

# Community college transfer degrees speed graduation at CSU

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Early alumni of California's community college transfer program are showing promising results for the 7-year-old law's efforts to ease the path to a bachelor's degree.

Of a group of nearly 1,100 students who transferred to California State University in fall 2013 with the associate degree for transfer, 48 percent graduated within two years, data provided by CSU shows, compared to 31 percent of all undergraduate transfers. Within three years, 80 percent had completed their studies, 16 percentage points higher than transfer students overall.

The associate degree for transfer was created by legislators to clear up the confusion of varied requirements that had resulted in poor transfer rates from California community colleges to four-year schools.

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