Transfer To UC: What You Need to Know

ELAC Transfer Center 2015
9 UC Undergraduate campuses
## UC Transfer Timeline

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UC Application

• Visit: https://admissions.universityofcalifornia.edu/applicant/login.htm

The filing deadline for Fall 2016 is 11:59 p.m. PST November 30, 2015

ALL first-time applicants start here
UC Application Fees & Fee Waivers

- The UC Application fee is $70 for U.S. applicants; $80 for International applicants
- UC will waive application fees for up to four campuses for qualified students who would otherwise be unable to apply for admission
  - The fee waiver program is for United States citizens, permanent residents, and applicants eligible for AB540 benefits
- You can apply for a fee waiver within the online application and be notified immediately whether you have qualified
  - You will need to provide your family's income and the number of people supported by that income

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UC Transfer Admission Guarantee (TAG) offered at 6 UC campuses

*you can TAG to 1 campus if you are eligible*
Transfer Admission Planner
UC TAP

UC TAP is an online tool to help prospective UC transfer students track and plan their course work.

- The UC TAP tool is designed for use by students transferring from California community colleges to enter their course work as they complete it.
- The planner helps students track their progress toward meeting UC's minimum requirements, and allows UC staff to communicate important information to prospective transfer students.
- The UC TAG application is accessed through UC TAP.
Transfer Admission Guarantee (TAG)

Six UC campuses offer guaranteed admission to students who meet specific requirements:
    Davis    Irvine    Merced    Riverside
    Santa Barbara    Santa Cruz

• Requirements vary – refer to the TAG Matrix
• Students can submit a TAG application to only ONE campus
• The filing period for TAG is September 1-30
• UC TAG is submitted through the UC TAP tool
UC TAG (cont’d)

- TAG is not offered at UC San Diego, UC Berkeley and UCLA
- UC TAG application is submitted September 1-30 through the UC TAP tool for Fall 2016 transfer
- You may only TAG to 1 campus
- TAG is a path to transferring to UC but if you are not eligible for TAG, you can still submit an undergraduate application in November without a TAG
For more information about TAG please visit:

http://www.elac.edu/currentstudents/studentservices/transfercenter/TAG_Info.htm

AND

http://www.elac.edu/currentstudents/studentservices/transfercenter/docs/workshopmaterials/Fall_2015_TAG_Workshop.pdf
UC’s Definition of a California Community College (CCC) Applicant

The University of California defines a CCC transfer applicant as:

– A student who has completed at least 30 semester/45 quarter UC-transferable units (at the time of application) at one or more California community colleges;

and

– the last college the student attended in a regular session (fall/spring or fall/winter/spring) before admission to a UC campus is/was a California community college
Preparing for UC Admission

1. Start with Math and English courses
2. Prepare for your major
3. Take general education courses
4. Keep in mind UC’s minimum admission requirements

http://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/transfer/preparing-admission/index.html
1. Start with Math and English Courses

• Why?
  – For example, if you place in Algebra II during assessment, but the lowest-level math class that meets the UC minimum requirements is College Algebra/Pre-calculus, you’ll want to take Algebra II as soon as possible so you have time to take and PASS College Algebra/Pre-calculus before you transfer
• Please note, some UC campuses require that you complete English and Math by the end of fall term one year prior to enrolling at UC

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2. Prepare for your major

• If you still haven’t selected your major, the Career and Job Services office can help you explore majors.

• Once you have an idea of what you want to major in, get to know the coursework for that major by looking in the course catalog of the UC campus you plan to apply to. You can get a sense of the major’s focus—do the courses sound interesting? If yes, you’ve found your UC major.

• Follow major preparation requirements both required and recommended (taking these courses makes you a more competitive applicant).

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10 Most Popular UC Majors offer Transfer Pathways

- Anthropology
- Biochemistry
- Biology
- Cell biology
- Chemistry
- Economics
- Mathematics
- Molecular biology
- Physics
- Sociology

*Transfer Pathways, a single set of courses you can take to prepare for your major on any of the 9 UC undergraduate campuses, is available for these majors

- Following a pathway does not guarantee admission but it gives you a clear roadmap to prepare for your major
- For all other majors, review ASSIST to find campus-specific major preparation information
- More Transfer Pathways will be added soon
3. Take general education classes

- General education requirements are designed to give you a broad background in various disciplines and can vary between UC campuses.
- There are two ways to satisfy general education requirements:
  1. IGETC
  2. UC campus-specific requirements.
- How do I select which course pattern to follow?
  - It depends on your major. Before you start working on general education courses, check what’s recommended for your major and the campuses at this link: http://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/transfer/general-education-igetc/igetc/igetc-campus-guidance/index.html
  - Meet with a counselor to update your Ed Plan.
What if I don’t know what my major is yet or which campus to apply to?

