



# Cal State East Bay Quarter to Semester Conversion Information Guide

Transforming for Student Success

## What's the Same? What's Different?

	QUARTERS	SEMESTERS
<b>Academic Year</b>	Fall Quarter, Winter Quarter, and Spring Quarter	Fall Semester and Spring Semester
<b>Term Length</b>	10 Week Quarters	15 Week Semesters
<b>Optional Terms</b>	Summer Quarter	Shortened Summer Intersession and Winter Intersession
<b>Recommended Class Load to Graduate in 4-Years</b>	15 Units per Quarter	15 Units per Semester
<b>Academic Year Calendar</b>	Starts in September and ends in June	Starts in August and ends in May
<b>Minimum Units</b>	Bachelor's Degree: 180 Quarter Units Master's Degree: 45 Quarter Units	Bachelor's Degree: 120 Semester Units Master's Degree: 30 Semester Units
<b>Tuition</b>	Annual tuition is divided into three quarters*	Annual tuition is divided into two semesters*
<b>Financial Aid</b>	Annual award is divided into three quarters	Annual award is divided into two semesters

\*Optional Terms not included

## What Should UNDERGRADUATE Students Be Doing to Prepare?

**DECLARE A MAJOR:** If you have not declared a major, make a decision soon. Declare your major officially with a "Change of Major" form.

**OBTAIN YOUR INDIVIDUAL ADVISEMENT PLAN (IAP) TO GRADUATE ON TIME:** Meet with your major department adviser and then your General Education adviser at ACE or EOP to develop an IAP to ensure you are on track to graduate. The IAP will help you understand how your graduation requirements and how your remaining quarter units will be fulfilled with semester classes.

**MAKE REGULAR ADVISING APPOINTMENTS:** Meet with your major adviser and ACE or EOP adviser often to ensure you're on track. It is suggested you meet 2-3 times per year, at minimum.

**MAKE EVERY CLASS COUNT:** Follow your IAP. Don't waste your time or money taking classes that are not counting toward your graduation. Get passing grades.

**IF YOU CAN GRADUATE EARLY, DO SO:** Students who are able to graduate before the university converts to semesters are encouraged to do so. It will simplify your degree-planning process.

## What Should GRADUATE Students Be Doing to Prepare?

**MAKE AN ADVISING APPOINTMENT:** Meet with your graduate department advisor to ensure you're on track.

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