

Statement of Transfer Credit Practices

The University of California (UC) awards unit credit for college courses completed at [United States regionally accredited colleges and universities](#); or at a university recognized by the Ministry of Education (or higher-education authority/appropriate government agency) in another country that offers university-level academic degree program courses comparable to a U.S. associate's or bachelor's degree.

Courses determined to be essentially the same as courses offered for an undergraduate degree at any UC campus will be awarded credit, if the course:

- is listed in the original institution's catalog/website of official courses offered for the year in which the course was completed, and
- includes the same or similar content, and
- requires the same or similar prerequisite course work, and
- is offered at the same level of instruction

Courses that further the student's knowledge and understanding in fundamental liberal arts disciplines such as mathematics, natural science, literature, social sciences, fine arts and philosophy, are acceptable for transfer if comparable in scope and depth to those offered at the UC.

Courses accepted for transfer must be reported on an official transcript (academic record) which must be provided to the UC campus in a sealed envelope (or electronically submitted from a vendor from which the UC campus can accept) from the original college/university of enrollment, bearing the institution's official seal and registrar's signature.

Pass Along Credit

UC does not award credit on the basis of credit as attributed from another institution. Credit is only awarded on the basis of the original institution's official academic record.

UC does not award credit for: Work experience, vocational or technical training, and remedial academic or personal enrichment courses; remedial academic courses in English and Mathematics; or College-Level Examination Program (CLEP) or DANES Subject Standardized Tests (DSST) exams.

Courses completed at unaccredited/non-regionally accredited institutions may be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

U.S. Military Service Courses

UC may award lower division (freshman/sophomore level) units for military courses completed if the courses are consistent with University policy on awarding transfer credit when there is an equivalent course taught at a UC campus. UC will consult the ACE recommendations for information regarding course content and as a guide to the awarding of credit.

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University of California Courses

Courses from enrollment at another UC main campus (not UC Extension) during a regular academic (fall, winter, spring) or summer term are all transferable.

Courses from enrollment at any UC Extension are transferable if the course is numbered 1-199; courses numbered 1-99 which include a campus designation (e.g. XB, XLA) are equivalent to the same course offered to undergraduates on that campus.

Limitations on Transfer Credits

Students will be awarded up to 70 sem/105 qtr units of credit for lower division coursework completed at any institution or any combination of institutions. For units beyond the maximum, subject credit for appropriate coursework taken in excess of this unit limitation will be awarded 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.
- Units earned at any UC campus (Extension, summer, cross/concurrent and regular academic year enrollment) are not included in the limitation but are added to the maximum transfer credit allowed and may put applicants at risk of being denied admission due to excessive units.

Note: If all courses are completed at one or more 2-year (community) colleges, a student would never be in danger of having too many (excessive) units.

Limitations: In addition, there are limitations on the number of units or courses for which UC awards credit in the following areas:

- English as a Second Language courses: a maximum of 8 semester (12 quarter) units
- Physical Education courses: Activity: a maximum of 4 semester (6 quarter) units; Theory: a maximum of 8 semester (12 quarter) units

Duplicative Credit Prohibited: UC will not award credit for college courses in which the content duplicates material of a previously completed course or examination for which credit has already been awarded; with the exception of the repeat of deficient (D/F) course grades.

Examination Scores/Grades

The University of California awards credit for examinations as follows:

- College Board Advanced Placement (AP) – [more information](#)
- International Baccalaureate (IB) Higher Level – [more information](#)
- GCE, Singapore-Cambridge and Hong Kong Advanced Level (A-Levels) – [more information](#)

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Additional Guidance

California Community Colleges

Every California community college has an agreement with UC-a Transfer Course Agreement (TCA). The TCA specifies which courses receive UC credit. To learn if college courses from a California community college are transferable to UC, go to the [ASSIST](#) website. The lists are updated throughout the year, so check ASSIST periodically to ensure you have the most current information.

Other 2-yr and 4-yr institutions

UC does not have transfer course agreements with institutions other than California community colleges. However, using ASSIST and/or referring to any UC campus' general catalog can provide guidance on the likelihood that courses from other institutions would transfer to UC.

International Academic Records

UC does not award credit for junior/community college programs that are technical or vocational, or that do not lead to further academic study at a University in the international country.

Elementary/intermediate language courses: no credit is awarded to students who were instructed in that language during secondary school.

Final determination on the transferability of coursework for credit will be made by the admissions office based on UC's review (not that of another institution).