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Transfer is the answer: Supporting your students on the transfer journey

Poll

How comfortable do you feel about advising students on the transfer process?

Did you attend a community college as part of your educational experience?

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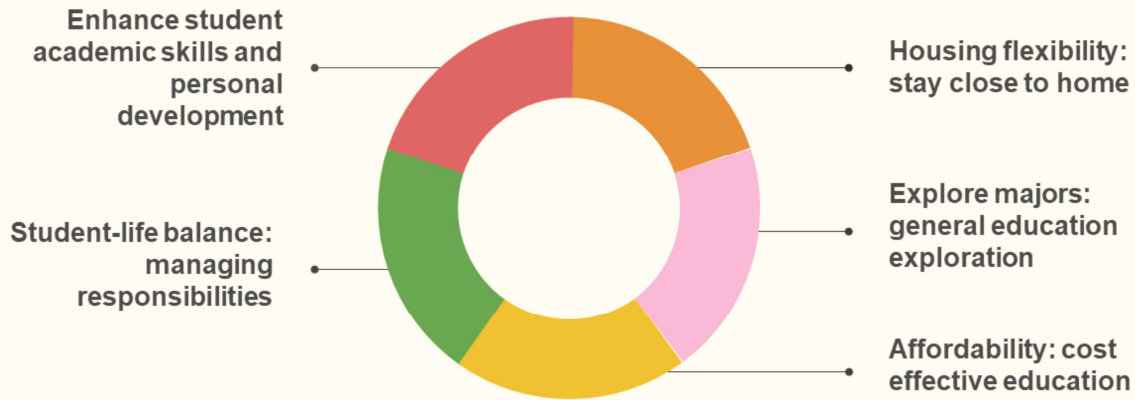
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The transfer journey

Why the transfer journey?

Benefits of attending a community college prior to transfer



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There are many reasons as to why students should consider attending a community college and taking the transfer path to a UC campus. Some of those considerations include:

–Housing flexibility: Some students are not quite ready to leave their homes just yet, and that’s okay! Selecting to stay home for a couple of more years while starting their higher education journey is a great choice and option for students. This also saves students (and their families) additional housing costs.

–Exploring majors: Not all high school seniors know exactly what they want to major in or what they want to pursue for the next four years. Taking the transfer route allows students the opportunity to explore additional majors and educational options before making their final decision as to what four-year institution they would like to attend. They can do this exploration at a lower cost.

—Affordability/Financial benefits: The community college can be a more affordable option for students. There are programs at the community colleges that can provide financial support for students such as Promise Programs, formerly known as BOG, at the community college for eligible students. The cost of attendance at the community college provide a high-quality education at a more affordable price, particularly for students who may not qualify for federal financial aid.

–Student-life balance: Our students are juggling several different responsibilities and obligations. Course offerings at the community colleges are plentiful and allow for flexibility and autonomy for students to create an academic schedule and pace that allows them to academically excel while managing other responsibilities such as work or family/home obligations. There are also many courses offered virtually where students can take advantage of learning in different modalities.

–Enhance student skills: Enrolling at the community college allows students the opportunity to further develop their academic skills by completing their general education courses mostly in semester terms versus most of the UC's being on the quarter system. Community colleges will have smaller faculty to student ratios in those general education courses, this allows students to build closer relationships with faculty and receive additional academic support. Community colleges also offer a wide variety of support programs for students that will further develop their academic and personal development, such as writing centers and math centers.



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A transfer applicant is not...

A student who has taken college-level courses through **dual enrollment** before receiving their high school diploma. These students must apply as first-year/freshman applicants.

Who is a transfer applicant?

For UC application purposes:

—A transfer applicant is a student who has enrolled in a fall, winter, or spring term at a college or university after high school graduation. Students who meet this definition cannot disregard their college record and apply as freshmen.

—A transfer applicant **is not** a student who has taken college-level courses through dual enrollment before receiving their high school diploma. These students must apply as freshman.

—A transfer applicant **is not** a student who took college courses in the summer immediately following high school graduation

(Note: Taking college courses in the summer immediately following high school graduation also does not make them transfer applicants).

Who is a transfer applicant, cont.

Does a previous freshman application impact a student's transfer application?

