

Statway Articulation Update for California
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We write today to share with you several recent and powerful communications advocating for Statway articulation for the major.

1. Tuesday [EdSource published a piece by Chris Edley](#), President of the Opportunity Institute and former dean of Berkley School of Law, arguing that CSU's insistence on intermediate algebra as requirement for several non-STEM majors, in the absence of evidence of its necessity and given the proven alternative of stat pathways, has serious equity implications, which if not addressed, will likely lead to civil rights legal action.
2. A couple of weeks ago, the Campaign for College Opportunity and 20 equity organizations, wrote to CSU Chancellor White, Community College Chancellor Oakley, and the CSU Board of Trustees, also arguing that the intermediate algebra requirement is being imposed without evidence of need or effectiveness and is disproportionately affecting minority students. That letter and Chancellor Oakley's response are both attached.
3. Last month, the California Community College Trustees and the Chief Executive Officers of California Community Colleges issued a joint statement unanimously supporting alternative math pathways and expressing grave concern about the inequitable impacts of CSU's intermediate algebra requirement. Their statement is attached. This [blog by Community College League of California president Larry Galizio](#) provides context for joint statement, referencing to Carnegie's recently [released findings](#) on Statway's significant positive impact on student outcomes, graduation and transfer.

We are hopeful that the ultimate decision about student requirements will be one based on evidence and that many more students will have the opportunity to benefit from Statway, a pathway proven to advance student outcomes and academic opportunity. If you are concerned about Statway's articulation, we encourage you to talk with your representatives in the Academic Senate and at the Community College Chancellor's office about the importance of CSU accepting Statway for the major.

We will continue to keep you apprised of new developments.

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