

Transfer Planner

for California Community College Students

This is a guide for California community college students preparing for transfer to the University of California. Whether you are a high school student making college plans, or are already attending a California community college, your enrollment as a transfer student is a top priority for UC. We welcome you!

Use this information to plan and navigate your transfer path to one of UC's 9 undergraduate campuses. With careful planning and hard work, you can achieve your highest educational goals. And don't forget: UC's TransferPrep advisors can help you along the way.

Building a bridge from community college to UC.

UC's 9 undergraduate campuses all provide TransferPrep programs to help community college students prepare for transfer. You can begin using these services during the summer after you graduate from high school or when you begin your first term in community college.

UC's TransferPrep services include:

- Academic major and career workshops
- Academic and career advising
- Individual educational plans
- Escorted campus visits
- Academic enrichment activities and events
(see page 6 for more information)

BEFORE YOU ENROLL

The Transfer Path for **High School Students**

If you are a high school student considering community college as a first step to UC, enlist the help of high school and community college counselors and use our Enrollment Timeline (*page 5*) to get started.

Prepare for Community College

While you are still in high school you can take steps to improve your readiness for community college and the transfer process.

- Take advanced college prep courses throughout high school.
- Take math courses every year.
- Make use of early college assessment opportunities at your high school, such as CSU's Early Assessment Program (EAP) exams in English and mathematics (11th Grade).
- Take community college courses while you are in high school (concurrent enrollment).
- Enroll in community college summer sessions following high school graduation.

Find the Best Community College for You

Find out early which California community colleges best suit your educational goals and life situation. Consider their locations, program offerings and whether they offer a strong selection of transferable courses in majors that are of interest to you. Use the campus contact information and other online resources on the back panel of this brochure for your research. And don't forget to enlist the help of UC's TransferPrep services.

Enroll at a California Community College

The California Community College registration and enrollment process has several steps that should be completed during your last term of high school in order to register for classes when summer/fall registration opens.

Follow all the steps on the Enrollment Timeline

The Transfer Path for California Community College Students

STEPS FOR TRANSFER-READINESS

Identify Your Goals

Where do you want to go? Before you start planning your transfer path to UC, you need to set some academic and career goals. Community college counselors and UC's TransferPrep staff can help you establish a clear vision for your future, based on subject areas that inspire and excite you.

Choose an Academic Major and UC Location

While the whole UC system shares the same high standards for excellence in faculty, curriculum and student resources, every UC campus is different. Each campus has its own academic strengths and unique programs. Some majors at certain campuses are more competitive in terms of admissions, because of the number of students applying for enrollment. And each major at each campus has its own minimum GPA and specific required courses. Therefore, identifying the UC location and academic major that best suits your goals and practical considerations is a critical step that should take place early in planning your education. Choose a major no later than the beginning of your sophomore year of community college.

Decide which UC campuses and majors you want to pursue and which have Transfer Admission Guarantees (TAG). See page 3 where TAGs are described in more detail.

Study the websites of the UC campuses in which you are interested.

Work closely with academic advisors, Transfer Center staff, and TransferPrep representatives to develop a transfer plan early on.

Start and regularly update your online Transfer Admission Planner.

Plan Your Coursework

Once you've chosen a field of study, you can select the most appropriate community college courses for enrollment:

- Register for and complete courses that meet minimum eligibility requirements and regularly update your online Transfer Admission Planner.
- Improve your GPA to increase your chances of being selected for the campus and program of your choice.
- Know that meeting minimum requirements does not guarantee admission to your preferred campus and subject major.
- Take general education (GE) courses that are appropriate to your chosen campus and subject major.
- Complete transferable math and English requirements early, preferably within the first 30 units at community college.
- Look for courses that meet eligibility, GE and major-preparation requirements in one.
- Consult www.assist.org for major-selection criteria and follow recommended curriculum for the chosen major (including competitive GPA).
- Become familiar with www.assist.org.

