Guaranteed Admission to Golden Gate University for Students at College of San Mateo

Guaranteed Admission
Transfer students from College of San Mateo will be guaranteed admission to Golden Gate University following the completion of at least 30 semester units of transferable credit with a cumulative grade-point average of 2.00 or better on all previous college work attempted. The student must also meet our English Language Proficiency Requirement (ELPR). See below for ways to meet the ELPR.

Instructions for Completing the Agreement
1. Meet with a community college counselor to review transfer options.
2. Complete the GGU Transfer Admissions Agreement form, securing signature of student and College of San Mateo Counselor.
3. Make 2 additional copies of the form: one for the student, one for the community college.
4. Contact GGU Outreach person to arrange to sign and retrieve the original signed form.
5. A GGU Enrollment advisor will contact the student promptly for advising on course selection and next steps.
6. Approximately 6 months before transfer, (when a student has approximately 60 units) the transfer student completes and submits their GGU application (fee waived) to their GGU Enrollment advisor for admittance into GGU.

Scholarships and Financial Planning
GGU will work closely with guaranteed admission transfer students to help them qualify for an undergraduate merit scholarship—the Academic Excellence Scholarship.

The Academic Excellence Scholarship is designed for transfer students who have completed at least 30 transferable units with a cumulative grade-point average of 2.75 or higher and three years of work experience. To receive the scholarship, students must enroll in at least six units per term and remained enrolled without interruption. The scholarship will remain active until the completion of the degree program as long as the student maintains a minimum cumulative grade-point average of at least 3.0 at GGU.

In addition to scholarships, GGU helps eligible students take full advantage of state and federal financial aid programs including the CalGrant. All applicants must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to ensure that all resources have been maximized to develop a financial plan.
Transfer Credit Guidelines

GGU recommends that interested transfer students work closely with a transfer center counselor and a GGU enrollment advisor to select appropriate transferable courses leading to guaranteed admission. TAA deadlines are posted and generally occur two weeks prior to the start of the next GGU semester. The following transfer information is provided as a guideline.

A maximum of 70 semester units may be transferred from a regionally accredited community college. Courses completed with grades of C- or better are acceptable. It is possible to satisfy IGETC or the CSU GE and maximize transfer credit for GGU’s lower division requirements. Up-to-date, specific course-by-course articulation information can be found at www.ggu.edu/tranfser. GGU will also consider additional transfer credit from the following: CLEP, DANTES, Professional Military Experience evaluated by ACE, and other ACE evaluated training programs.

English Language Proficiency Requirement

All undergraduate applicants whose first (native) language is not English must meet an English language proficiency requirement to qualify for admission. This requirement may be met in a number of ways:

1. Official TOEFL score for admission: Undergraduate 525 (paper-based test), 197 (computer-based test), 71 (internet-based test) or higher; Graduate 550 (paper-based test), 213 (computer-based test), 79 (internet-based test) or higher
2. Official TOEFL scores that qualify the candidate for provisional admission through the university’s PLUS Program (Preparation in Language and University Skills): Undergraduate 475 (paper-based test), 153 (CBT), 53 (iBT); Graduate 500 (paper-based test), 173 (CBT), 61 (iBT). Successful completion of the PLUS Program is required in order to qualify for admission to a degree or certificate program.
3. GGU Institutional TOEFL (same requirements as listed above)
4. Seven years documented, increasingly responsible professional experience in the US or other English-speaking country
5. Completion of English 1A/1B (or equivalent) at regionally accredited US college/university with grades of B or better in both
6. Bachelor’s degree from regionally accredited US college/university (or equivalent from recognized college/university in another English speaking country) with at least 60 units completed at the US college (or equivalent)
7. Master’s degrees from regionally accredited US college/university (or equivalent from recognized college/university in another English speaking country)
8. IELTS (Cambridge) (Undergraduate: Band 6 or higher, Graduate: Band 6.5 or higher)
9. APIEL (College Board) (Undergraduate: 3 or higher, Graduate: 4 or higher)
10. Completion of three years of high school in the US or another acceptable English-speaking country*
11. Completion of a British-standard “O-level” examination in English Language/Literature with a mark of C or higher;**
12. Completion of a British-standard “A-level” examination in English Language/Literature with a mark of A/O or of D or higher**

*Note 1: Not all English medium educational systems fulfill this requirement. Countries that qualify are: Australia, Anglophone Canada, Great Britain, Ireland and New Zealand

** Note 2: Not all countries that offer O- and A-level examinations meet British examining board standards. Countries that meet this standard include: Bahamas, Belize, Brunei, Ghana, Great Britain, Guyana, Hong Kong, Ireland, Jamaica, Malaysia, Malta, Mauritius, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

Other Admission Opportunities

Interested students who do not meet the criteria for guaranteed admission will be considered on a case-by-case basis. GGU may require the submission of additional supporting documents such as high school transcripts in order to determine admissibility.