No, for a transfer applicant, we will **only** consider their transfer application.

Any UC transferable courses, AP exam scores and/or IB test scores earned in high school will be considered for admission purposes in their transfer application.



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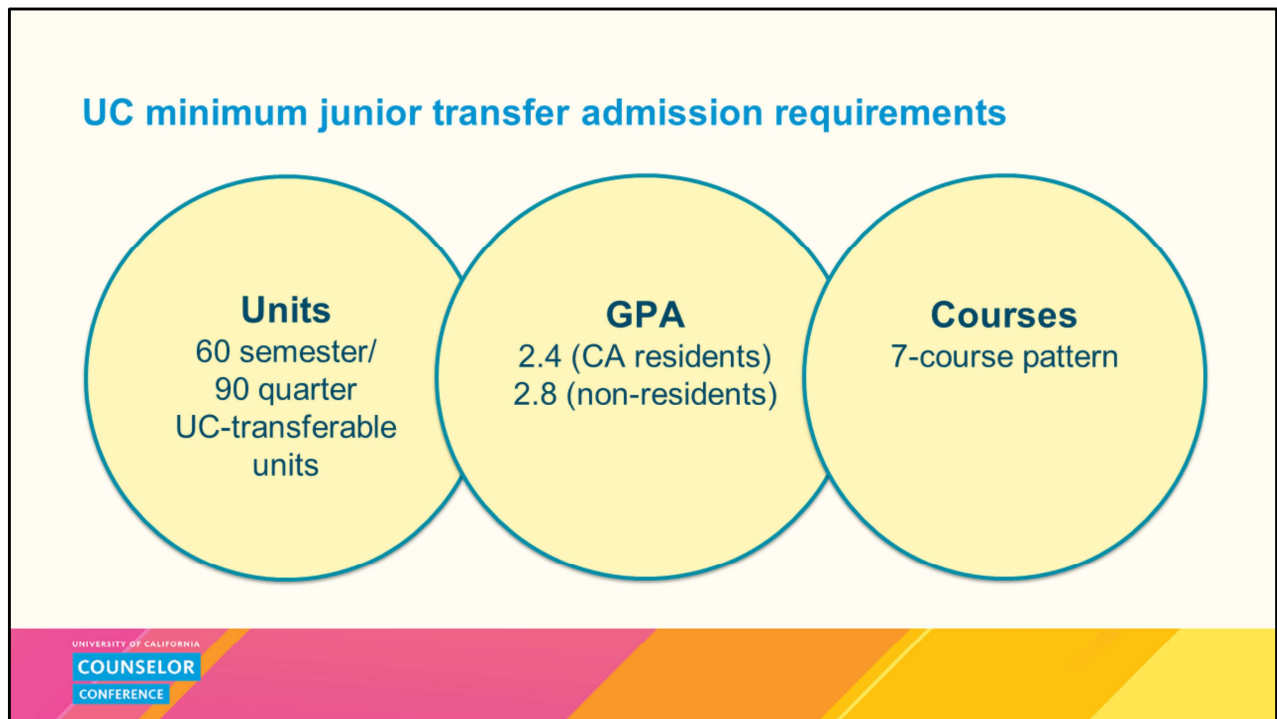
One of the questions we often get is whether or not a previous freshmen application impacts a student's transfer application?

The answer is **no**. Transfer applicants will not be asked to report on any of their high school grades or courses. Their prior freshmen application will not be considered, nor will it have an impact on their transfer application.

However, any UC transferable courses, AP exam scores, and IB test scores earned while in high school **will be** considered for admission purposes in their transfer application and need to be reported in their UC application. We will cover additional information in a future slide.

The image features a background with a diagonal split. The left side is a warm orange-red color, and the right side is a bright yellow. Overlaid on this background is a semi-transparent photograph of a university campus. On the left, a woman with long blonde hair is seen from the back, looking towards a large, textured tree trunk. On the right, a man in a grey hoodie is sitting on a bench, looking down at a laptop. In the background, a multi-story university building with many windows is visible. The overall scene is bright and sunny.

