

UC Campus Admission Directors Panel

UC Counselor Conference 2017

Summary of Q& A for Community College Counselors and Advisers

Questions

1. Any new majors or programs at your campus?
2. Regarding campus selection criteria, what is new and important to know?
3. Regarding TAG selection criteria, what is new and are there any changes?
4. Does your campus use UC Transfer Pathways course expectations for admission selection?
5. What have you noticed about applications (trends, patterns, missteps, etc.) that you want counselors to know when advising students?
6. What campus events are for prospective students, admitted students, and counselors, and why should they attend?

Campus Answers

1. **New, renamed, discontinued, and/or suspended majors or programs at each UC campus?**

Berkeley New: College of Engineering - Mechanical Engineering + Business Administration Global Management Program (Haas School of Business);

Renamed: Forestry & Natural Resources *renamed* Ecosystem Management & Forestry; Global Studies includes Development, Middle Eastern, Peace & Conflict, and Latin American Studies programs;

Discontinued: Religious Studies major has been discontinued.

Davis New: Environmental Engineering - College of Engineering selective major

Discontinued: Natural Sciences - College of Letters and Science

Suspended through 2018-19: Fiber and Polymer Science, and Textiles and Clothing - College of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences

Irvine New: The Sue & Bill Gross School of Nursing. The School of Nursing plans to double student enrollment over the next decade, from 200 to 400 students.

Los Angeles New: Asian Languages and Linguistics; Nordic Studies; Computer Engineering

Merced New: B.A. Critical Race and Ethnic Studies (CRES)

Merced Nanomaterials Center for Energy and Sensing (MACES) **MACES** is our NASA-affiliated research center. Undergraduates have the opportunity to be selected for a 10 week internship with NASA that includes a 6,000 stipend.

Riverside New: Education, Society and Human Development

San Diego New: Data Science, Real Estate Development.

Renamed: Physiology & Neuroscience is now Neurobiology; Biochemistry and Cell Biology along with Molecular Biology are now Molecular and Cell Biology Co-curricular record.

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Reminder: Majors within the arts will have the opportunity to submit a portfolio.

Santa Barbara New Major: Linguistics with an emphasis in Speech-Language Sciences and Disorders

New Minors: Iranian Studies, Linguistics with an emphasis in Speech-Language Sciences and Disorders, Religious Studies

Santa Cruz Two new majors: Science Education, Applied Linguistics and Multilingualism

New concentration in Earth Sciences major: Geology.

New Program for first generation students—1st Generation Initiative UCSC Faculty and staff are self-identifying that they were first-generation students in an effort to create a more welcoming and supportive environment for first-gen students.

New Coastal Biology building has opened. Upper-division courses and research for students interested in Marine Biology major will take place there.

2. What's new/important to know about the campus' selection criteria?

Berkeley No changes in transfer selection criteria. Major preparation is critical; Major preparation over GPA for high-demand majors; Breadth and unit requirements must be completed by the last spring term; January transfer updates and/or supplemental submissions required for admission consideration; Berkeley honors the 16/17 articulation agreements for the 17/18 admission cycle.

Davis New: There have been changes to several College of Engineering selective majors criteria, as well as the Computer Science selective major within the College of Letters and Science.

Effective Fall 2020-New selective majors: Applied Physics, Mathematics, Pharmaceutical Chemistry and Physics - College of Letters and Science. For selective major requirements, please visit: <https://www.ucdavis.edu/admissions/undergraduate/transfer/selective-major-requirements>.

Irvine There is nothing "new"; however, we would stress that students would be best served by identifying an alternate major, if they are applying to one of our capped majors, i.e., engineering, ICS, and business.

Los Angeles UCLA will honor the 16-17 ASSIST articulation agreements for Fall 2018 applicants. We also have 17-18 major updates posted on our admission website.