If you know you want to transfer, but haven’t decided on a particular UC campus or major, you can start by taking IGETC courses.

IGETC is most helpful to students who want to keep their options open by applying to UCs and CSUs.
4. Keep in mind UC’s minimum admission requirements

• Meeting the minimum requirements for transfer admission in addition to your specific major and campus requirements is key

• Many of your major preparation and general education courses will count toward these requirements, but it’s good to meet regularly with a counselor to make sure you’re on track to transfer

• For example, if you’re a STEM major, you’ll be taking lots of science and math courses— but don’t forget to take humanities and/or social sciences courses to fulfill UC minimum requirements

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Minimum Admission Requirements

• To establish eligibility as a junior-level (upper division) transfer:
  – Minimum of 60 UC-transferable semester (90 quarter) units
  – Earn a minimum 2.4 GPA in UC-transferable courses
    • *To be competitive for selection, students should achieve above the minimum GPA
    • A grade of D in a transferable course will count toward the number of transferable units you have completed, however, grades of D do not satisfy major or general education requirements, in most cases
  – Complete the required 7-course pattern*
    • 2 English composition
    • 1 mathematical concepts & quantitative reasoning
    • 4 course from at least 2 of these areas: arts & humanities, social & behavioral sciences, physical & biological sciences
    • Grades of C or better in each course; pass grade is acceptable if equivalent to a C (each course must be at least 3 semester/4 quarter units
    • *Completion of the course pattern is required by end of spring term prior to fall admission.
Research campus profiles of admitted transfer students from previous years to see how you compare…

• For example, this is the profile of admitted transfer students for Fall 2014 at UCLA

http://www.admissions.ucla.edu/prospect/Adm_tr/Tr_Prof14.htm
You can go a step further and see the profiles of admitted students by program…

- For example, these are profiles of admitted transfer students for Fall 2014 in the following majors:

| Major                                              | # applied | % of all applied | # admitted | admit rate | % of all admitted | # enrolled | enroll rate | % of all enrolled | avg. GPA- applied | avg. GPA- admitted | avg. GPA- enrolled | avg. units- applied | avg. units- admitted | avg. units- enrolled |
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| African and Middle Eastern Studies, Pre            | 7         | 0.05%            | 4          | 57.14%     | 0.08%            | 3          | 75.00%       | 0.10%            | 3.26              | 3.28              | 3.19               | 98.00              | 98                 | 96                 |
| African Languages                                   | 0         | 0.00%            | 0          | 0.00%      | 0.00%            | 0          | 0.00%        | 0.00%            | -                 | -                 | -                  | -                  | -                  | -                  |
| Afro-American Studies                               | 55        | 0.37%            | 32         | 58.18%     | 0.68%            | 20         | 62.50%       | 0.69%            | 3.14              | 3.30              | 3.20               | 94.00              | 99                 | 98                 |
| American Indian Studies                             | 11        | 0.07%            | 6          | 54.55%     | 0.13%            | 5          | 83.33%       | 0.17%            | 3.11              | 3.36              | 3.43               | 102.00             | 95                 | 93                 |
| American Lit and Culture                            | 39        | 0.26%            | 26         | 66.67%     | 0.55%            | 20         | 76.92%       | 0.69%            | 3.30              | 3.38              | 3.33               | 104.00             | 103                | 103                |
| Ancient Near East and Egyptology                    | 8         | 0.05%            | 4          | 50.00%     | 0.08%            | 2          | 50.00%       | 0.07%            | 3.32              | 3.42              | 3.14               | 111.00             | 105                | 105                |
| Anthropology - B.A.                                 | 400       | 2.66%            | 263        | 66.75%     | 5.57%            | 196        | 74.52%       | 6.75%            | 3.39              | 3.54              | 3.49               | 102.00             | 104                | 105                |

http://www.admissions.ucla.edu/prospect/Adm_tr/Tr_Prof14_mjr.htm
Research admitted student profiles for every university you are considering, it is important to not only be eligible for admission, you also want to be competitive for admission selection.
Lower Division Units
Maximum Limitation

- Students will be granted up to 70 semester/105 quarter units of credit for lower division coursework completed at any institution or any combination of institutions.
  - For lower division units beyond the maximum, subject credit for appropriate coursework taken in excess of this unit limitation will be granted and may be used to satisfy requirements.