UC transfer admission requirements



There are a few ways to be eligible to the University of California, the most common way is as a junior-level transfer student, primarily during the fall term. (Note: some campuses accept winter/spring applications, which is mentioned later in this presentation)

Transfer students meet requirements in 3 areas to meet minimum UC transfer eligibility:

Complete at least 60 semester (90 quarter) units of UC-transferable credit.

No more than 14 semester (21 quarter) units of the 60 semester (90 quarter) units may be taken pass/fail or credit/no credit.

Earn at least a 2.4 GPA in UC-transferable courses (2.8 if they're a nonresident).

Some majors require a higher GPA for admission selection.

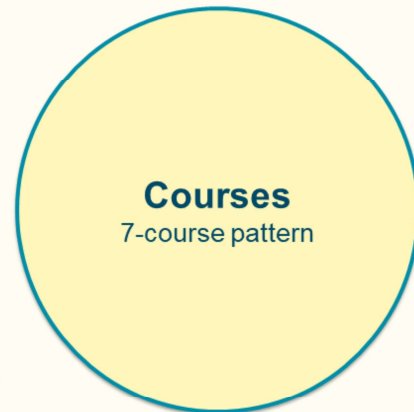
Complete 7-course pattern by the end of the spring term prior to fall enrollment at UC

What is the 7-course pattern?

Courses

- 2 English composition courses
- 1 mathematical concepts and quantitative reasoning course
- 4 courses in at least 2 of the following areas:
 - *Arts & humanities*
 - *Social & behavioral sciences*
 - *Physical & biological sciences*

**Note, these courses will not equate to 60 semester units but will count towards it*



7-course pattern:

- Two transferable courses in English composition;
- One transferable course in mathematical concepts and quantitative reasoning;
- Four transferable college courses chosen from at least two of the following subject areas:
 - arts and humanities
 - social and behavioral sciences
 - physical and biological sciences

For example:

3 chemistry courses and 1 history course

2 sociology courses, 1 physics course, and 1 art history course

1 biology course and 3 literature courses

Selection criteria

Major preparation

Required/recommended courses

Consider taking courses from other CCC's and online UC-transferable courses if their CCC doesn't offer a course

GPA

Meet or exceed minimum

Competitive = strong overall GPA and GPA for selective majors

IGETC

Courses transfer students can complete to satisfy general education requirements

Can be full or partial recommended: depends on campus and major

Competitive students will not only have all required major preparation completed but will also have as many recommended major preparation courses completed as possible.

Many majors are highly selective, with average GPAs for admitted transfer students above a 3.0. In these cases, the GPA (overall and in the major) become important factors in selection.

Finally, IGETC is NOT an admission requirement. (define IGETC)

However, some majors at some campuses may encourage students to complete IGETC certification prior to UC enrollment.

Students should stay in regular contact with UC campus admission representatives for current information on selective majors, and how students can best prepare to be competitive candidates.

How can high school work be applied to a transfer application?

UNITS

AP scores of 3+, IB scores of 5+ (HL only), and UC-transferable courses taken through dual enrollment will be used in the unit count

GPA

Dual enrollment, UC transferable courses will be used in the transfer application GPA

COURSES

Exam credit and UC transferable courses may be used to meet minimum admission requirements and major preparatory requirements

**Credit articulation is unique per campus*

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- Up to 8 quarter units are awarded per each AP exam (scores of 3 or better) and IB HL exam (score of 5 or better); each campus may articulate courses differently
- Dual enrollment courses will count towards units and GPA so long as we deem them transferable; transferable courses from a CCC can be found via assist.org
- Exam credit articulation and UC transferable courses may count to meet min. admission criteria and major prep requirements



—The admit rates for high school students to the UCs varies from one UC campus to another. At some UC campuses it can be lower than 30%, and at others it can be higher than 50%.

—When it comes to transfer students, our data shows that 76% of transfer applicants get admitted to the UCs.

— Resource: updated 3/27/2023. IPEDS Institutional Characteristics Surveys (nces.ed.gov/ipeds/) | UC Data Warehouse| Employment Development Department Quarterly Wage Data | National Student Clearinghouse Research Center | U.S. Census Bureau; American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates

UC's commitment: 2-1 transfer ratio



Each UC campus is committed to enrolling one transfer student for every two freshman students.

