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# Our transfer era: The journey from high school to CC to UC

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**What comes to mind when you think of transfer student and community college?**

# Who is a transfer student?

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## Who is a transfer student?

### UC definition:

*A student who has enrolled in a fall, winter or spring term at a college or university after high school graduation.*



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## Who is a CCC transfer student?

- **Priority consideration is given to California Community College (CCC) students applying for admission to UC as juniors**
- **To be a CCC transfer student:**
  - Last college attended in a regular session before enrolling at UC is a CCC
  - At least 30 semester (45 quarter units) completed among CCCs

Who is a transfer student?

**Who is NOT a transfer student:**

***A student who has graduated from (or is still in) high school and who has not enrolled in a regular (non-summer) term at any college or university following graduation.***

**...this is a *first-year* applicant!**

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# Dispelling the “stigma” of transferring

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## Addressing misconceptions about community college and transferring

“Community college is not REAL college”

- The California Community Colleges are junior colleges
- Coursework and instructions at the community college is the same level as other colleges

“Only students that don’t get into 4-year schools go to community college”

- Community college is the FIRST choice for many students
- Students choose community college for various reasons, including its affordability, accessibility, and flexibility

“Students can’t get into top universities if they go to community college first”

- Transfers DO get into top universities
- UC prioritizes CCC students in the transfer admission process

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**You may have heard some of these statements made about transferring from community college. These are common misconceptions.**



## The “stigma” of transferring and how to dispel it

### How to dispel the stigma surrounding transferring from community college?

- Inform students and their families of the benefits of transferring
- Bring awareness to support programs available to transfers
- Validate students who express an interest in the community college to transfer pathway
- Celebrate students’ decision to attend community college

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# Benefits of transferring

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## Benefits of choosing the transfer journey

### **Academics**

- Major and career exploration
- Smaller class sizes
- Transfer support programs
- Dedicated course progression pathway options (CaIGETC/IGETC)

### **Affordability**

- Lower tuition or free tuition costs
- Minimal housing costs
- Special support programs offering textbook assistance

### **Flexibility**

- Student-life balance and responsibility management
- Ability to stay local
- Softer transition

## Support at the community college

Transfer and  
career  
centers

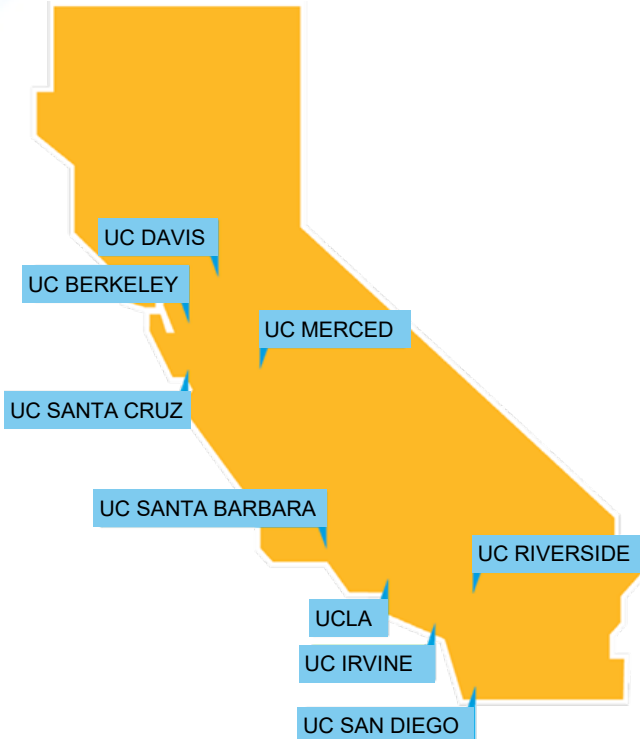
Diverse  
support  
programs

Tutoring and  
learning  
centers

Basic needs  
and services

Health and  
mental health  
services

## UC commitment to transfers



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- UC prioritizes CCC students in the transfer admission process.
- Nearly **1 in 3 UC** students start at a CCC before graduating from a UC campus.
- **91%** of UC transfer students come from a CCC
- **Over 75%** of transfer applicants from CCC get into UC.

## Streamlined transfer requirements across UC

### **Junior-level transfer admission requirements:**

- Complete a minimum of 60 semester/90 quarter units of UC-transferable coursework
- Earn at least a 2.40 overall GPA for California residents
  - 2.80 GPA for non-residents
- Complete the UC Seven Course Pattern
- Complete major preparation requirements (if applicable)

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# UC programs and support for community college transfers

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## Transfer programs and resources

### Academic resources

- UC Transfer Admission Planner (UC TAP)
- ASSIST

### UC transfer programs

- Transfer Admission Guarantee (TAG)
- UC Transfer Pathways and Pathways +
- Transfer Preparation programs