Merced All of our transfer majors require completion of specific courses. Faculty places a high emphasis on academic and preparation for the major. There are selection criteria by major for each of the schools; information regarding our selection criteria by major may be found in our transfer web page: <http://admissions.ucmerced.edu/major-preparation>

Riverside UCR is looking to rapidly increase the number of transfer students enrolled on the campus. While we do expect that all requirements will be met by the end of the spring 2018 term,

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we will consider allowing one or two courses to be complete in the summer on a case by case basis, especially relating to required major-prep courses. If the academic shortfall of a fall applicant can be made up with summer and fall coursework, we may offer winter 2019 admission. UCR expects to be open for the winter term to transfer applications for at least the next 3-4 years. UCR considers lower division transfer students for admission.

San Diego Conducts a Comprehensive Review - all information presented in the application is taken into consideration. We continue to do major preparation screening for the following programs: Biological Sciences, Chemistry and Biochemistry, Cognitive Science and Behavioral Neuroscience, Economics, Engineering, Mathematics, Physics, Psychology. Major preparation is important for all transfer applicants, even for those where we do not screen for admission. Transfer Students are not admitted undecided on the San Diego campus so it is very important that applicants applying to a capped major, select an alternate uncapped major as an alternate on the UC Application. If applicants do not meet the screening requirements for the capped major but meet our transfer selection requirements they may be admitted to their alternate uncapped major.

Santa Barbara Admitted transfer students typically meet and exceed the UC minimum requirements for admission. All applicants should attempt to complete preparation in their intended major, and some majors require this preparation prior to transfer. See assist.org for details.

Santa Cruz UCSC wants to increase the enrollment of transfer students, and our selection criteria reflect that. At the junior-level, we are again stressing major preparation in all our majors, but we now conduct screening on over half of all majors. While we do expect that all requirements will be met by the end of the spring 2018 term, we are being generous with allowing one or two courses in the summer, especially relating to required major-prep courses. For admission to the campus, we'll allow an overall 2.40 GPA, provided that in the screening majors, the required major-prep GPA is met. If the academic shortfall of a fall applicant can be made up with summer and fall coursework, we may offer winter 2019 admission. We will also open for winter 2019 to transfer students, with some majors being closed. We are opened to sophomore transfers for the first time in many years.

3. Are there any changes to TAG selection criteria?

Berkeley Not Applicable

Davis New: There have been changes to several College of Engineering selective majors criteria as well as the Computer Science selective major within the College of Letters and Science. Overall GPA for TAGs in Engineering remains 3.30.

Reminder: TAGs in selective majors that are missing required physics course requirements will not be approved. For selective major TAG requirements, please visit:

<https://www.ucdavis.edu/admissions/undergraduate/transfer/transfer-admission-guarantee/criteria>.

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Irvine No changes for 2017-18.

Los Angeles Not Applicable

Merced

- Chemistry 2 is no longer required for the Computer Science and Engineering major
- Biological Sciences matches The Transfer pathway but, does require a higher GPA for TAG

Riverside College of Natural and Agricultural Science minimum GPA moved from 3.1 to 2.8; Bourns College of Engineering minimum GPA moved from a 3.1 to a 3.0; College of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences minimum GPA moved from a 2.8 to 2.7.

San Diego Not Applicable

Santa Barbara As of Fall 2019 Mathematics majors will require specific course preparation prior to transfer. See ASSIST.org for details. **New for Fall 2018:** Up to 16 quarter units from AP exams can be used to satisfy the unit requirements for TAG. AP exams can be used to meet subject requirements.

Santa Cruz No changes for fall 2018, but beginning with the fall 2019 TAG applications, UCSC will no longer provide a pre-evaluation as part of the TAG approval process. Like many other UC TAG campuses, we'll post our criteria and provide an expedited review of the applications so students receive their decision in the first admission decisions we release. With this change, counselors will no longer need to provide a review of the UCSC TAG application.

4. Does the campus use UC Transfer Pathways course expectations for admission selection?

Berkeley Major requirements are important, so completing requirements outlined by UC Transfer Pathways is expected.

Davis UC Davis encourages UC Transfer Pathways for students applying broadly to multiple campuses. It is important to check Assist.org and/or our campus admission website for any specific coursework, course sequence, and GPA requirements.