- Units earned through: AP, IB, and/or A-Level examinations are not included in the limitation and do not put applicants at risk of being denied admission.

- Lower or upper division units earned at UC (Extension, summer, cross/concurrent, UC-EAP and regular academic year enrollment) are added to the maximum lower division transfer credit allowed and might put applicants at risk of being denied admission due to excessive units.
HOW DO I FIGURE OUT WHICH UNITS ARE TRANSFERABLE?
WEBSITE: ASSIST.ORG

• Online information system that provides the most accurate and up-to-date information for California transfer students:
  – Shows how course credits earned at one public California college or university can be applied when transferred to another
  – Explore majors available at University of California and CSU campuses
  – Is the official source of articulation for California’s colleges and universities

• Allows students to explore transferable coursework from the CCC to the UC using:
  – Transferable Course Agreement (TCA)
  – CCC to UC Major Articulation (UC-CCC Course Articulation)
Transferable Course Agreement (TCA)

On ASSIST website: assist.org

- Identifies UC-transferable courses at each CCC

- First level of articulation between UC and CCC; all courses listed are transferable to every UC campus

- Individual UC campuses may, as appropriate, articulate courses to specific lower-division courses/graduation requirements
CCC to UC Major Articulation

- The CCC-UC Major Articulation Agreements offer students guidance in preparing for specific majors at each UC campus.

- Second level of articulation between UC and CCC.

- Indicates courses that fulfill major prep; alerts if IGETC is acceptable; explains use of AP/IB credit toward subject requirements, etc.

Articulation Agreement by Major
Effective During the 12-13 Academic Year
To: UC Santa Barbara | From: Santa Barbara City College
12-13 General Catalog | Quarter|12-13 General Catalog | Semester

Admission selection criteria for the major:
To be admitted to the pre-major, all transfer students must have completed the following:
1 year sequence of General Chemistry with laboratory, with no individual grade less than "C".
1 complete sequence (2-3 terms) of major-applicable General Biology with laboratory, with no individual grade less than "C".
A cumulative GPA of 2.7 or better in the required courses listed above.
For students to graduate within two years of transferring we strongly recommend the completion of one year of organic chemistry with laboratory, one year of general physics with laboratory, and one year of calculus or calculus with statistics. Any of these courses completed with a grade lower than "C" might not satisfy course prerequisites at UCSB.

Pre-major information:
Students are admitted initially to the pre-major. Admission to the full major is contingent upon achievement of a grade point average of 2.00 or better in pertinent courses completed at the University of California. Because the criteria are subject to annual review and revision, interested students should consult the department directly to obtain current information regarding specific additional criteria for admission to the full major. Admission to the pre-major does not guarantee admission to full major status.

For additional information about this major, please visit the department's website: www.lifesci.ucsb.edu
The Review Begins

• Evaluators **move term by term** through the applicant’s self-reported courses and grades to determine whether the courses are UC-transferable and to derive a cumulative GPA

• Evaluators note courses, grades, repeats and and gaps in education

• Evaluators use Comprehensive Review while reviewing entire application
Gaps In Education

- UC evaluators review the list of institutions the student attended, paying special attention to begin and end dates.
- Any gaps in education prompt the evaluators to look for an explanation in the application.
- If you have gaps in your education it is very important to explain the gaps under “Additional Information”.

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**Potential Gap in Education**
Examples of Non-Transferable Coursework

- Evaluators will determine if a course is transferable based on UC guidelines and TCAs (for CCCs)
Examples of Credit Limitations

- Maximum: 4 sem (6 qtr) units PE activity allowed
- Maximum: 8 sem (12 qtr) units PE theory allowed
# Examples of Repeated Coursework

## 2009 Fall

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## Evaluation Summary

**GPA, Units, Course Requirements**

### Review Summary

#### Transferable Courses & Exams Totals

- **COMPLETED (thru Fall 2012)**
  - **PNP UNITS**: 3.00/4.50
  - **F UNITS**: 0.00/0.00
  - **T UNITS**: 11.00/16.50
  - **GRADE PTS**: 32.00/48.00
  - **GPA**: 2.90

- **PENDING UNITS**
  - **Spring 2013**: 0.00/0.00
  - **SUB TOTAL**: 15.00/22.50

### Review Summary Data

- **Transfer GPA**: 2.80 (current)
- **Transfer Units (Qtr.)**: 111.50 (current)
- **Transfer Course: English(2)**
  - **Req. Met**: Yes
  - **ENGL 100 F: College Writing**: C
  - **ENGL 103 F: Critical Reasoning and Writing**: B

