Transfer vibes only

Admission 101 for counselors

September 2025

Agenda

- Defining a transfer student

- Selection

- Evaluation basics

- Transfer student resources and programs

- Navigating Assist

- Counselor and campus resources

Defining a transfer student

Who is a transfer applicant?

A transfer applicant is a student who has:

- Graduated from, left high school, or equivalent (such as GED or HiSET)
- Enrolled in a regular term at a college or university after high school graduation

Which of these students would be considered a transfer applicant?

❌ **Emma** — Emma is a junior in high school and is currently taking courses at a California Community College. She will have completed over 60 semester/90 quarter UC transferable units by the time she graduates high school.

✅ **Tony** — Tony received his high school diploma but decided to take some time after graduation. He is now enrolled in a winter/spring term at his local community college.

❓ **Olivia** — Olivia graduated from her high school in December and is now enrolled in her local community college for the spring semester.

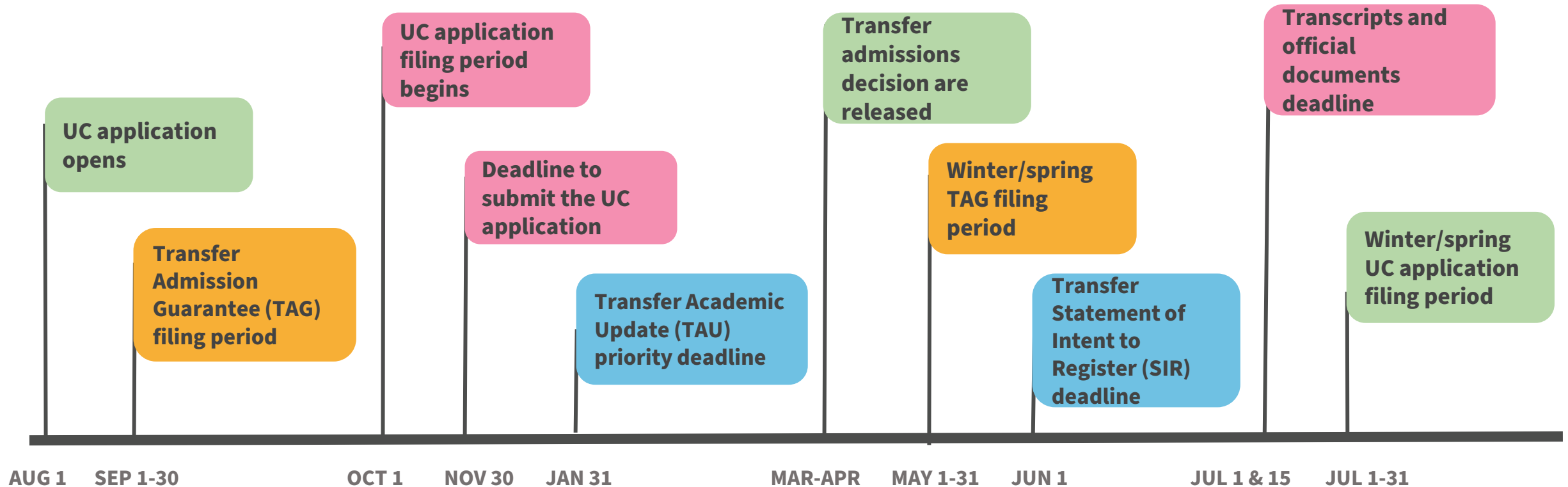# Definition of a California Community College transfer student