Irvine Meeting major prerequisites is the primary consideration. Some major prerequisites go beyond the transfer pathways. Therefore, depending on the major, completing the transfer pathway alone may not be sufficient for some majors.

Los Angeles No.

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Merced Yes, for majors covered under UC Transfer Pathways. Our major selection requirements mirror Transfer Pathways. Please note there may be specific course grade or overall transferable GPA requirements as part of selection.

Riverside Yes, however is it important to check Assist.org and/or our campus admission website for any specific course or course sequence GPA requirements.

San Diego

- The faculty on our campus determines the screening courses that will be reviewed for each major.
- Students should review our campus requirements (admissions.ucsd.edu/transfer) and Assist.org to determine what lower-division coursework and major preparation is required.
- UC Transfer Pathways is ideal for students who are unsure which UC campus they are interested in and is an excellent tool for students to utilize when applying to more than one campus. However, the student should also review the campus requirements and ASSIST.

Santa Barbara For majors within UC Pathways: Students who complete the UC Transfer Pathways will be given additional consideration for admission during the selection process. Non-Pathways Majors: Students are encouraged to complete as many of their major preparation courses as possible prior to transfer. Biological Science, Economics majors, and College of Engineering applicants should refer to <http://admissions.sa.ucsb.edu/applying/transfer/selective-majors> for additional information about selection criteria.

Santa Cruz No, although for those students indicating that on their application, our evaluation staff will conduct a thorough evaluation of all their completed, in-progress, and planned coursework to maximize the chances of admission to the UCSC campus.

5. What should counselors to know when advising students?

Berkeley

- Please stress that IGETC is owned and managed by the CCC, not by the Office of Undergraduate Admission, the colleges, or major departments at Berkeley.
- The College of Letters & Sciences, College of Environmental Design, and the Haas School of Business will **NOT** accept partial IGETC. If a student does not have full IGETC, we will automatically screen for the College's breadth requirement.
- The College of Chemistry and the College of Natural Resources will consider partial IGETC **ONLY IF** there is no omission in the areas of English or Language Other Than English.
- Breadth and unit requirements must be completed by the last spring term to be eligible for admission. Please make clear your school's requirements and timeline to request official documents for the July document deadline.

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Davis When applicants are responding to the Personal Insight Questions or completing other aspects of the application, it is important to provide context as to their educational and personal opportunities both inside and outside the classroom. Please ensure information is complete, thorough and accurate. Be sure to explain gaps in education. In addition, communication is key – regularly check their email, ensure that their email system allows receipt of UC Davis and UC emails, and to respond to emails in a timely manner.

Irvine Students would be best served by identifying an alternate major, if they are applying to one of our capped majors, i.e., engineering, ICS, and business.

Los Angeles We've seen many students leaving their UC-M courses and critical major prep courses until the Spring term. This can cause issues as many students can't complete that necessary coursework to maintain their admission (whether they withdraw from necessary courses, receive D or F, etc.). Students must notify our office ASAP when they have changes in the Spring schedule. The earlier they notify us, the more we can work with students. We strongly urge applicants to selective majors to complete the seven course pattern and major preparation by the end of the Fall term in which they are applying.

Merced

- Know all the dates/deadlines.
- Read and understand the Conditions of Admission
- Report all academic course work and grades exactly as they appear on the transcripts, do not report academic renewals until they've been approved and appear on the transcript.
- Utilize the additional comment section after the academic history to explain any situation that occurred during your academic history so the admission evaluator will better understand your situation.

Riverside It is critical for students applying to any major within our College of Natural and Agricultural Science, Bourns College of Engineering or School of Business Administration to follow required major preparation as outline on Assist. Students need to submit an Academic Update, even if there are no updates to make to their application.

San Diego

- Completing major preparation and IGETC is highly encouraged.
- Students should meet with an advisor early and often while at the community college to stay on track to transfer.
- Prospective students should use ASSIST, TAP, Transfer Pathways and refer to the campus website.
- Admissions Officers are assigned to community college and we are always available to answer any questions students and counselors may have.

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Santa Barbara Transfer applicants who did not file a TAG with Santa Barbara can still be competitive for admission. Students do not need TAG to be admitted.

