# Full disclosure

International coursework and academic records

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### What we'll cover...

- Common terminology
- What to report and how to report it
- Why disclosure is important for students
- Why disclosure is important for UC
- Challenges to obtaining records from unstable countries







## **Common terminology**

### **Academic record**

- The document showing courses attempted and grades earned
- In the U.S., we call this a 'transcript'
- If possible, ask for the academic record by its correct name

### Mixed record

- An academic record with both domestic and international coursework
- Does not mean the student is an international student
- Both the U.S. and the international coursework must be reported to UC







## What to report

### Students must report:

- Every post-secondary institution attended
- All coursework attempted
- All grades earned
- Any degrees/diplomas awarded



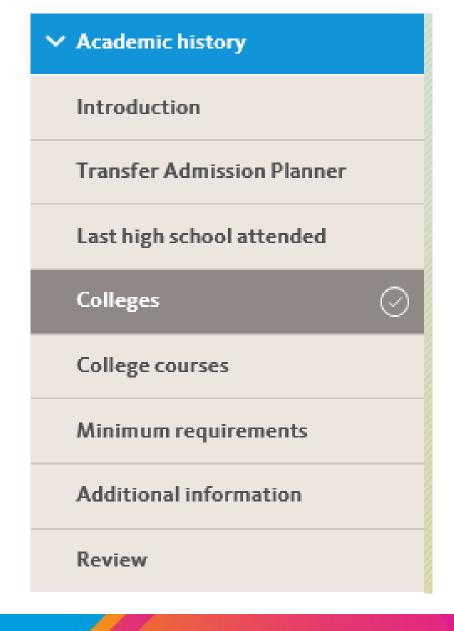




# How to report an international institution

In the Academic History section, students will:

- Add the international institution
- Indicate dates of attendance
- Select the term type and grading system for each school
- Indicate language of instruction
- Report degrees/diplomas/ certificates earned with dates