UC has moved from 2.3:1 in 2016–17 to an estimated 2.1:1 in 2021–22 (Universitywide). Excluding Merced, the ratio for 2021–22 is estimated to be 2.0:1, meeting the systemwide goal five years in a row. The University continues to work toward achieving this ratio for each campus each year (except Merced) (1.1.3).

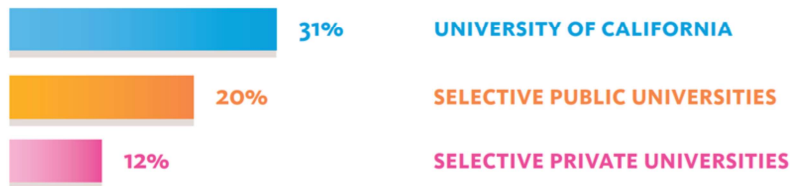
Source: <https://accountability.universityofcalifornia.edu/2022/chapters/chapter-1.html>

Although the UC system has made great progress in meeting this goal, and have previous met this goal, for the last two academic cycles UC did not meet the 2:1 goal of resident freshman to transfer enrollees in 2022–23 due to pandemic challenges that resulted in a decline in transfer enrollees

UC's commitment: opening doors for community college students

NEARLY A THIRD OF UC UNDERGRADS COME FROM COMMUNITY COLLEGES

That amounts to more than 46,000 transfers each year studying across our nine undergraduate campuses.



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- This slide illustrates UCs commitment to community college students
- This slide illustrates percentages of where community college students enroll
- Shared with you from bottom to top
- The 1st figure, represented in pink color, illustrates that 12% of community college students enroll at selective private colleges
- The 2nd figure, represented in orange color, illustrates that 20% of community college students enroll at selective public universities
- Finally, the 3rd figure, represented in blue color, illustrates that 31% of community college students enroll at UC

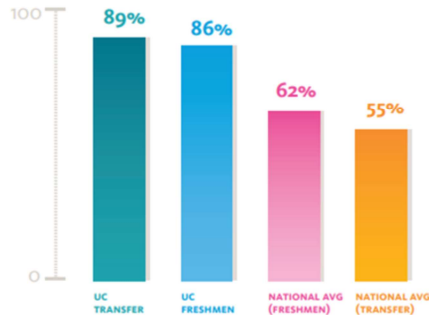
Nearly a third a of UC bachelor's degree recipients started at a community college.

Resource: updated fall 2021. [UC of California. Information gathered from UCOP: IPEDS Institutional Characteristics Surveys \(nces.ed.gov/ipeds/\)](#) | UCOP Corporate Student System | Employment Development Department Quarterly Wage Data | UC Accountability Report ([accountability.universityofcalifornia.edu](#)) | National Student Clearinghouse Research Center, Degree Attainment Snapshot Report | U.S. Census Bureau; American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates.

UC graduation rates

UC'S TRANSFER STUDENTS GRADUATE AT HIGH RATES...

In fact, they succeed at rates equal to or better than students who started as freshmen.