While major preparation should be the priority for most students, where possible, we encourage students to complete IGETC. We do not require IGETC for transfer.

Santa Cruz

- Students must ensure their self-reported academic record matches their official transcript – mistakes can cause students to later be canceled. Transfer students must list all colleges and universities they've attended since high school – no exceptions.
- When answering the Personal Insight Questions, students should be sure to actually answer the question that is being asked.
- Admitted transfer students should be sure they understand the conditions of their admission – read carefully and seek clarification from the Office of Admissions if unsure.

6. What campus events are for prospective students, admitted students, and counselors, and why should they attend?

Berkeley

Prospective Students:

- Daily Campus Visit - M-F, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm
- Drop-In Advising at the Transfer Student Center - Thursdays and Fridays, August –November
- Cal Day - April 21, 2018.
- Webinars on "UC Berkeley Transfer Admission" and "Personal Insight Questions for UC Berkeley Transfer Applicants" – November.

Admitted Students:

- Admitted Transfer Student Yield events on campus and in Southern California – April.

Counselors:

- Cal Day - April 21, 2018

Davis

Prospective Students:

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- UC Davis Welcome Center (M-F 8:00am-5:00pm presentations, campus tours-- school/college/family/groups, and one to one or group advising; open Saturdays from 9:00am-3:00pm for presentations and tours)
- We host numerous on/off campus regional visits and events for schools/colleges, organizations/programs to include Transfer Opportunity Program (TOP), Puente, and Umoja
- Picnic Day – April 21, 2018. These events provide students the opportunity to experience the UC Davis campus/community while learning about the wealth of academic disciplines, resources and support services.

Admitted Students:

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- Decision UC Davis Transfer – May 11, 2018
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- Picnic Day – April 21, 2018.
- From the Directors Desk – UC Davis counselor newsletter sent via email six times during academic year. Counselors will gain insightful knowledge and tips on how to help their students be competitive for admission, and experience the UC Davis campus/community while learning about the wealth of academic disciplines, resources and support services.

Irvine Discover UCI Fall Preview Day. Prospective transfer students will be able to engage with UCI staff and current students, tour our lush campus, learn more about our renowned academic programs and comprehensive student services, and get answers to your questions about the admissions process.

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Admitted Students: UCI Convocation and Welcome Week, September 25 - 30. UCI's Welcome Week is a week of events intended to help welcome admitted students to the university. Welcome Week will include Convocation, a Transfer Student Welcome, the grand opening of Transfer Student Hub, the Anteater Involvement Fair, Late Night with Campus Recreation, Aldrich Park After Dark and the E-sports Annual Kickoff. In addition, UCI students will attempt to set another Guinness World Record. More information can be found at <https://welcomeweek.uci.edu>.

Counselors: Counselors are welcome to tour our beautiful campus. Campus tours are held Monday through Friday at noon and take approximately one hour, rain or shine. Please check admissions.uci.edu for the Tour Calendar and available times and to ensure that there is a tour offered on the day you wish to visit UCI.

Los Angeles

Prospective Students, Admitted Students, & Counselors: Please visit our events page for details regarding events for prospective students: www.admission.ucla.edu/events

Merced

Prospective Students:

- General campus tours all year - Monday – Friday and selected Saturdays, with the exception of holidays.
- Homecoming/Open House, October 21: Students get an insight into campus offering and opportunities, interact with enrolled students, and meet faculty and staff to answer their questions. Make a contact with someone who can assist you in the enrollment process.
- Transfer Academy, Summer Program - Transfer Academy is for students who've already been at a community college for at least 1 year. During the program students are able to receive one on one advising from Admissions advisors, learn about resources and tools to help them navigate the transfer pathway such as ASSIST, UCTAP, and information on financial aid. Students are encouraged to visit our <http://uctip.ucmerced.edu/> site to learn more about the programs and apply.
- STARS, Summer Program - Caters towards students who've just graduated high school and have enrolled at a California Community College.

Admitted Students:

- Bobcat Day - A special day for admitted applicants and their families to explore the university and learn about its academic and student life opportunities in a festive environment.