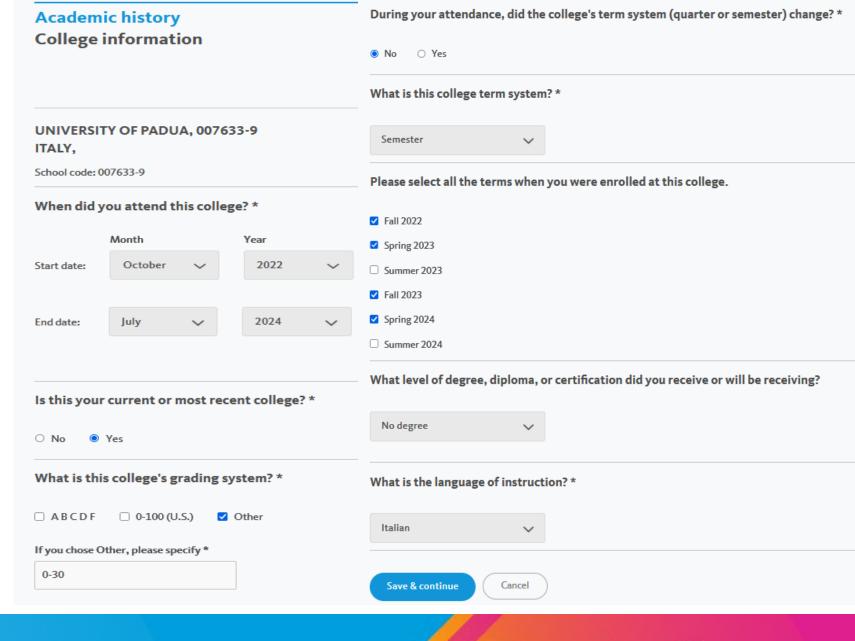






# **Example: int'l institution**







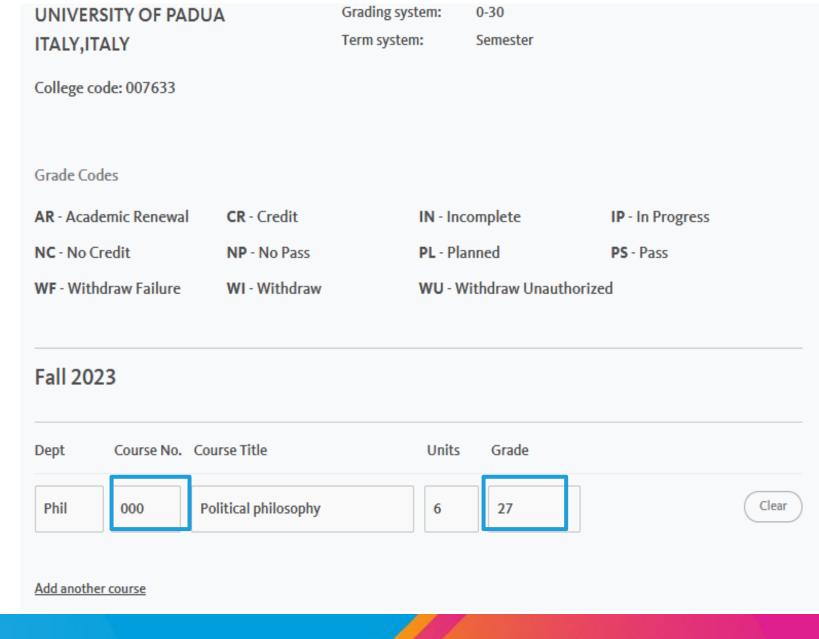




# Reporting international coursework

#### Students should:

- Work from international record
- Report exact course titles
- Report grades on native grade scale
- Use Additional Comments









### Disclosure for the student's benefit

Avoid repeating courses unnecessarily

Only UCtransferable courses are included in the GPA

Maintain academic integrity

Avoid potential application or admission cancellation for falsification

Might be able to go directly into higher-level degree program

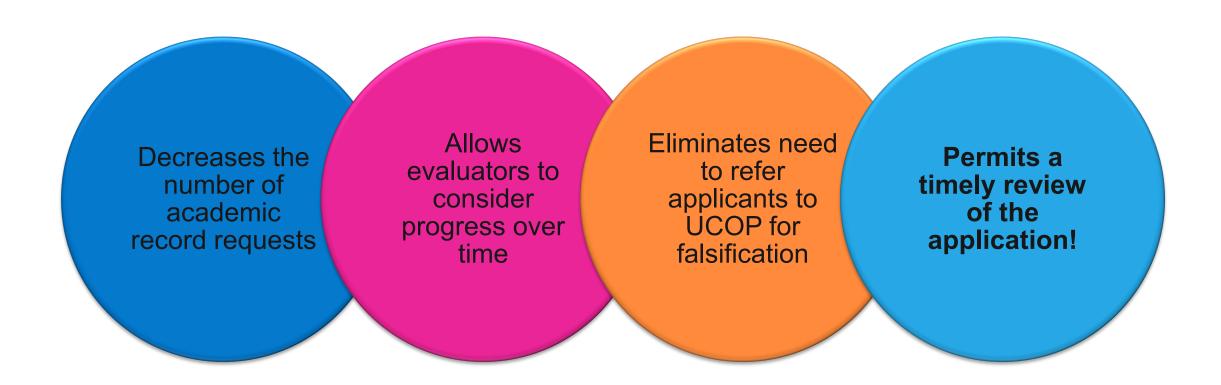
May be able to transfer sooner!







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## Additional points to consider

- Academic records are available from nearly every country
- Students usually do not need to request academic records in person
- Institutions will issue academic records for incomplete programs
- Some institutions will issue academic records in English at the student's request
- The student should be able to obtain syllabi or course descriptions for the courses they completed









## Politically unstable countries

- UC recognizes it may be impossible to obtain an academic record in certain circumstances
  - From some war-torn countries
  - From some countries undergoing a political coup
  - From some countries with overall political unrest
  - From some countries that require military service to obtain an academic records
  - From students who are political asylees







### What about "disclosure"?

- Students must report attendance at the institution
- If unofficial record is available, student must report coursework and grades
- Student should explain circumstances in Additional Comments
- Campus verifies that academic records are not available
- Campus asks student to sign an official statement acknowledging that if they ever produce the record, no credit will be awarded

# Countries where academic records may not be available:

- Afghanistan
- Iran
- Myanmar
- Palestine
- Russia
- Ukraine
- Venezuela







# Thank you





