

TRANSFER TRANSITIONS

IMPORTANT DATES & DEADLINES

See your major adviser no later than the first week in February. If you are undeclared, visit Advising and Orientation, MLIB 190, soon!

SPRING VACATION

March 13–17

March 31 Cesar Chavez Birthday—no class

WITHDRAWAL FROM CLASSES

After Friday, February 17th requires a serious and compelling reason as well as signatures from the instructor, department chair, and dean. If you need to withdraw from an entire semester, see and advisor in MLIB 190.

REGISTRATION FOR CONTINUING STUDENTS

FALL 2006 CLASSES

April 10–May 19

REGISTRATION FOR STATE SUPPORT TERM

April 3–May 11

FINAL EXAM WEEK

May 15–19

See the academic calendar and final exam schedule at: <http://www.csuchico.edu/schedule/exams0506.html>.

LAST DAY OF SPRING 2006 CLASSES

Friday, May 12

COMMENCEMENT

May 18–21

MAY–JUNE INTERSESSION

SESSION ONE:

May 22–June 9

SESSION TWO:

May 22–June 23

OPEN SESSION:

May 22–June 30

STATE SUPPORT SUMMER TERM

Session I: June 1–June 16, (3 weeks)

Session II: June 19–July 7, (3 weeks)

Session II: June 19–July 28, (6 weeks)

Session III: July 10–July 28, (3 weeks)

Session IV: July 31–August 18, (3 weeks)



Welcome! We're pleased you've chosen to attend CSU, Chico. We want you to have a positive experience, so please read our newsletter carefully. It's full of insiders' tips that will help you achieve your goals! Have a great first semester at Chico! If you have additional questions, call us in the Office of Advising and Orientation at 530-898-5712 or e-mail us at chicoadviser@csuchico.edu.

DISCOVER CSU, CHICO

Transfer students coming to Chico tell us that it's different from their junior college experiences. Why? Take a look at these important differences:

At Chico, you must take action to withdraw from classes. Simply not showing up to class at the beginning of the semester is no guarantee that you will be automatically dropped. See the calendar of **Important Dates and Deadlines** for more information, or go to www.csuchico.edu/vpaa/calendar/.

At Chico, if you fail to withdraw appropriately from classes, you earn 'WU' grades, which are equivalent to failing grades. Don't let this mistake hurt your GPA. Take the initiative and drop unwanted courses. At Chico State, it is recommended that you plan on two hours of study time for each hour of class time. This means that for a normal 15 unit semester you should allow an additional 30 hours of designated study time per week. This is your education, treat it like a full time job.

At Chico, 12 semester hours of course work plus a 40-hour a week job adds up to 76 hours of "work" commitments a week. Research shows that students

who have an outside work commitment of more than 20 hours per week begin to fall behind academically.

At Chico, if you enter the spring semester on Academic Probation you may be at risk of disqualification from the university if your grade point deficiency exceeds the maximum allowed. For a detailed explanation go to <http://em.csuchico.edu/aap/Undergrad/probation>.

QUESTIONS? KNOW YOUR RESOURCES!

Here's a directory and brief description of support services for transfer students. Take that important first step and map out your resources.

Your Faculty Adviser

Your major adviser is critical to your success at Chico State. If you haven't already done so, visit the department office for your major and request to be assigned a faculty adviser. For a list of department offices, see the *University Catalog 2005–2007*, page 118 or <http://em.csuchico.edu/aap/programsearch/>.

If you are undeclared and still deciding on a major, your home office is Advising and Orientation, MLIB 190. 898-5712

Academic Evaluations

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Check with your academic evaluator to learn how your courses transferred to Chico and how they meet General Education and other degree requirements.

Advising and Orientation

Meriam Library 190

Drop in at Advising for an explanation of Chico's General Education and other degree requirements, and to learn how to avoid probation and disqualification. If you are still deciding on a major, our staff can assist you. If you need to declare or change your major, or learn more about university policies and regulations, ask for help from Advising staff.

Career Planning and Placement

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Early in your academic career, explore where your interests, skills, and abilities might take you. It's not too soon to begin researching occupations and the job market. Career Planning and Placement staff can help you make academic choices now that may enhance your future employment prospects.

Information Resources

Meriam Library Lobby

As soon as you can, take a tour to learn how the library collections, the Instructional Media Center, and

various Computing Services will help you throughout your academic career at Chico.

Budget Woes?

If this is your first time away from home, perhaps you're finding it difficult to manage your cash. Counselors in the Financial Aid Office, MLIB 161, may be able to assist you in managing your finances.

Short on Cash? Need a Job?

Visit the Student Employment Office, Bldg. E. Check the job referral system and follow up on job leads. Student Employment staff can also provide tips to find jobs on campus, in the community during the school year, and seasonal employment. The best time to start pursuing a summer job is now when employers begin to announce openings.

www.csuchico.edu

Chico's Web address is your key to all the information you need to know about CSU, Chico, including the *Class Schedule*. Note the "open classes" feature for each semester. Access your grades, unofficial transcripts and other information through the CSC Portal at <http://Portal.csuchico.edu>

TUTORING & OTHER LEARNING ASSISTANCE

Are the classes here more difficult than you expected or than you are used to? There are many tutoring resources at Chico that will help you. Most cost nothing but time, interest, and a little bit of effort. Here's a sample:

Faculty Office Hours

Spending time with faculty is a great way to improve your understanding of a course, get assistance with study techniques, or discuss assignments. Office hours for faculty are listed on their office doors and on the course syllabus.