Has completed at least 30 semester (45 quarter) UC transferable units at one or more California Community Colleges
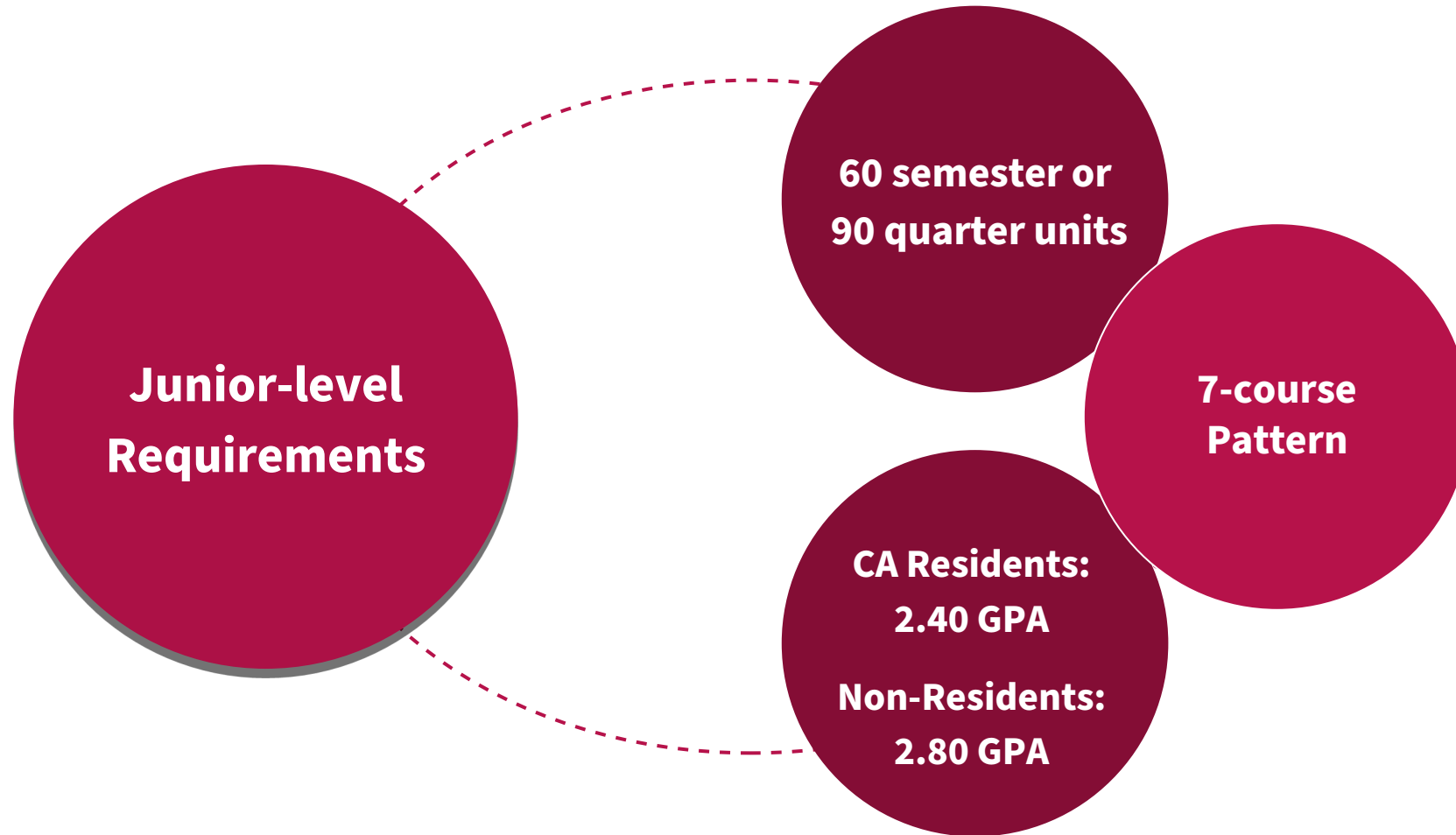
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Attended a California Community College as their last college in a regular session (fall, winter or spring) before enrolling at a UC campus

Admissions timeline

UC application opens

Transfer Admission Guarantee (TAG) filing period

UC application filing period begins

Deadline to submit the UC application

Transfer Academic Update (TAU) priority deadline

Transfer admissions decision are released

Winter/spring TAG filing period

Transfer Statement of Intent to Register (SIR) deadline

Transcripts and official documents deadline

Winter/spring UC application filing period

AUG 1   **SEP 1-30**   **OCT 1**   **NOV 30**   **JAN 31**   **MAR-APR**   **MAY 1-31**   **JUN 1**   **JUL 1 & 15**   **JUL 1-31**

