

Academics

Preparing athletes for a lifetime.

CSM Transfer Statistics

A core tenet of the College of San Mateo football program is to develop our scholar-athletes in the classroom so that they may continue their education at the next level. Historically, over 90 percent of CSM's football players have completed their AA degree and/or transferred to four-year institutions, and the team GPA has been above a 3.0 for over 40 consecutive semesters, including Spring 2025, where the Bulldogs earned an impressive 3.42 team GPA.

Academic Game Planning

All football players will take part in an academically transferrable college success course each semester. The curriculum emphasizes the fundamentals, skills and techniques required to be successful in the classroom such as:

- Organizational skills, long-term planning and time management
- Effective note taking skills and test preparation
- Growth mindset and attitude development while building self-esteem

Full-Time Academic Counselors

The football program has a team of embedded academic advisors dedicated to working exclusively with student athletes in the football program. This emphasizes our commitment to ensure that athletes are in the correct classes, to graduate and meet and exceed all NCAA transfer requirements.

Power Hour

Players are required to spend four hours a week in our state of the art learning center. Power hour is part of the "academic game plan", where scholar-athletes work on the skills they were taught in class, and get a jump start on homework and test preparation.

Writing in the End Zone

CSM has been home to an award-winning learning community established between our English department and football program since 2011. WEZ is transfer-level English 105 and English 110 with groundbreaking curriculum designed to engage our scholar-athletes in ways traditional material falls short. Writing in the End Zone is a game-changing program that sets our academic structure apart from all other programs.

Math in the End Zone

Following the model set by Writing in the End Zone, the MEZ program takes CSU/UC transfer-level math and applies football statistics, money management, and financial

literacy to our scholar-athletes. This program has been running since 2020 and boasts a pass rate over 95%.

Free Tutoring for Student Athletes

Tutoring centers are available on campus eight hours a day for student-athletes to drop in and get help in a variety of subjects. The best part is that tutoring facilities are proctored by teachers, not students.

Mapping Out the Academic Plan

At CSM we begin with the end in mind: Every student-athlete, upon registration at CSM, will be provided with a degree checklist with every class that the athlete must take to complete his AA degree. This checklist is reviewed three times a semester with the scholar-athlete and academic advisor.

Attendance Checks

Half the battle is showing up! CSM football coaches check on player attendance *daily*. Failure to attend class is met with consequences.

Top Notch Instructors

Players will be instructed by an all-star team of instructors. All of the instructors have completed their master's degrees and many hold doctoral degrees in their disciplines.

Transfer Agreements with CSU & UC Schools

College of San Mateo's transfer rates are among the highest in the state. CSM also has transfer agreements to many UC and CSU campuses, whereby students are guaranteed admission to these schools upon successfully completing each institution's transfer requirements.