youth	3100	Faculty Offices: Nursing/Allied Health	2700	Science Forum	2400
Cafeteria	5100	Faculty Offices: Physical Education	1300	Dr. Gilbert H. Stork Gymnasium	1400
Campus Police/Parking	7500	Financial Aid	3100	Student Health Center	3100
Career Connections	5300	Fine Arts	7100	Student Life & Leadership	5300
Cashier	3100	Dr. Frank R. Martinez Instructional Building	2600-2700	Student Success Center/Math	
Charles & Leeta Dovica Learning Resource Center	3100-3400	Harold J. Miossi Art Gallery	7100	Tutoring	3400
Children's Center (Early Childhood Education)	4000	Harold J. Miossi Cultural & Performing Arts Center	7300	Student Success Center/Tutoring	3300
Classrooms	2600			Student Support Services	3100
Community Programs/Youth Programs	4103			Track & Field	1800
Construction Technology	4800			Transfer/Career Counseling Center	3100
Continuing Education (ESL Credit & Non-Credit/GED/ Emeritus)	3100			University Partners	3400
				Weight Room	1200

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Admissions & Registration	N1100	Fox Building Allied Health, Math, & Science	N2400
Bookstore	N1017	Health Center & Mental Health Counseling	N1013
CalWORKs/CARE/EOPS/Foster Youth	N1002	Library	N3113
Cafeteria	N1022	LVN Simulation Lab	N2805
Cagliero Plant Science Facility	N5300	Math Annex	N2800
Campus Center, Check-in, Information	N1100	Mechanical Yard	N9800
Campus Police/Parking	N1021	Shultz Early Childhood Education Center	N4000
Cashier	N1020	Schwartz Learning Resource Center	N3100/N3200
Children's Center (Early Childhood Education)	N4022/N4036	Student Life & Leadership	N1005
Continuing Education (ESL Non-Credit/ GED/Emeritus)	N1002	Student Success Center/Academic Tutoring	N3129 & N3130
Counseling	N1120-N1122	Veteran's Resource Center	N1008
Dean's Office	N1129		
Disability Support Programs & Services (DSPS)	N3121		
Financial Aid	N1125 & N1126		



Parking Permits: Parking permits are required on the North County Campus and also are valid on the San Luis Obispo Campus.

NOTE: Parking Permits are not required at the off-campus sites.

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Textbooks: Textbooks can be purchased at the North County Campus Bookstore or at the San Luis Obispo Campus Bookstore.

North County Off Campus

Instructional Sites:

A limited number of Cuesta College North County courses are offered at sites other than the North County Campus. In the Class Finder, look for:

Atascadero High School (AHS)

1 High School Hill, Atascadero

Department of State Hospital-Atascadero (DSH-A)

10333 El Camino Real, Atascadero

North County Off-Campus (NCO)

Paso Robles High School (PRH)