Transfer admission requirements

Junior-level Requirements

60 semester or 90 quarter units

7-course Pattern

CA Residents: 2.40 GPA

Non-Residents: 2.80 GPA

Seven course pattern

2 transferable courses in English composition (UC-E)

4 transferable college courses chosen from at least two of the following subject areas:

- arts and humanities (UC-H)
- social and behavioral sciences (UC-B)
- physical and biological sciences (UC-S)

1 transferable course in mathematical concepts and quantitative reasoning (UC-M)

UC-transferable GPA

GPA vs UC-transferable GPA

- The overall GPA listed on the CCC transcript may be different than an applicant's UC-transferable GPA.

UC-transferable GPA

- Only takes into account grades from UC-transferable courses.
- Non-transferable courses are not calculated into UC transferable GPA.

Selection

Requirements vs selection

<u>True or False?</u>

1. Completing IGETC/CalGETC is a requirement for admission.

   - False

2. Major preparation is required for admission.

   - False *(but it depends)*

3. Personal insight questions are considered as part of selection criteria.

   - It depends

4. UC requires applicants to have volunteer experience.

   - False

5. Transfer students must complete the UC 7-course pattern to be considered for admission.

   - True

Comprehensive review

- General Education Breadth Requirements (IGETC/Cal-GETC)

- Grade Point Average (GPA) Overall and major prerequisites

- Honors Courses and Programs

- Special Talents, Achievements, Awards

- Special Projects, Clubs, Research, Volunteer Work

- Life Experiences and Special Circumstances

- Geographic Factors, College Location, Student Residence

- UC Transfer Pathways or Associate Degree for Transfer (ADT)

Major preparation

Major preparation (or "major prep") for transfer students refers to completing specific lower-division courses that are required or strongly recommended for a student's intended major before transferring to UC.

School of Business
Selecting Major Requirements for 2023-2024:

Business Administration, B.S.

All students transferring into the School of Business are required to:

1. Complete community college courses equivalent to the following six lower Division.
2. Attain a minimum GPA of 2.70 in all UC transferable course work, and a minimum 2.50 GPA in the six lower division major prerequisites listed. (This GPA is a baseline for consideration and not a guarantee of admission.)
3. Complete IGETC or the UCR breadth pattern for the School of Business.

REQUIRED:
- Math 9A (First-Year Calculus) or MATH 22 (Calculus for Business)
- Business 10 (Introduction to Business)
- Business 20 (Financial Accounting and Reporting)
- Economics 2 (Intro to Macroeconomics)
- Economics 3 (Intro to Microeconomics)
- STAT 8 (Statistics for Business)

UC Riverside Major Preparation Guide, Business Administration Major

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IGETC and Cal-GETC

Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC)

- A series of courses a CCC student can complete to satisfy most or all general education requirements prior to transferring to UC

- IGETC for STEM

    - Available to students pursuing a STEM major.

    - Student plans to earn an associate degree for transfer (ADT) with an IGETC for STEM option.

    - UC major program accepts partial IGETC (may vary)

California General Education Transfer Curriculum (Cal-GETC)

- A singular set of courses a CCC student can complete to satisfy most or all general education requirements prior to transferring to UC or CSU

IGETC vs Cal-GETC

IGETC

- For students enrolled in community college prior to fall 2025
- Some course variation for students transferring to a UC compared to CSU
- Language Other than English required for UC

IGETC & Cal-GETC

- Not required for admission
- Recommended for some majors
- Includes an Ethnic Studies requirement
- Certified by the CCC

Cal-GETC

- For students entering community college in fall 2025 and beyond
- One set of courses for CSU and UC
- *Removed* Language Other than English Requirement (LOTE)

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Transfer Admission Guarantee (TAG)

- Guaranteed admission to one UC campus

- Offered at 6 campus

- TAG is not a requirement for admission

- Separate from the UC application

- Requirements vary by campus
  - GPA
  - Coursework
  - Details and deadlines

TAG Deadlines:

May 1-31: Winter/Spring term application filing period

Sept. 1-30: Fall term application filing period

Evaluation basics

Transferability

California community college (CCC) courses:

- Students and counselors may utilize Assist to determine if a course is UC transferable for a specific academic year.
- Transferability does not always equal articulation.
  - Use the articulation agreements on Assist to determine which CCC courses articulate to a specific UC campus courses.

