

Transfer Planner

Getting to UC from community college

Whether you are a high school student making college plans or are already attending a California community college, this guide can put you on the path for transfer to a University of California campus.

At UC, we welcome more transfer students than any other top-tier research institution. In fact, one in three UC graduates begins their education at a community college.

With careful planning and hard work, you can achieve your highest educational goals. This guide can help you get there. And don't forget, UC's TransferPrep advisors can help you along the way.

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Every UC campus provides 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

(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).
- Plan to 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 more 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

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, no later than the beginning of your sophomore year of community college.

UC has created Transfer Pathways for many of its most popular majors. These offer a set of courses in each major that will prepare students to transfer to any UC campus.

Decide which UC campuses and majors you want to pursue and which have Transfer Admission Guarantees (TAGs).

The Transfer Pathways and TAGs are described in more detail on page 3.

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

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

Plan Your Coursework

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

- Choose courses that transfer to UC and count toward UC minimum eligibility requirements. Check www.assist.org to see which classes meet those requirements.
- Track your progress in meeting transfer requirements by setting up a UC TAP account (page 3).
- Complete transferable math and English requirements early, ideally within the first 30 units at community college.
- Research majors that interest you. If you are interested in applying to more than one campus, check out UC Transfer Pathways (page 3) for a list of courses applicable to all campuses for popular majors.
- Take general education (GE) courses that are appropriate to your chosen campus and subject major.
- Look for courses that meet eligibility, GE and major-preparation requirements in one.
- For more information, see admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/transfer.

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.

Meeting minimum requirements does not guarantee admission to your preferred campus and subject major. Strive for good grades and take all the required courses to increase your chances of being selected for the campus and program of your choice.

Be aware there is a limit to the amount of total credit that can be applied toward a UC degree.

Facts you should know about transferring to UC:

- UC offers a space to every transfer-eligible California community college student.
- 2 out of 3 transfer students who apply to UC are admitted.
- Many UC campuses offer the Transfer Admission Guarantee (TAG).
- 90% of admitted transfer students to UC come through the California Community Colleges system.
- 1/3 of UC's bachelor's degrees are awarded to transfer students.
- California community college transfer students account for almost half of UC's bachelor's degrees in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM).

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 spring term prior to fall admission.

Preparing for Your Chosen Major

Begin to focus on your choice of major when you enter community college, and select a major no later than the beginning of your sophomore year.

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 chosen 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.

Transfer Pathways: Major-Preparation Made Simple

If you're starting out at a California community college and know which major you want to study but haven't decided which UC campuses to apply to, the university has created a simple way to keep your options open as you prepare for your major. Follow one of our new Transfer Pathways, a single set of courses you can take to prepare for your major on any of our nine undergraduate campuses.

The Transfer Pathways cover popular majors such as anthropology, biology, chemistry, economics, mathematics, physics and sociology, among others, and more Pathways are being

developed. Although following a Pathway doesn't guarantee admission to UC, it gives you a clear roadmap to prepare for your major and be well-positioned to graduate on time from any UC campus.

If there isn't yet an established Pathway for your chosen major, use ASSIST or the campus catalogs to find a complete list of required major-preparation coursework. (See page 6 for URLs.)

For complete information about Transfer Pathways, see <http://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/transfer>.

For requirements for major-preparation outside of the newly established Transfer Pathways, and for GE/IGETC courses for each UC campus, use 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 requirement for some campuses and programs.

Understand the Transfer Admissions Guarantee (TAG)

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

- Many but not all 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.
- To participate, fill out an online TAG application as soon as you begin to enroll in community college courses. Review it with your community college counselor and/or UC campus TAG adviser.
- 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.

TRACK YOUR PROGRESS 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.

TRANSFER COURSE REQUIREMENTS

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	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"/>
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COMMUNITY COLLEGE MATRICULATION AND ENROLLMENT TIMELINE

January

- Create your FSA ID, made up of a user name and password. (As of May 2015 this replaces the former FSA PIN.) You will need it to file your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Go to <https://fsaid.ed.gov/npas/index.htm>.
- 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 summer/fall.
- 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

- After you have completed the application, make an appointment to take the math and English assessment 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 exam. You can find study guides on your community college's website: Use the Assessment Center link.
- 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.
- Make an appointment to meet with your college counselor.

March

- Complete your FAFSA by March 2. 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 on time or you may not be able to enroll in the classes you need or secure the days and times you want.
- Pay registration fees.

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

TRANSFER ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS BY UC CAMPUS

For majors that don't have the established Transfer Pathways, each UC campus 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 http://cep.berkeley.edu/community-college-transfer-center
Davis	Sacramento Area Transfer Initiative (530) 754-8106 https://admissions.ucdavis.edu/admission/transfers/tr_top.cfm
Irvine	Irvine Center for Educational Partnerships (949) 824-7482 http://www.admissions.uci.edu/applicants/transfer_resources.html
Los Angeles	Los Angeles Center for Community College Partnerships (310) 267 4437 cccp.ucla.edu
Merced	Merced Transfer Student Program (209) 228-4682 http://uctip.ucmerced.edu
Riverside	Riverside Transfer Resource Center (951) 827-5307 http://admissions.ucr.edu/Home/transfer
San Diego	San Diego Transfer Student Services (858) 534-4831 http://www.ucsd.edu/prospective-students/transfers/tss.html
Santa Barbara	Santa Barbara Transfer Student Services (805) 893-2881 http://www.admissions.ucsb.edu/prospective/index.asp?context=prospective_transfer
Santa Cruz	Transfer Preparation Program (831) 459-1778 http://admissions.ucsc.edu/apply/transfer-students/transfer-preparation-program

ONLINE RESOURCES

ASSIST: assist.org
CCCApply: CCCApply.org
UC Transfer Pathways: http://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/transfer/preparation-paths
Counselors' Resource Website: http://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/counselors
Getting Started with UC: http://start.universityofcalifornia.edu
UC Systemwide Admissions Website: http://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu
UC Transfer Admission Planner: https://uctap.universityofcalifornia.edu

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.

