

# Exploring CAS



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# Overview of Topics



- Transfer Policy
- Implementation Considerations
- The Software Solution
- A Demo of the System
- Limitations and Reactions

# Highlights: Communication and Data Exchange

- Institutions shall establish communication mechanisms for addressing issues associated with student transfer (e.g., liaison officers, joint faculty projects, committees with counterpart representatives from each institution, etc.).
- Systems shall be developed for information and data exchange between institutions for the purpose of informing those charged with carrying out the above liaison services.
  - Student tracking and performance information can validate/disprove presumed course content problems.
  - Accurate information will be available concerning prospective transfers.
  - Students, faculty, and staff will be able to access advising information directly.

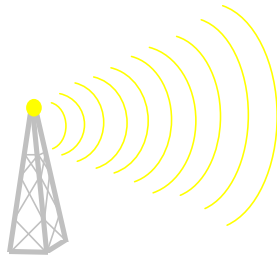
# Considerations- Student Patterns



- Students are attending more than one institution
- Shopping for the best deal
- Mobility, returning student, distance education etc.

# Considerations- Student Goals

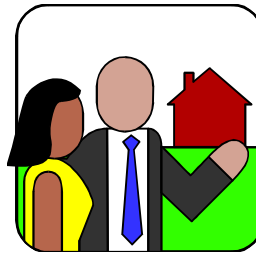
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- Complete, instantaneous information
- “When will I be done?” or  
“How many classes do I have to take?”
- Complete degrees

# Considerations- Student and Institution Needs

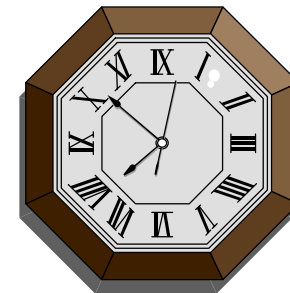
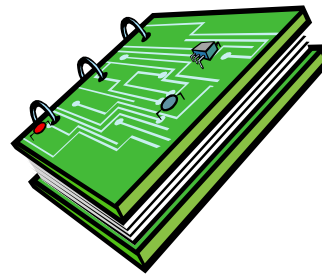
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- Complete information
- Informed planning
- Recruiting
- Transfer Module, degree, and articulation agreement certification

# Considerations- Problems and Limitations

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- Manual process
- Printed material out-of-date
- Advising limited by time and location

# The Software Solutions



- Automation

- accuracy, consistency, speed

- The World Wide Web

- access, connections, quality advising

# The Software Solutions



## ■ What is CAS?

- The web interface to automated degree audit and transfer articulation
- 'Gateway' that connects the interfaces to institutions' automated degree audit

## ■ What is Degree Audit?

- The process of equating transfer courses and applying them towards degree program requirements
- Indicating student progress and defining how to complete all requirements

# Course Applicability System



## Themes

- Automate process
- Access to information
- Student-driven process
- Personalized report

# CAS Themes



- **Automation** does the work
- Reported information created by **existing** degree audit and transfer articulation tables
- A **student-driven** web access to transfer articulation and degree audit information
- Based on **self-reporting** of courses by prospective transfer students
- **Specific** courses and programs

# Course Applicability System



## Goals

- Provide near universal access
- Planning Guide and Storage vehicle
- Multi-state, decentralized system
- Utilize current technology

# CAS Goals



- Provide potential transfer students with **direct access** to information
- Provide a **storage vehicle** to hold the student's complete academic portfolio
  - **acceptability/equivalency**
  - **applicability towards degree/programs**
- Provide a multi-state, decentralized **electronic advising** system
- Using the **World Wide Web**

# Limitations and Reactions



- Culture change/Entrusting the system
- Continual maintenance of information
- Communication with students

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