Non-California community college courses:

- Transferability is determined after a student has applied to UC.
- Non-CCC courses reviewed and determined to be essentially the same as courses offered for an undergraduate degree at any UC campus are typically transferable.
  - See UC's Transfer Credit Practices

Common credit limitations

PE theory courses are limited to 8 semester/12 quarter units

PE activity courses are limited to 4 semester/6 quarter units

ESL courses are limited to 8 semester/12 quarter units

College algebra and pre-calculus are limited to one course

Statistics is limited to one course

College counseling courses are limited to 3 semester/4.5 quarter units

Credit limitation examples

Statistics courses often have limits with other statistics courses in other departments.

*	SOC 48	Statistics for the Behavioral Sciences
		Same as: PSY 48
	SOC 50	Introduction to Social Research Methods

* MAT 12, MAT 12H, MAT 70B, PSY 48 and SOC 48 combined: maximum credit, 1 course

There is a limit on how many guidance/counseling units a student will receive credit for.

*	GUI 45	Introduction to College
*	GUI 46	Introduction to the Transfer Process
*	GUI 47	Career Exploration and Life Planning
*	GUI 48	College Success Strategies

* GUI 45, GUI 46, GUI 47 and GUI 48 combined: maximum credit, 3 units

Sequential subjects

Math → Language other than English (LOTE) → English as a second language (ESL) → Chemistry
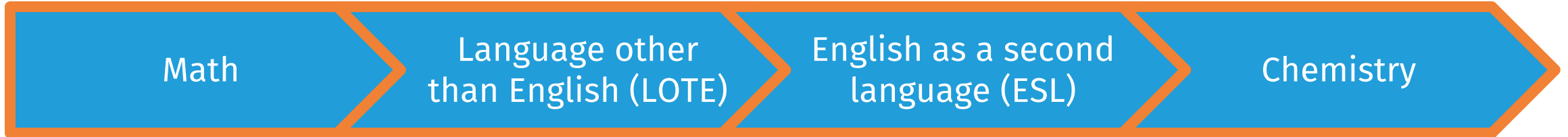
No credit for lower-level courses after a more advanced level has already been completed with a C grade or higher

Check prerequisites in course catalog to determine the sequential order of courses

Sequence limitation example

Always check the left column for notations concerning limitations.

Review the footnotes on Assist to determine how the credit limitation is applied.

	CHE 1A (W/Lab)	General Chemistry, I
	CHE 1AH (W/Lab)	Honors General Chemistry, I
	CHE 1B (W/Lab)	General Chemistry, II
	CHE 1BH (W/Lab)	Honors General Chemistry, II
* +	CHE 2A (W/Lab)	Introductory Chemistry, I
o	CHE 2B (W/Lab)	Introductory Chemistry, II
* +	CHE 3 (W/Lab)	Fundamentals of Chemistry
* +	CHE 10	Chemistry for Everyone
	CHE 12A (W/Lab)	Organic Chemistry, I
	CHE 12B (W/Lab)	Organic Chemistry, II
	CHE 17	Introduction to the Development of Modern Science

* CHE 2A, CHE 3 and CHE 10 combined: maximum credit, 1 course
+ No credit for CHE 2A, CHE 3 or CHE 10 if taken after CHE 1A or CHE 1AH
o No credit for CHE 2B if taken after CHE 12A

Academic renewals

- Students may elect to have previously completed courses excluded in the computation of their cumulative grade point average (GPA).

- Academic renewal is **not the same** as repeating a course

- Approved academic renewal courses will have a special notation on the CCC transcripts.