Stay on Target

Remember to keep checking in with your advisors and peer mentors throughout your time in community college, to make sure you are on target to meet your transfer goals. Update your plan as needed.

Students who have attended a 4-year institution and a community college should carefully monitor unit accumulation.

TRACK YOUR PROGRESS ONLINE

Online UC Transfer Admission Planner

<https://uctap.universityofcalifornia.edu>

Whether you are working to complete a TAG, or planning a general transfer route to any of UC's undergraduate campuses, UC provides an online Transfer Admission Planner to help you keep track of your progress toward satisfying transfer requirements. You can start entering your courses into the planner as soon as you enroll at a community college.

SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS FOR TRANSFER

To establish eligibility for UC as a junior-level transfer you must:

- Complete 60 UC-transferable semester units (or 90 quarter units) of college credit and attain a GPA of 2.4 in UC-transferable courses. Note: The average GPA for transfer students admitted is 3.4.
- Complete required 7-course pattern with a grade of C or better (each must be at least 3 semester/4 quarter units):
 - 2 in English composition,
 - 1 in mathematical concepts and quantitative reasoning,
 - 4 in at least 2 of these areas: arts and humanities, social and behavioral sciences, physical and biological sciences.

Most campuses require completion of this course pattern by the end of the spring term prior to fall admission.

Preparing for Your Chosen Major

Unlike freshmen, transfer students enter UC having satisfied most of the general education requirements for earning a college degree. Therefore, UC is looking not only for applicants with general education classes to their credit, but also for those who have completed significant work within their chosen majors. Completing coursework specific to your major should be a higher priority than General Education (GE) or the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC).

- Highly selective majors (e.g., sciences, engineering, psychology) evaluate your application based on the major-preparation courses you have completed before you transfer.
- Course requirements for transfer students are different for each UC campus. You will find requirements for major-preparation and GE/IGETC for each UC campus listed on www.assist.org.

General Education Requirements

Each school and college at every UC campus has its own GE (“breadth”) requirements.

- California community college students have the option to complete IGETC to satisfy GE requirements.
- IGETC is not an admissions eligibility requirement.
- Completing GE, either through IGETC or campus-specific requirements, may be a selection requirement for some campuses and programs.

Understand the Transfer Admission Guarantee (TAG)

You are guaranteed a UC education with the Transfer Admission Guarantee (TAG).

- Most, but not all, of the UC campuses offer TAG agreements.
- By participating in a TAG program, students receive early review of academic records, early admission notification and specific guidance about major preparation and general education coursework.
- Begin filling out the TAG application through your online Transfer Admission Planner (use the URL listed in Online Resources, page 6).
- Once a TAG is approved, students must fulfill all remaining coursework and GPA requirements spelled out in the TAG agreement.
- Students using a TAG must apply for admission to UC during the appropriate filing period.

Facts you should know about transferring to UC:

- UC offers a space to every transfer-eligible California community college student.
- 8 out of every 10 California community college transfer applicants are qualified and admitted to UC.
- Most UC campuses offer the Transfer Admission Guarantee (TAG).
- 90% of admitted transfer students to UC come through the California Community College system.
- 1/3 of UC’s bachelor’s degrees are awarded to transfer students.
- California community college transfer students account for 48% of UC’s bachelor’s degrees in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM).

TRANSFER COURSE REQUIREMENTS

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English Composition	UC MINIMUM	CSU MINIMUM	<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
English Composition			<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Transferable Math			<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Oral Communications			<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Humanities			<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Art or Humanities			<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Biological Science			<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Physical Science			<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Major Prep & Elective				<input type="checkbox"/>				<input type="checkbox"/>
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COMMUNITY COLLEGE MATRICULATION AND ENROLLMENT TIMELINE

January

- Apply for your Federal PIN www.pin.ed.gov. You will need it to file your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
- Ask your parents to file their federal income taxes early (you will need this information to complete the FAFSA). If necessary, you can use last year's information and update it after you submit the application.
- Attend a Cash for College Workshop for free assistance in completing the FAFSA. For dates and locations go to www.calgrants.org.
- Confirm that your high school has submitted your Cal Grant GPA Verification Form.

