

# **Arizona State University – California Community College Transfer Merit Grant Program 2009-2010**

**Arizona State University is one of the largest and fastest growing of all major American research institutions, enrolling more than 67,000 students in a wide array of programs on four campuses in the metropolitan Phoenix region.**

## **ASU at a glance:**

- U.S. News and World Report ranked ASU in the top tier of national universities in the country in 2008. Three ASU colleges have made the elite top 25 U.S. graduate programs list. ASU is the only Arizona University with any colleges in the top 25.
- The Barrett Honors College was chosen "Best of America" by the editors of Reader's Digest in 2005 for its strong undergraduate program. The magazine says Barrett offers "an Ivy League-style education minus the sticker shock." Barrett students have an average SAT of 1322.
- Twenty-one ASU faculty members have membership in the prestigious National Academy of Engineering and the National Academy of Sciences. Since 2002, ASU has increased its number of National Academy members by more than 400 percent. ASU has also increased the number of members of other honorary societies like the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and the Fellows of the Royal Society of London
- Three ASU students have won Rhodes Scholarships and 13 have been awarded Marshall Scholarships since 1994.
- ASU is "academically, a rising star in the world of research," says Princeton Review's 2006 edition of "The Best 361 Colleges."
- ASU's research expenditures grew to \$218.5 million in the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2007—an increase of more than 300 percent since ASU became a Research 1 university in 1994.
- ASU ranks No. 2 in the Pac-10 Conference (Stanford No. 1) and is ranked in the top 10 in Division I Athletics for highest number of academic All-Americans over the past 6 years.
- There are almost 260,000 living ASU alumni worldwide.

**Transfer Merit Grant Program:**

ASU welcomes applications from transfer students from California Community Colleges. Students who complete the IGETC or CSUGE, including the additional ASU science laboratory requirement, with a GPA of 2.0 will have satisfied all lower division General Studies requirements at ASU (see attached Transfer Articulation Pathway). In addition, students who transfer 60 credit hours of transferable coursework with an overall GPA of 3.0 or greater will be eligible for financial support in the form of an ASU-California Community College Transfer Merit Grant. ASU requires all transferable coursework to be completed with a grade of "C" or better. Additional requirements of the Transfer Merit Grant Program include:

- Non-Arizona resident;
- Transfer directly from a California Community College;
- Apply as a degree seeking upperclassman;
- Enroll at ASU full-time (on-line students are not eligible);
- Pursue first bachelors degree;
- Maintain a 3.0 GPA while enrolled at ASU.

Maximum eligibility for the program is five (5) full-time semesters (not including summer or winter sessions). Students must complete a minimum of twelve (12) credit hours per semester. Students must have an overall 3.0 GPA on all ASU course work at the end of each academic year to retain the Transfer Merit Grant.

**PROGRAM NOTES:**

- International students are not eligible for the Transfer Merit Grants.
- Students participating in Western University Exchange (WUE) programs are not eligible for the Transfer Merit Grants.
- Filling out a FAFSA is not required for the Transfer Merit Grant.

**ASU Transfer Merit Grant Program**

<b>GPA Requirement</b>	<b>Award Amount (per academic year)</b>
<b>3.50 or higher</b>	<b>\$9,000</b>
<b>3.00 - 3.49</b>	<b>\$7,000</b>

Students with demonstrated need also may be eligible for need-based federal aid in addition to the Transfer Merit Grant. Students must file a FAFSA by May 1<sup>st</sup> to qualify for need-based aid. Students should meet with Matthew Engel, the ASU California Transfer Student Advisor, to discuss these programs ([matthew.engel@asu.edu](mailto:matthew.engel@asu.edu)).

## Cost of Attending ASU (2009-2010)

The estimated costs of attending ASU in the 2009-2010 academic year are as follows (comparative figures for UCLA are for the 2008-2009 academic year; data for 2009-2010 are not yet available).		On-Campus		Off-Campus	
		ASU	UCLA Comparison	ASU	UCLA Comparison
Estimated Costs		2009-2010	2009-2010	2009-2010	2009-2010
Tuition & Mandatory Fees		\$19,105	\$8,229	\$19,105	\$8,229
Room & Board (Average)		\$9,210	\$13,314	\$8,155	\$10,242
Books & Supplies		\$1,270	\$1,599	\$1,270	\$1,599
Estimated Travel Expense		\$750	\$909	\$1,460	\$1,578
Personal & Miscellaneous		\$2,170	\$2,559	\$2,170	\$2,853
<b>Total:</b>		<b>\$32,505</b>	<b>\$26,610</b>	<b>\$32,160</b>	<b>\$24,501</b>
Transfer Merit Grant		<b>Balance after Merit Grant Award</b>			
GPA 3.5 or higher	\$9,000	\$23,505	\$26,610	\$23,160	\$24,501
GPA 3.0 – 3.49	\$7,000	\$25,505	\$26,610	\$25,160	\$24,501