- Courses should be marked as 'AR' on the UC application

Academic renewal sample transcripts

Los Angeles Community College District

2022 Fall (Aug 29, 2022 - Dec 18, 2022)

Course		College	Title	Units Attempted	Units Earned	Grade	Grade Points	Notes
BIOLOGY	006	LAHC	General Biology I	5.00	5.00	A	20	CSU/UC
HISTORY	081	LAHC	Hist Of Wrk People I	3.00	3.00	A	12	CSU/UC
MATH	260	LAHC	Precalculus	0.00	0.00	F	0	CSU/UC
Repeated:			Academic Renewal (Grade/Units Not Used)					

Irvine Valley College

Dept	Course Number	Course Title	Units Enroll	Units Attempt	Grade	Footnote	Units Complete	Grade Points	GPA	GEC	IGETC
Fall Semester 2017											
HIST	20	AMER HIST TO 1870(I)	3.00	(3.00)	F	@	(0.00)	(0.00)		C2	3B
MUS	28	HISTORY OF ROCK MUSIC(I)	3.00	3.00	F		0.00	0.00		C1	3A
PS	1	AMERICAN GOVERNMENT(I)	3.00	3.00	A		3.00	12.00		D8	4H
SOC	1	INTRO TO SOCIOLOGY(I)	3.00	(3.00)	F	R	(0.00)	(0.00)		D0	4J
		Semester Total	12.00	6.00			3.00	12.00	2.00		
		Cumulative Total	12.00	6.00			3.00	12.00	2.00		

GRADE NOTATIONS

e	Credit by exam
#	High School Credit Only (not used after fall 2003)
@	Academic Renewal
r	Repeat Annotation for courses repeated
H	Honors Program

Withdrawals

Courses marked as 'Withdrawal' or 'Excused Withdrawal' have no grade point value and are not included in the GPA calculation.

However…

Failure to withdraw and unauthorized withdrawals are considered 'F' grades.

Language of instruction (LOI)

- No lower-division credit is awarded for language acquisition courses or AP language exams and college LOTE courses if the language was the same as the language of instruction in all of the 9th grade or beyond.

- College credit for literature courses taught in the language of instruction is allowed.

Example:

- Olivia completed 9th and 10th grade in Spanish. Therefore, she is not eligible to receive UC credit for Spanish language courses taken at a CCC or for the AP Spanish Language exam. However, UC credit may be awarded for the AP Spanish Literature exam or for UC-transferable Spanish literature courses.

Limitations on lower division units

Students are granted up to 70 semester/105 quarter UC-transferable units for lower division coursework at any institution or combination of institutions.

- Excludes units completed at a UC campus or UC Extension

- Excludes AP, IB, and/or A level examinations

- All CCC units are lower division

- Lower division units completed beyond maximum limitation does not impact eligibility for admission.

Note: Upper division units deemed UC-transferable may result in excessive units and potentially impact an applicant's eligibility.

Lower division unit limitation

Examples:

Moreno Valley College +	**5 semester/7.5 quarter units**
Riverside City College +	**84 semester/126 quarter units**
Mt. San Jacinto College	**3 semester/4.5 quarter units**
Total units awarded =	**70 semester/105 quarter units**

Santa Ana College +	**12 semester/18 quarter units**
CSU Fullerton *(lower division)* +	**72 semester/ 108 quarter units**
CSU Fullerton *(upper division)*	**18 semester/27 quarter units**
Total units awarded =	**88 semester/132 quarter units**

Transfer student resources and programs

UC Transfer Admission Planner (UC TAP)