- **Transfer Course: Math(1)**
  - **Req. Met**: Yes
  - **MATH 150A: Calculus**: B

- **Transfer Course: Other(4)**
  - **Req. Met**: Yes
  - **(H)AP Exam: Spanish Language**: 3
  - **(S)CHEM 111AF: General Chemistry I**: C
  - **(S)PHYS 221 F: General Physics I**: C
  - **(H)MUS 119 F: History of Rock Music**: B

- **TOTAL**: 3.00/4.50 48.00/72.00 148.00/222.00 3.70 15.00/22.50 66.00/99.00
Transferability and Limitations

• Repeats
  Repeats for “D” and “F” grades are unlimited; however, credit will be awarded for the first attempt completed with a grade of “C” or better; no credit for duplication of AP/IB credit

• CR, NCR, W grades
  These grades are neutral and have no effect on GPA or credit awarded

• Accurate reporting
  Do not self-report courses/grades from memory. Misreporting or omitting information from the academic record could jeopardize your admission to UC
What is evaluated in Comprehensive Review?

• Completion of a specified pattern or number of courses that meet breadth or general education requirements
• Completion of a specified pattern or number of courses that provide continuity with upper division courses in the student’s major
• Your GPA in all transferrable courses
• Participation in academically selective honors courses or programs

http://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/transfer/reviewed/index.html
Comprehensive Review of Your Application (cont’d)

- Special talents, achievements and awards; special skills; leadership; community service; student government; demonstrated promise for contributing to intellectual vitality
- Completion of special projects in the context of your college curriculum or activities
- Academic accomplishments in light of your life experiences and special circumstances (i.e. first-generation to attend college, low family income, etc.)
- Location of the college and your residence
- Completion of AA-T or AS-T (this is not required for eligibility of admission)

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Purpose of the Personal Statement

• To gain a better understanding of the student’s background; their interest in and purpose of their intended major

• UC campuses use the personal statement as an admissions factor or for scholarship consideration
The Personal Statement

• 2 Prompts – applicant must answer both prompts
• 1000 word total or less
• View as a personal interview on paper
• Compose responses outside of the application and request feedback from teachers, counselors, parents and/or friends
• Paste your responses in the text box– it is recommended that you start your personal statement in another document for editing
The Personal Statement (cont’d)

• **Statement 1:** What is your intended major? Discuss how your interest in the subject developed and describe any experiences you have had in the field – such as volunteer work, internships and employment, participation in students organizations and activities – and what you have gained from your involvement.

• **Statement 2:** Tell us about a personal quality, talent, accomplishment, contribution or experience that is important to you. What about this quality or accomplishment makes you proud, and how does it relate to the person you are?
Additional Comments

• Use the spaces provided to describe a situation (personal or academic) that needs further explanation and not fully captured elsewhere in the application
  – Gaps in education
  – Grades
  – Special circumstances

• This is not meant to be a continuation of the personal statement
Waitlist & Appeals

• The waitlist process is used to manage new student enrollment

• A waitlist offer is an acknowledgement of an applicant’s strength, it is not a guarantee of admission

• Waitlisted students can accept waitlist offers to more than one UC campus while you are waiting for a decision

• Students cannot appeal to be placed on the waitlist
Resources

**ASSIST:** [http://www.assist.org/web-assist/welcome.html](http://www.assist.org/web-assist/welcome.html)

**UC Transfer Admissions:**
[http://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/transfer/preparation-paths/index.html?gclid=CjwKEAjw3uWuBRD_s-3a8-_h6j0SJAC-qgtHHDJgz4NHl5e_aO4m4nubSjakTzuPdQLXxDhd4qfh4xoC9Yfw_wcB](http://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/transfer/preparation-paths/index.html?gclid=CjwKEAjw3uWuBRD_s-3a8-_h6j0SJAC-qgtHHDJgz4NHl5e_aO4m4nubSjakTzuPdQLXxDhd4qfh4xoC9Yfw_wcB)

**UC Transfer Admission Planner (TAP)**
[https://uctap.universityofcalifornia.edu/students/index.cfm](https://uctap.universityofcalifornia.edu/students/index.cfm)

**UC TAG Matrix**
Questions?

Visit us in the ELAC Transfer Center

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Hours:
Monday-Thursday 8am- 7pm
Friday 8am-4pm