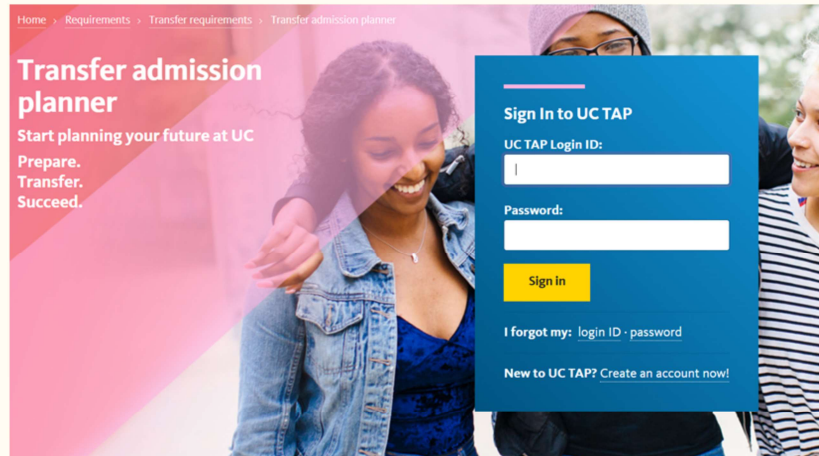


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- This slide has one chart that helps illustrate UCs commitment to transfer students
- The charts shows HS and Transfer graduation numbers for the UC system and the national average
- The chart on the left focuses on 0-100% and it illustrates 4 categories of ratios
 - Left to RT, the first figure in orange color, illustrates 55% as the Natl avg of transfer students who graduate in 4 years
 - The 2nd figure, represented in pink color, illustrates 64% as the national avg of freshmen students who graduate in 6 years
 - The 3rd figure, represented in blue, illustrates 84% as the UC avg of freshmen students who graduate in 6 years
 - The 4th figure, represented in green color, illustrates 88% as the the UC avg of transfer students who graduate in 4 years
- <https://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/about-us/information-center/uc-2030-dashboard>
- <https://accountability.universityofcalifornia.edu/2022/documents/pdfs/2022-chapter-03.pdf>

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UC commitment: UC TAP



Transfer Admission Planner - This online tool is designed to help prospective UC students transferring from California community colleges track and plan their course work, including those students who are seeking a Transfer Admission Guarantee (TAG) with one of the six participating UC campuses. You can use UC TAP for any community college transfer process, including a Transfer Admission Guarantee (TAG) with one of our six participating campuses.

Students that took advantage of the Concurrent Enrollment options while in HS can enter those courses into their UC TAP account.

TAP is also the best way to receive updates and invitations from each campus that you've indicated interest in potentially attending.

UC commitment: UC TAG

TAG: Guaranteed admission at one of the 6 participating campuses

Students may only apply for TAG at **one** campus.

TAG applications are due September 1-30 for fall and May 1-31 for winter/spring term (limited campuses).



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Transfer Admission Guarantee (TAG) with one of our six participating campuses.

Students may only choose one TAG campus but can still apply to other UC campuses. When students submit a TAG application, a UC application is still required to be considered for UC admission. UC TAG guarantees the campus AND the major

Refer to TAG Matrix for campus and major eligibility

https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/counselors/_files/documents/tag-matrix.pdf

UC Transfer Pathways and Pathways +

Transfer Pathways

Designed for students who know what they would like to study but are unsure of which UC campus they would like to attend.

Serves as a roadmap to prepare for their major and graduate on time from any UC campus.

Pathways +

Combines major preparation and timely degree completion offered through a Transfer Pathway with the security of a guarantee through TAG.



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Transfer Pathways: <https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/admission-requirements/transfer-requirements/uc-transfer-programs/transfer-pathways/>

- UC's Transfer Pathways identify a common set of lower-division courses for each of 20 of the most sought-after majors among transfer applicants.
- The Transfer Pathways present a clear roadmap for prospective transfers to prepare for their majors and be well positioned to graduate in a timely fashion from any UC campus.
- The Transfer Pathways can help students who want to make themselves competitive across the UC system; some majors listed may want fewer courses for admission, but none will expect more. It's a smart move to apply for multiple campuses to improve your chances of getting in.

The UC Transfer Pathways support community college students prepare for transfer admission to the most popular majors at UC campuses. Expanding on its campus-based Transfer Admission Guarantees (TAGs), UC developed the Pathways+ option for community college students who want to both secure guaranteed admission to a TAG campus in a particular major while also preparing for admission to all campuses that offer the major. The first cohort for the Pathways+ program enrolled in fall 2021.

Pathways+ combines the most appealing aspects of Transfer Pathways and TAG: major preparation and a guarantee.

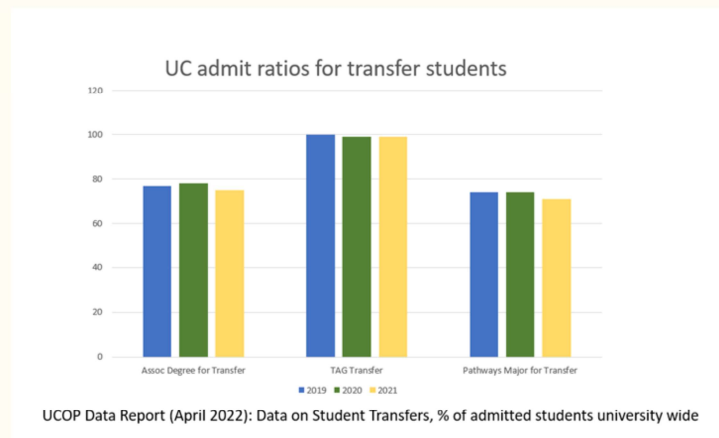
- Although TAG offers dozens more majors than what is available via a Pathway, we know that many students select from a few common majors (i.e., the Pathways majors).
- Common major prep recognized by all 9 campuses via a Transfer Pathway
- Security of a guarantee to the TAG campus where the student submitted the TAG application