January/February

- Find out if the community college application is available for fall/summer 2012.
- If so, complete and submit the online application by visiting your community college's website or by using www.cccapply.org.
- Check your e-mail for application confirmation.
- You will receive your student ID number and information about assessment and orientation.

February/March

- Fill out your FAFSA online (see Online Resources page 6).
- After you have completed the application, make an appointment to take the math and English assessment exams at your college. You can find this calendar on the college's website: use the Assessment Center link.
- Review the study guide for your community college's assessment exams. You can find study guides on your community college's website: use the Assessment Center link.
- If enrolled at multiple community colleges check to make sure your test scores can be used at both sites.
- Take English and math assessment exams at your community college; get a copy of your results.

- Sign up as early as possible for a new student orientation at your community college. If you do not attend one, you may be blocked from registering for classes. The orientation process, including type of orientation, will vary at each college. Check with your college to learn more about the type they offer.
- Make an appointment to meet with your college counselor.

March

- Submit your FAFSA by March 2, 2012. Go to www.fafsa.ed.gov.
- If you are an AB540* student, you should submit an AB540 Affidavit and turn it in to your college's admissions and records office. You can get a copy of the affidavit at this same office.

March/April

- Meet with your counselor to discuss assessment results, choose your first semester college classes and set your educational goals/plan.

April/May

- Go to www.fafsa.ed.gov and review your Student Aid Report (SAR) for accuracy. If it's correct, print the SAR.
- Bring a copy of your SAR to your community college's financial aid office in person.
- Complete additional verification forms the financial aid office provides, and submit them as soon as possible. Any delays can hinder you in securing financial aid on time.
- Complete a Board of Governor's Fee Waiver (BOGFW) and submit it to your financial aid office.
- Keep copies of everything!
- Be aware of sign-up deadlines for various student programs and sign up as early as possible.

May

- Register for summer and fall classes.
- Sign up early or you may not be able to enroll in the classes you need or secure the days and times you want.
- Pay registration fees on time.

*AB 540 is a California state law that allows undocumented students to pay in-state, rather than out-of-state, tuition.

TRANSFER ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS BY UC CAMPUS

Each UC location has its own requirements for transfer admission.

For information about the location(s) of interest to you, use the contact list below.

Berkeley	Berkeley Center for Educational Partnerships (510) 643-1439 cep.berkeley.edu/CCTC
Davis	Sacramento Area Transfer Initiative (530) 754-8106 http://eaop.ucdavis.edu/schools/community-colleges/
Irvine	Irvine Center for Educational Partnerships (949) 824-7482 www.cfep.uci.edu/cfep/community.php
Los Angeles	Los Angeles Center for Community College Partnerships (310) 267 4437 www.cccp.ucla.edu
Merced	Merced Transfer Student Program (209) 228-4682 transferstudentprogram.ucmerced.edu/
Riverside	Riverside Transfer Resource Center (951) 827-5307 www.trc.ucr.edu
San Diego	San Diego Transfer Student Services (858) 534-4831 www.ucsd.edu/prospective-students/transfers/tss.html
Santa Barbara	Santa Barbara Transfer Student Services (805) 893-2881 www.admissions.ucsb.edu/prospective/index.asp?context=prospective_transfer
Santa Cruz	Educational Partnership Center/Transfer Partnerships Program (831) 459-1778 http://epc.ucsc.edu/tpp

ONLINE RESOURCES

ASSIST: www.assist.org

CCCApply.org

Free Application for Federal Student Aid: www.fafsa.ed.gov

UC Systemwide Admissions Website: www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions

UC Transfer Admission Planner: <https://uctap.universityofcalifornia.edu>

Counselors' Resource Website: www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions/counselors

ASSIST

ASSIST is an online student-transfer information system that shows how course credits earned at one public California college or university can be applied when transferred to another. ASSIST provides the most accurate and up-to-date information about student transfer in California.