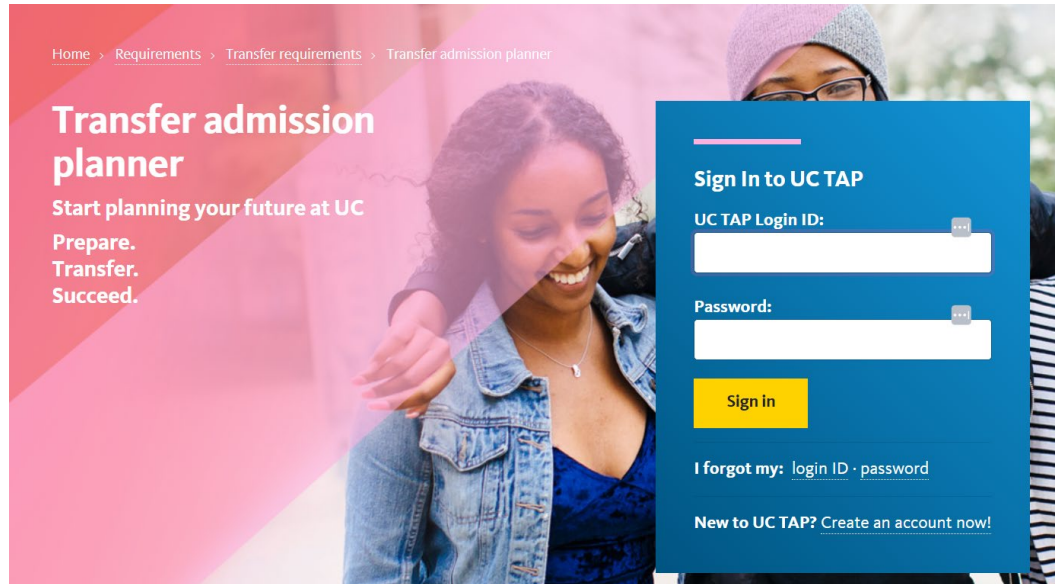
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# UC Transfer Admission Planner (UC TAP)



## Benefits of UC TAP

- Tracks progress towards meeting UC transfer admission requirements
- Students can import their courses to the UC application
- Allows UC and community college staff to communicate important information to prospective transfers
- Apply for Transfer Admission Guarantee (TAG)



The official course transfer and articulation system for California's public colleges and universities

## ASSIST is here to help

**1** ASSIST is best used in combination with seeing a counselor on your campus. It is intended to help students and counselors work together to establish an appropriate path toward transferring from a public California community college to a public California university.

Open notes panel

Important Notes from ASSIST

Frequently Asked Questions

## Search below for articulation agreements

Major, department, and campus-specific general education agreements

Academic Year

2023-2024

Institution

Select an Institution

CCC, CSU, or UC

Agreements with Other Institutions

Select an Institution

View Agreements

## Search below for transferable courses

Courses approved for transfer and general education

Academic Year

2023-2024

Community College

Select a Community College

- CSU Transferable Courses
- CSU GE-Breadth Certification Courses
- CSU US History, Constitution, and American Ideals Courses (CSU AI)
- IGETC for UC and CSU
- UC Transferable Courses
- UC Transfer Admission Eligibility Courses

View Transferability Lists



## Transfer Admission Guarantee (TAG)

### Guaranteed admission to 1 UC campus!

Student may only apply for TAG at 1 of the 6 participating campuses. Requirements vary by campus and major.

TAG application filing period:

September 1–30: fall term

May 1–31: winter/spring term



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### Transfer Pathways

- Available for students who know which major they plan to pursue but want to keep their UC campus options open.
- Provides students with a roadmap of courses to take while at community college to prepare for their major and on-time graduation from any UC.

### Pathways+

- Combines major preparation and timely degree completion of the Transfer Pathway with the security of a transfer guarantee.



## Transfer support from UC

### Transfer Prep programming

1:1 advising

Application support

Transfer workshops  
and events

Summer residential  
programs

Peer mentorship

### Partnerships

Puente Project

MESA

Umoja

### Programs and resources after transfer

Transfer orientations

Transfer-specific  
housing

Peer mentorship  
programs

Transition success  
programs and  
centers

# Best practices: Creating a transfer going culture

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## Best practices: Creating a transfer going culture

### How to establish a positive transfer going culture in high school

Integrate community colleges into discussions about higher education.

Arrange for representatives from community colleges to speak with students about the opportunities available on their campuses.

Involve prospective community college students in campus festivities.

Host workshops that cover transfer admission requirements and the transfer process.

Engage parents in discussions about the transfer pathway.

Encourage high school students to enroll in dual enrollment courses.

## Best practices: Using transfer inclusive language

Affirm  
college  
choice and  
path

Highlight  
benefits and  
opportunities

Use  
empowering  
language

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## **Resources**

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### **Transfer Pathways**

[admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/admission-requirements/transfer-requirements/uc-transfer-programs/transfer-pathways](https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/admission-requirements/transfer-requirements/uc-transfer-programs/transfer-pathways)

### **Pathways+**

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### **UC TAP**

[uctap.universityofcalifornia.edu/students](https://uctap.universityofcalifornia.edu/students)

### **TAG**

[admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/admission-requirements/transfer-requirements/uc-transfer-programs/transfer-admission-guarantee-tag.html](https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/admission-requirements/transfer-requirements/uc-transfer-programs/transfer-admission-guarantee-tag.html)

### **ASSIST**

[assist.org](https://assist.org)

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# Questions?

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