The guarantee is with the TAG, but completing the lower-division Pathway course requirements can make the student competitive for admission at many of the campuses offering the Pathways major.

TAG students already tend to be more competitive for admission overall; completing a Pathway should give TAG students an extra edge in admission as well as reduce their time to degree at UC.

What does it mean to be transfer friendly: UC admit rate data

These numbers illustrated are in percentages (%) of transfer students admitted to the UCs



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In this chart we illustrate a chart with UC wide admit data

- This is data from all the 9 UCs combined
- The Chart on the left illustrates numbers from percentage numbers from 0-100
- The numbers on the bottom illustrate the percentage of admitted students per year
- The Chart looks at data from 2019, 2020, 2021
 - 2019 is in blue
 - 2020 is in green
 - 2021 is in yellow
- The three data sets are the following:
 - Students who reported to an Associates degree for transfer
 - Students who reported as part of TAG student (Transfer Admissions Guarantee) program
 - AND, the third set is students who reported a pathways major for transfer
- This chart illustrates the for these three years, the “admit rate” for transfer students is well in the high 70 percentile
- The chart further illustrates that when adding including students who reported to be TAG students, the percentage goes up to 83%
- Thus, including our tag numbers, the average admit rate, according to date, illustrates an 83% admit ratio UC wide.

Source: Data on Student Transfers, % of admitted students university wide

UCOP Data Report, April 2022 ([access here](#))

admit percentages for the following students in the years 2019, 2020, and 2021):

Students who reported having an Assoc Degree for Transfer: 2019= 77%, 2020=78%, 2021=75%

Students who reported a TAG major to a UC : 2019=100%, 2020=99%, 2021=99%

Students who reported a Pathways major for transfer: 2019=74%, 2020=74%, 2021=71

UC commitment: college prep programs

PUENTE

Offers academic, counseling, and mentoring support programs, builds skills for success in both academic and career goals

The PUENTE program has expanded to 7 middle schools, 36 high schools, and 65 community colleges in CA



MESA

Produces transfer-ready students in preparation to advance their STEM education to 4-year universities

MESA currently serves over 350 middle and high schools, 40 community colleges, and 13 universities



UMOJA

Dedicated to enhancing the cultural and educational experiences of African American and other students

Pilot programs with 3 high schools and 59 affiliated community colleges and 2 universities



Programs highlighted here are available at all educational levels but focus mainly on CC. Push for advancement and successful transfer for historically underrepresented ethnic groups

PUENTE program:

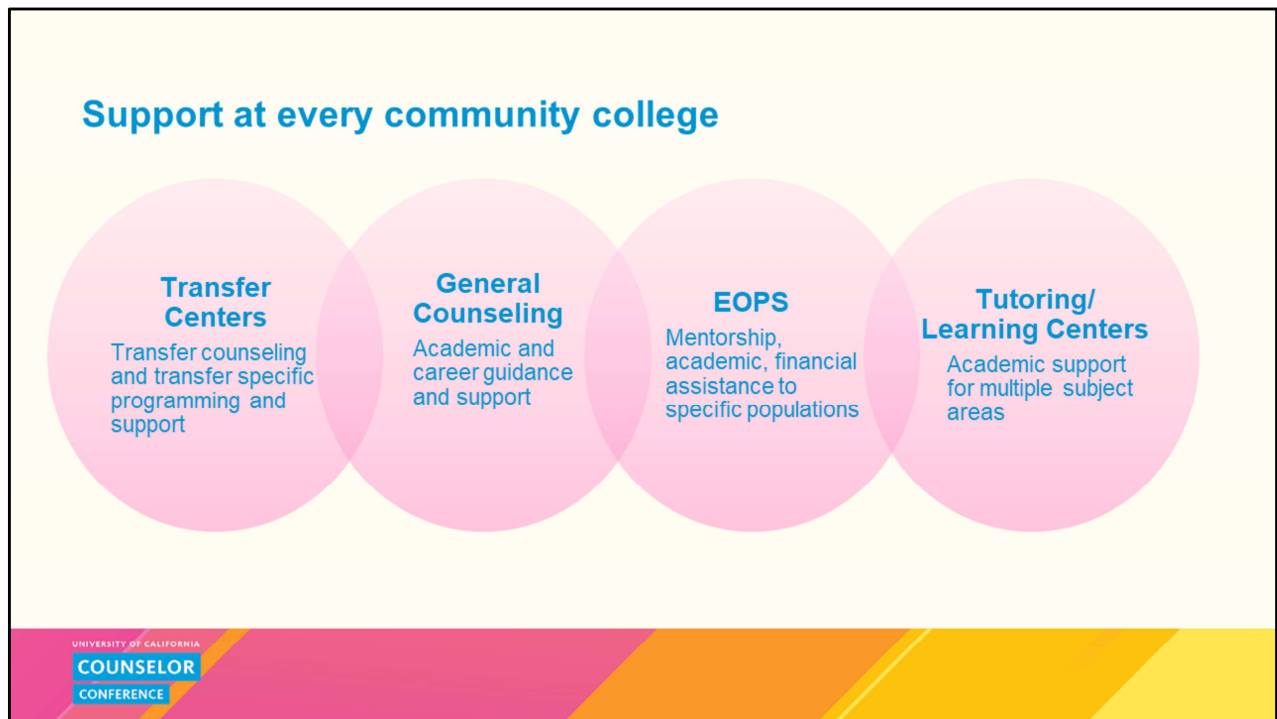
- Academic: Enroll with same PUENTE instructor for classes over an academic year which fosters a supportive environment. Curriculum focuses on integrating Latino and other multicultural literature by scaffolding instruction to help students prepare for academic rigor.
- Counseling: Counselor provides academic, personal, and career counseling to prepare students for transfer to 4-yr through a personal development course designed to help enhance college success
- Mentoring: mentor supports the counselor and instructor by motivating PUENTISTAS and serve as a successful career role model

MESA - Successful transfer in STEM through:

- Internship opportunities
- Dedicated study centers for workshops, building community, and support
- Local industry board connecting students to workforce
- Cluster students in core math and science courses to encourage collaboration
- Academic/transfer counseling
- Professional development

UMOJA: Organizing Values and Principles

- Umoja is technically not a UC program but UC values the strong partnership with the Umoja community
- Prioritize students: promoting student success through retention of students toward defined educational goals: Transfer. AA. certificates
- Use a holistic approach to reach each student - body, mind and spirit (touching the spirit) - integrating instructional and student services
- Building community by creating an environment that encourages accountability and integrating the core Umoja community with objectives and student equity efforts
- Connections to African Diaspora - expanding cultural awareness of the diaspora and articulating students' place in that experience and engaging in cultural practices rooted in African traditions to strengthen the community



Transfer Centers assist students' awareness on transfer requirements and resources in order to increase transfer readiness.

- We partner with the transfer center to provide uc workshops such as : admissions presentations, personal insight questions, and attend college fairs

General counseling connect students to student success services to empower students in their academic, professional, and personal endeavors while assisting students in navigating the university system

EOPS: provides assistance through mentorship, academic programs, financial assistance, counseling/advising, and other campus support services to those who are first-generation college students, and/or from low-income and educationally disadvantaged backgrounds (UC Admissions)

- CARE: an acronym for Cooperative Agencies Resources for Education. The CARE program offers additional support services so students can transition from welfare dependency by securing the education, training, and marketable skills needed for self-sufficiency and upward social mobility. For students that

are parents.