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- Admission Receptions – A Celebration of Student Achievement where we bring highlights of the University to the applicants so they can learn more about academic programs and student life opportunities.
- Inside UC Merced, Most Monday through Thursdays in April – Inside UC Merced is our overnight program in which a current student will serve as your host and will introduce you to the varied academic, experiential and social opportunities that encompass the quality of student life at UC Merced. This will include attending UC Merced classes, engaging with current students, sampling the cuisine at the campus Dining Commons and much more. Accommodations, meals and parking will be provided. Event is only for admitted students.
- Experience UC Merced – Options during first two weeks of April - During Experience UC Merced, you will be able to: Take a tour of campus with one of our tour guides, attend a lecture and learn more about student life at UC Merced.
- Transfer Thursdays are special events in March where we invite current applicants to UC Merced to receive a campus tour, hear from current UC Merced transfer students, and discussion on their admission decision. Applicants are encouraged to keep their emails updated in order to receive information on these special events. Space is limited and students must register.
- Transfer Days are special days in May where we invite admitted transfer students to come visit the campus. Students are able to meet one on one with their academic advisor, to ask any specific questions regarding their major, courses, etc. Students will also receive a campus tour, have the opportunity to meet with a Financial Aid advisor, and learn about our transfer support service: DARTS (Degree Attainment for Returning and Transfer Scholars)

Counselors:

- Counselors are encouraged to attend any of our prospective events to learn more about UC Merced. We will also host a special event for community college counselors. This program will be by invitation only. During the program counselors will have the opportunity to speak in a small group setting with the Director of Admissions, hear from faculty, speak with students, and learn about the evaluation process at UC Merced for transfer students. This event will take place in February.

Riverside

Prospective Students:

- Black Transfer Collective: September 23;
- Transfer Day: October 20;
- Discover UCR: October 28;
- Discover UCR: November 18;
- Umoja Day: February 2

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Admitted Students:

- Discover UCR: March 10;
- Admitted Student Celebrations: Select CCC's across the state;
- Highlander Day: April 7;
- Transfer Celebration: May 19

Counselors:

- Counselor Event: January 11

San Diego

Prospective Students:

- Fall Showcase events – October 21 and November 18.
- UC Application Workshop webinar – October 25.
- UC Application Q&A with an Admissions Officer webinar – November 16.

Admitted Students:

- Transfer Triton Day – May 5.
- Admitted Student Campus Tours (offered mid-March through April)

Santa Barbara

Prospective Students, Admitted Students, Counselors:

- Tuesday, April 11: Virtual (online) Open House
- Saturday, April 14, 2018: Spring Insight Open House (admitted and prospective students)
- April 18, 25: Gaucho Online Tuesday (online event for newly admitted transfers)
- May 4, 11, 18: Gaucho Transfer Friday (open house for newly admitted transfers)

Santa Cruz

Prospective Students:

- For prospective transfer applicants, we offer Transfer Information Sessions at the UC Santa Cruz campus on selected dates. Led by an Admissions Adviser, these sessions discuss:
 - junior-level transfer admissions requirements;
 - selection criteria for UC Santa Cruz;
 - selective majors requiring specific academic preparation prior to admission;
 - policies such as credit limitations and repeated courses.

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- We'll have our "Fall Tours" offered on October 21 (10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.) and November 18 (10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m., and 1:30 p.m.). These special Saturday tours are perfect for students interested in touring the campus, hearing from a student panel, and getting general information about UCSC and our selection process. Reservations are required. The tours will feature our Transfer Community, where most of our transfer students reside if living on-campus.

Admitted Students:

Spring Spotlight is our premier campus event only for admitted transfer students and their families, usually offered in late March/early April. Students and their families have the opportunity to tour the campus, attend presentations, and sit in on classes. Admitted student receptions in CA are in the planning stages. Virtual events, called Spotlight Mondays, that cover a range of topics important to admitted transfer students and their families.

Counselors:

We offer ETS (Ensuring Transfer Success) events systemwide, and we're currently looking into hosting some regional breakfasts in California.