



College of Business Administration

Frequently Asked Questions for Prospective Transfer

Why should I choose the College of Business Administration?

The College of Business Administration (CBA) at CSULB provides well-rounded curricula that prepare students for the competitive world of business. CBA is accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business International (AACSB), which represents the highest standard of achievement for business schools worldwide, and is also continually rated as one of the Best Business Schools by Princeton Review.

CBA extends beyond the classroom through a variety of co-curricular activities. Our student organizations are award-winning and highly connected to our Corporate Partners. The Student Center for Professional Development provides students with the opportunity to gain leadership skills, fine tune business etiquette and networking skills, establish internships, and create professional mentoring opportunities. Our students also have opportunities to put what they have learned into practice by competing in programs such as the Student Managed Investment Fund, Innovation Challenge, Boeing Case Study Competition, and the International Collegiate Business Strategy Competition.

What are the Major Specific Requirements for Fall 2017 and Spring 2018?

Applicants must demonstrate academic preparation for Upper Division Major course work and should have completed:

- 60 transferable units
- Major preparation courses
- General Education - Written Communication, Oral Communication, and Critical Thinking

Major preparation courses required for admission are:

- Business Calculus (or higher)
- Financial Accounting
- Managerial Accounting
- Macroeconomics
- Microeconomics

We highly recommend completing Introduction to Computer Systems & Applications, and Introductory Business Statistics to be competitive. A grade of C or better is required in each of the above courses with a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5. Please note that [Assist.org](http://www.assist.org) lists all courses that articulate for the major, not just our major specific requirements for admissions.

For more information, please refer to <http://web.csulb.edu/depts/enrollment/admissions/transfer-major-criteria/CBA.html>

Do I have to choose a major for Business Administration when I apply to CSULB?

Yes. Applying via CSU Mentor (<https://secure.csumentor.edu/>) presents 8 major options for the Bachelor of Science in Business Administration (BSBA) degree: Accountancy, Finance, Management Information Systems, International Business, Human Resources Management, Management, Marketing, and Operations & Supply Chain Management.

Please note that in Summer 2017, CSU Mentor will be replaced with a new CSU one-line application. Please visit the CSULB Admissions website for an updated link: <http://web.csulb.edu/depts/enrollment/admissions/>

If I am considered “local,” and meet all Major Specific Requirements, will I be admitted?

Yes, since you are considered “local,” you will have preference. CSULB determines which freshmen and transfer applicants will receive “Local Preference” for admission consideration based on their high school of graduation. For a map and list of local area schools, please refer to <http://www.csulb.edu/depts/enrollment/admissions/local.html>.

As part of our commitment to provide access to U.S. military personnel and veterans, CSULB gives “Local Preference” to all U.S. military personnel and veterans regardless of their school of origin.

If I am a non-local student, and meet the Major Specific Requirements, will I be admitted?

Students who meet the all CSU Upper Division transfer eligibility requirements and complete CBA Major Specific Requirements listed above or a Transfer AS degree in Business, are fully qualified to enter CBA and will be considered for admission. Fully qualified applicants who are 'local' will be offered admission first. Other fully qualified applicants will be considered on a space available basis based on their academic performance (GPA and successful completion of the recommended coursework listed above) compared with other applicants for the major.

If I have credit in Calculus I or higher, do I still have to take Business Calculus (Math 115)?

No, as long as you received a C or better in Calculus I. Please note that we accept courses that are equivalent to Calculus I (MATH 122) - or Survey of Calculus (Math 119A) or higher. We also accept AP Calculus credit.

Do I have to take philosophy before I can apply?

No, Philosophy/Ethics (Phil 160) is not a requirement for admissions. Only Accounting students are required to take at least one Ethics course as part of their degree requirements, which can be completed at a community college or CSULB.

What if I am close to fulfilling all lower division requirements for CBA admission?

Fall Admission: Coursework and unit minimums must be completed no later than the prior Spring term. (Summer for AS-T Applicants). In January, applicants must complete a supplemental application asking about Fall grades and plans for Spring (and Summer) semester.

Spring Admission: Coursework and unit minimums must be completed no later than the prior Summer term (Fall for AS-T Applicants). In September, applicants must complete a supplemental application asking about Summer grades and plans for Fall semester.

What if I am planning on transferring with a Transfer AS degree in Business Administration, but some of the Major Specific Requirements for CBA (like "business calculus") are not included in my Business Transfer AS curriculum?

Your community college lower division Associates of Science for Transfer (AS-T) (also referred to as AD-T) courses will supersede CSULB's lower division CBA admission requirements and we will accept them. However, to streamline your transition, we highly encourage you to complete your other requirements such as U.S. History, U.S. Constitution & American Ideals, and any remaining lower division CBA courses at a community college. To check for articulation, please visit [Assist.org](http://www.csulb.edu/depts/enrollment/admissions/transfer_aa_degree.html). For more information about the Transfer AA/AS degree, please refer to http://www.csulb.edu/depts/enrollment/admissions/transfer_aa_degree.html

What type of support will I receive from CBA?

CBA's Center for Student Success (CSS) provides students with one-on-one advising. The center's main goal is to ease transition, increase graduation rates, and focus on career preparedness. Through CSS, students receive services such as assistance with registration, use of campus resources, major and General Education graduation requirements, study abroad, program planning, course substitutions/equivalencies, as well as Mandatory Freshmen Workshops the first two semesters to help new students plan for academic success, as well as provide continued guidance through graduation. In addition, students are provided with resources such as Supplemental Instruction and free tutoring to enhance educational potential. Our Open House and Preview Days give our prospective students the opportunity to learn about necessary preparation and admission criteria to become a CBA student.

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