NextUp: provides CCC students support and services that could include help with books and supplies, transportation, tutoring, food and emergency housing. <https://nextup.cccco.edu/>

- At UC: <https://www.ucop.edu/student-equity-affairs/campus-contacts/current-and-former-foster-youth-services/index.html>

Tutoring/learning centers help support student with peer review, improve study habits, and be academically successful

Support from the University of California

UC Transfer prep programs

- Summer Program opportunities
- Individual academic advising
- Peer mentoring
- Workshops and presentations
- Continued support via programs like EOPS, peer mentoring, and career success



Transfer services at UC's

- Transfer Student Centers
- Summer transition programs
- Scholarships

Ensure transfer success by continuing to offer advising courses on transitioning to the UC, offer the opportunity for peer mentoring, and scholarships.

Transfer Prep Programs:

- Summer Program opportunities
- Individual academic advising - By College/Department
- Peer mentoring
- Workshops and presentations, UC System wide webinars such as “Discover Your UC”
- Continued support via programs like EOPS, peer mentoring, and career success

Transfer Services

- Transfer Student Centers-
- Summer transition programs- To get students started in their UC journey, start to learn about services and get a glimpse of UC education
- Scholarships- Continued through Financial Aid & Scholarships



Takeaways

Final takeaways

- Have a conversation with students about the transfer option
- Encourage students to create a UC Transfer Admission Planner account
- Encourage students to consider a transfer admission guarantee participating UC
- Connect students to UC transfer prep programs and resources
- Encourage students to participate in summer bridge programs



Final Takeaways for high school counselors

- Encourage students to attend community college it may be a great option for students to explore interests; helps save money as well
- A UC TAP account helps students organize all transferable coursework completed/planned and enables UC admissions officers to review and advise for transfer selection.
- The UC Transfer Admission Guarantee is a great way for eligible students to secure a spot at one of our participating UC TAG campuses.
- Summer bridge programs are a way to support students in the transition from high school to college.
- Connect students to UC transfer prep programs and resources to begin building connections before attending CCC. This is also a great way to support students in finding a community on campus.



Resources

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UC transfer admission requirements



UC Transfer Admission Planner



UC Transfer Admission Guarantee



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UC Transfer Admission Requirements:

<https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/admission-requirements/transfer-requirements/preparing-to-transfer/basic-requirements.html>

This website provides information regarding UC admission requirements for transfer students. This is a great place to start for students interested in the transfer pathway!

UC TAP

<https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/admission-requirements/transfer-requirements/transfer-planning-tools/uc-transfer-admission-planner.html>

UC TAP is an online tool designed for community college students to track and plan their coursework. The planner helps students track their progress toward meeting UC's minimum requirements.

Transfer Admissions Guarantee

<https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/admission-requirements/transferrequirements/uc-transfer-programs/transfer-admission-guarantee-tag.html>

TAG offers California Community College students guaranteed admission to one of the six UC campuses. For more information, the website provides an overview of the steps necessary to secure your UC TAG.

Links to resources

Transfer Pathways

<https://pathwaysguide.universityofcalifornia.edu/college-pathways/0/0>

Pathways+

<https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/admission-requirements/transfer-requirements/uc-transfer-programs/pathways-plus.html>

Quick Reference Guide to UC Admissions

https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/counselors/_files/documents/quick-reference-guide-to-uc-admissions.pdf

ASSIST

<https://www.assist.org/>



Transfer Pathways

<https://pathwaysguide.universityofcalifornia.edu/college-pathways/0/0>

If the student knows their major. This tool is designed to guide the student on what classes they need to take to satisfy major requirements. If there isn't a Pathway for their chosen major, or the campus they're interested in isn't listed in the Pathway for their major they can still apply through the normal channels. This pathway allows the student to keep their campus options open.

Pathways+

<https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/admission-requirements/transfer-requirements/uc-transfer-programs/pathways-plus.html> Transfer Admissions Guarantee

Pathways+ is a great tool for students who know their major, it's listed as one of the majors in one of our transfer pathways, and want to explore multiple campuses while ensuring a spot at one of the six UC TAG campuses.

Quick Reference Guide to UC Admissions

https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/counselors/_files/documents/quick-reference-guide-to-uc-admissions.pdf

Offers an overview of our admission requirements and selection policies and addresses some of the most commonly asked questions.

ASSIST

<https://www.assist.org/>

A resource for both students and counselors to learn more about the best path towards transferring from California Community College to a public California university (UC or CSU). Offers articulation agreements between California Community Colleges and both CSU/UC campuses.



Q & A