Statement of Transfer Credit Practices

The University of California (UC) grants 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 granted 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 from the original college/university of enrollment, bearing the institution’s official seal and registrar’s signature.

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 granting 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.

UC does not grant credit for work experience, military/recruit basic training, vocational or technical training, and remedial academic or personal enrichment courses.

Notes:
1. Remedial academic courses in English and Mathematics are not transferable.
2. Courses completed at unaccredited/non-regionally accredited institutions may be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.
3. Courses from enrollment at another UC main campus (not UC Extension) during a regular academic (fall, winter, spring) or summer term are all transferable.
4. 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.

Examination Scores/Grades
The University of California grants credit for examinations as follows:
College Board Advanced Placement (AP) – [more information]
International Baccalaureate (IB) Higher Level – [more information]
GCE or Hong Kong Advanced Level (A-Levels) – [more information]
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UC does not grant credit for: College-Level Examination Program (CLEP) or DANTES Subject Standardized Tests (DSST) exams.

Limitations on Transfer Credits

Students will be granted 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 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.
• 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.

In addition, there is a limit to the number of units for which UC grants credit in the following areas:

• English as a Second Language courses: A maximum of 8 semester (12 quarter) units
• Physical Education activity courses: A maximum of 4 semester (6 quarter) units

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

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 grant 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 granted to students who were instructed in that language during secondary school.
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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).