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# “My Perfect Universities” Workbook

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## **Definition of a “Perfect University”**

- ✦ Your Perfect Universities = Perfect for You.
- ✦ Perfect universities are the campuses that have the resources and environment that most support you in achieving your unique educational/life goals.
- ✦ There is no ideal “perfect university”, no one size fits all that meets the needs of every student, but there are definitely perfect universities for you.

## **The Formula for Making “Good” Decisions**

- It’s a process not a one-time activity.
- Your choices and decisions are subject to change as you learn new information and as you have more experience.
- The better you know yourself the more authentic your decisions will be.
- Use your head and your heart
- Information + Experience + Evaluation + Trusting Yourself = Good Decision

**Check out the “Selecting Your Perfect Universities” Power Point presentation at [www.sbcc.edu/transfer](http://www.sbcc.edu/transfer)**  
(Click on Events/Workshop Materials link)

**“Learning is the discovery that something is possible.” Fritz Perls**

## **My Perfect Universities - Questionnaire**

### **My Motivation**

What are your personal reasons for wanting to get a bachelor's degree from a four-year university?

### **My Personal Preferences/Likes and Dislikes**

What do you most like about being a student at SBCC?

What are your least favorite things about being a student at SBCC?

### **My Dream Schools**

What university/universities have you always wanted to attend? What is it about these universities that appeal to you?

### **Important Qualities/Characteristics of my "Perfect Universities"**

List some "Must Have" qualities/characteristics of your Dream Schools. Next to each quality/characteristic, write a brief description of what you mean by that.





## My Transfer Admission Requirements Worksheet

**University:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Major:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Intended Transfer Term:** \_\_\_\_\_

**GPA**

1. Minimum GPA I need to be eligible to this university: \_\_\_\_\_
2. GPA I need to be competitive for admissions to my major at this university: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Grades/overall GPA I need in the prep for major courses: \_\_\_\_\_
4. My current transferable GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

**Units**

5. Number of transferable units I must completed for admission: \_\_\_\_\_
6. Latest term I need to complete units by: \_\_\_\_\_
7. Maximum number of units I can complete prior to transferring: \_\_\_\_\_
8. Number of transferable units I have currently completed: \_\_\_\_\_

**Courses**

9. Courses I need to meet the minimum eligibility requirements.

Courses	Already Completed Y or N	Grade	Latest term to Complete

10. My major requires specific courses to be completed prior to transfer for admission. Yes No

Courses I need for admission to my major.

Courses	Already Completed Y or N	Grade	Latest term to Complete

11. My major requires supplemental application/materials for admission. Yes No

12. Based on my current GPA, units, and completed courses, my chances of being admitted for my intended term of transfer are:

\_\_\_\_ Sure thing    \_\_\_\_ Really good chance    \_\_\_\_ Maybe    \_\_\_\_ Long shot    \_\_\_\_ Too soon to tell    \_\_\_\_ Don't know



## Attachment 1

### Partial List of Desired Qualities/Characteristics

- Size     Proximity     Location     Climate     Campus     Diversity     Academic Programs     Academic Atmosphere
- I can meet the admissions requirements     Guaranteed Admissions Agreements available (TAGS)
- Affordable cost of attending the university     Available financial aid/scholarships
- Has the major I want to study     Academic prestige/reputation of the university     I do not want to move
- Social Life     Preparation for admission to graduate/professional studies     Opportunities to do research as an undergraduate
- Opportunities to study abroad     Opportunities for internships related to my career goal or major
- Employers/corporations come to campus to interview graduates     University has on-campus housing available
- Attend the same university as my friends     Attend a university that my parents approve
- Opportunities to engage in my hobbies outside of school     Opportunities to participate in student government/student organizations
- Family housing/child care available     Opportunities to participate in collegiate athletic programs
- Attend collegiate sporting events     Opportunities to participate in music or theater ensembles
- I can work while I'm in school?     Has late afternoon/evening courses     The university allows part-time study
- Academic support services are available     Student/faculty ratio     Average size of upper division classes in my major



## Attachment 2

### Resource List

#### Research Universities

[www.collegesource.org](http://www.collegesource.org) allows you to read campus profiles and college catalogs. (You can access it at any computer on the SBCC campus.)

[www.CaliforniaColleges.edu](http://www.CaliforniaColleges.edu) contains information about all California colleges and has the following tools:

- »Matching Assistant - Find campuses that meet your specific requirements
- »Distance Search - Find the campus closest to any zip code
- »Comparative View - Compare colleges and universities in California
- »Key Facts - Obtain a brief overview of participating campuses Campus Tours

[www.csumentor.edu](http://www.csumentor.edu) allows you to search and compare CSU campuses

[www.universityofcalifornia.edu/apply](http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/apply) provides information about all the UC campuses including direct links to each campus' website

[www.uctransfer.org](http://www.uctransfer.org) information on UC Transfer Admission Guarantees (TAGS), transfer planning, costs, etc.

[www.aiccu.edu](http://www.aiccu.edu) provides an on-line guidebook for California Private/Independent colleges and universities

[www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) has the College Quickfinder that has many of the same tools as CaliforniaColleges.edu but includes information about all U.S. universities

[www.hbcu-central.com](http://www.hbcu-central.com) provides information on Historically Black Colleges and Universities

[www.ed.gov/offices/OIIA/Hispanic/hsi/hsi9798/hsitable.html](http://www.ed.gov/offices/OIIA/Hispanic/hsi/hsi9798/hsitable.html) List of Hispanic Serving Institutions by state with links to each college/university

[www.kstrom.net/isk/schools/schools.html](http://www.kstrom.net/isk/schools/schools.html) provides information about Tribal Colleges

[www.dot.gov/ost/docr/msi/main.html](http://www.dot.gov/ost/docr/msi/main.html) is a good resource on Minority Serving Institutions

[www.sbccc.edu/transfercenter](http://www.sbccc.edu/transfercenter)

- Speak with College and university representatives visiting SBCC on "Transfer Day" each Fall and/or
- Make appointments to meet with visiting university/college representatives sponsored by the Transfer Center during the academic year
- Attend Transfer Center Workshops on specific universities
- Meet with a transfer advisor in the Transfer Center

**Visit colleges/universities** and go on campus tour, sit in on classes, speak with current students

**Email/phone/visit the university admissions office**

#### Explore Careers/Majors

[www.eureka.org](http://www.eureka.org) Nationwide (At Create Account prompt: type VUOHNDU)

[www.assist.org](http://www.assist.org) for UC & CSU

**Email/phone/visit/website of the academic/major department** of the actual college/university

**Email/phone/visit/website of the Career Center** of the actual college/university

**Visit SBCC Career Center** and their website [www.sbccc.edu/careercenter/](http://www.sbccc.edu/careercenter/)

**SBCC Counselors & Advisors** – Academic Counseling Center, EOPS, Transfer Academy (TAGS)