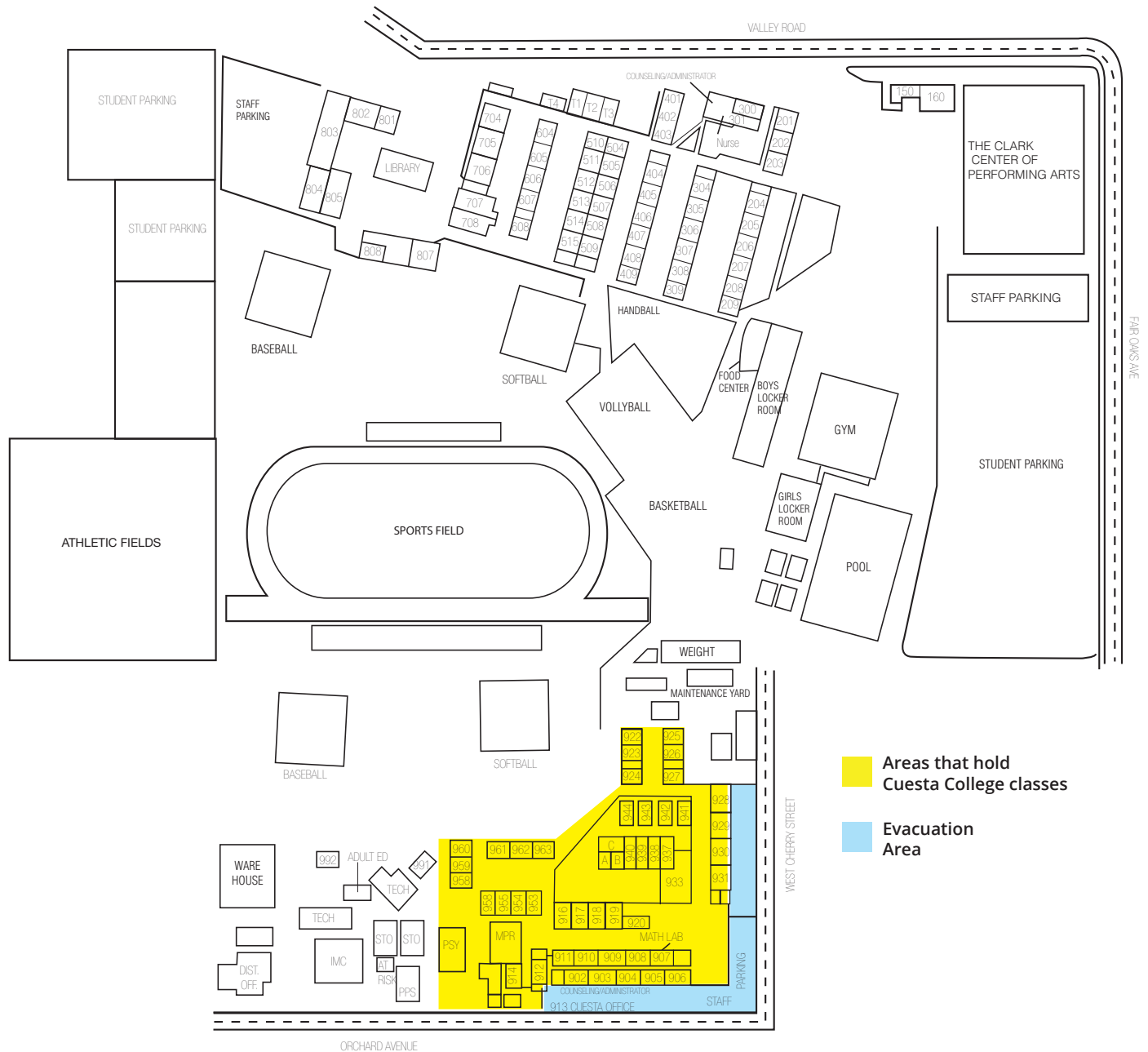
801 Niblick Rd., Paso Robles

Templeton High School (TMH)

1200 Main St., Templeton

CUESTA COLLEGE SOUTH COUNTY CENTER

ARROYO GRANDE HIGH SCHOOL | 495 VALLEY ROAD, ARROYO GRANDE, CA 93420



Information: Phone (805) 474-3913, Admissions and Records Office, (805) 546-3955, during regular office hours.

Counseling: For an appointment, call the San Luis Obispo Campus at (805) 546-3138.

Parking Permits: Parking permits are not required for Cuesta College classes held at Arroyo Grande High School.

Textbooks: Textbooks may be purchased at the Arroyo Grande High School, "900 Wing." Textbooks are also available at the bookstore on the San Luis Obispo Campus.

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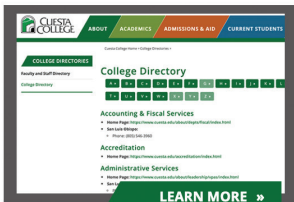
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cuesta.edu/admissionsaid/virtual-lobby.html

Free Tutoring for enrolled students

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