Tutoring in Subject Fields

Having trouble with an accounting problem or a computer programming solution? Need help with a writing assignment or science lab project? Departments often have tutors available to help you in specialized areas. Ask at the department office.

University Writing Center

Taylor 203, 898-5042

A writing assistance program is available to help you with requirements for any course requiring writing:

- ▷ Understanding assignments
- ▷ Producing any kind of writing



Dami Hammer
Advising Intern

"Your personal surroundings can have an effect on your character. So, if you're goal-oriented,

surround yourself with people who are excited about their goals and dreams. Pursuing a college education is a big commitment, and even though your initial decisions may change, remember to stay committed to finishing. College is not only about academic success, it's also about becoming well-rounded, both personally and professionally."



Amy Quarré
Advising Intern

"Arrival at a new school can be a challenging time, but it is also the beginning of an incredible experience with many new

doors opening up. Take advantage of all the services and experiences the school has to offer you. Academics should always remain first priority, but try to get involved as much as possible within the University. There are hundreds of organizations available to students. Join a club within your major, venture into beautiful Northern California with Adventure Outings, or work on professional development with an internship. You are an important part of this institution. By becoming involved with the campus community, you will be setting yourself up for a successful college experience."



Amy Buettner
Advising Intern

"After transferring to CSU, Chico, finding your place within the academic and social communities can be a

time of uncertainty, but it also can be seen as an opportunity for growth and personal development. Once you realize that you are now one step closer to reaching your goals, your perspective will shift and your fears will be diminished. Just remember to be true to yourself and be open to all the possible paths ahead of you."

- ▷ Developing lively ideas and organizing topics
- ▷ On-line Writing Center, offering evening and weekend writing assistance FREE to students. CSUC Email, owcstudent@csuchico.edu to make an appointment.

Mathematics Tutorial Lab
Holt 181

For students with course-related mathematics problems, lab staff offer refresher information, concept explanation, and opportunities for practice.

Student Learning Center (SLC)
Meriam Library 458, 898-6839

Nervous about midterms? Does a research paper have you stumped? Boost your reading and study efficiency, and improve your concentration, memory, and your exam skills through a visit to the SLC. Additionally, study skills workshops are offered throughout the fall and spring semesters. Go to MLIB 458 now for your copy of the workshop schedule.

TEN TIPS TO HELP YOU STAY ON TRACK

One Get to know your instructors. They want to get to know you, but class

size can prohibit this. So, take the first step and set up a meeting with your instructor. It's a good thing!

Two Ask questions. If you're confused, ask for clarification (especially in the classroom).

Three Participate, but don't dominate. Listening well is as important as knowing when to speak. Respect other opinions. There are many ways to look at an issue.

Four Prepare for class. Complete all assignments on time (before class) and think ahead to issues that may be discussed.

Five Review notes at least once a week to keep information fresh in your mind. Attend class regularly so you can rely on your own notes.

Six Manage your time. Develop a schedule that includes all your activities—classes, two hours of study time for each hour of class, part-time job, meals, sleep, extracurricular activities. Budget your time carefully. Don't over-extend. Plan ahead.

Seven Become a better reader. Learn how to get the most out of reading. Avoid habits that slow you down. Expand your vocabulary. Use new words

that help you learn. Learn how prefixes, suffixes, and roots of words can help you.

Eight Ask the instructor for preparation tips and what you can expect on a test. Use flash cards and mnemonic devices to help you remember or memorize.

Nine Show what you know about taking different types of tests. Survey objective tests quickly to find out how much time to spend on each section of questions. Answer easy questions first, then the difficult ones. Pay close attention to all qualifiers (*usually, none, always, etc.*).

Write neatly. For multiple choice, read all of the answers carefully before choosing an answer.

For essay tests, read through the test and decide how much time you'll have for each question. Read each question carefully, noting key words like "define" and "compare." Briefly outline the major points you intend to cover. Use facts and specific examples to support your answers. Proofread your essays.

Ten Review exam results. Decide with instructors how to do better next time by taking better notes, reviewing



Matt Nyby
Advising Intern

"One thing I have learned is not to procrastinate. Get involved with your own education and be proactive. You have two years and so many possibilities to work with associations and/or groups within your major, the university, and the community. Visit the Advising Office or your academic evaluator and check your GE so that you know for sure you're really finished. Chico is a wonderful community! Enjoy!"



Leah Friedel
Advising Intern

"There are an amazing amount of resources and opportunities on campus just waiting to be discovered. Don't be afraid to get out there and try new things. Becoming active in a club, volunteering, and doing an internship are great ways to meet people and find out who you really are."