UC TAP is a free, online tool designed for prospective transfer students to track and plan their coursework as they prepare to transfer
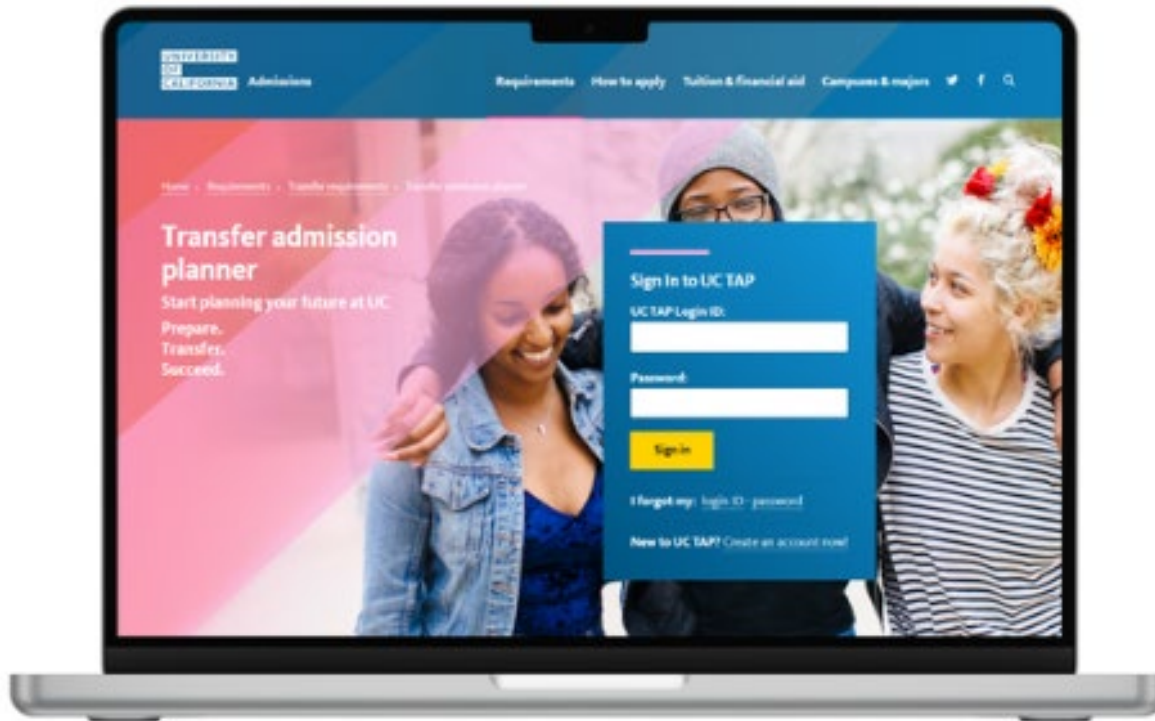
- **Free** online tool for California Community College students

- Designed to **track and plan** coursework for UC transfer

- **Required to apply for a UC Transfer Admission Guarantee (TAG)**

UC Transfer Pathways

The Transfer Pathways can help students who want to make themselves competitive across the UC system

What are UC Transfer Pathways?

- A set of courses students can follow to prepare for 30 of the most sought-after UC majors

- Standardized prep across all 9 undergraduate UC campuses

- Offers a single roadmap to keep options open for multiple UC campuses

- 10 new transfer pathways for fall 2026!

Available majors

- **Aerospace engineering**
- **Anthropology**
- **Biochemistry***
- **Bioengineering**
- **Biology***
- **Business administration**
- **Cell biology***
- **Chemical engineering**
- **Chemistry**
- **Civil engineering**
- **Communication**
- **Computer science**
- **Data science**
- **Earth science/geology**
- **Economics**
- **Electrical engineering**
- **English**
- **Environmental engineering**
- **Environmental science**
- **History**
- **Materials science & engineering**
- **Mathematics**
- **Mechanical engineering**
- **Molecular biology***
- **Philosophy**
- **Physics**
- **Political science**
- **Psychology**
- **Sociology**
- **Statistics**

*Biochemistry, biology, cell biology and molecular biology will become a single Transfer Pathway in **Biological sciences** for fall 2027 applicants!*

UC Transfer Pathways+

Pathways+ blends a clear set of major prep courses (Transfer Pathways) with the security of TAG.

What is Pathways+?

- Combines UC Transfer Pathways + Transfer Admission Guarantee (TAG)

- Follow major-specific prep for top UC majors
- Use TAP (Transfer Admission Planner) to track progress and apply

Majors for UC Transfer Pathways are the same for Pathways+

Select Major

Follow Transfer Pathway Courses

Apply for TAG via TAP

Submit UC application

Transfer to UC

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Associate Degree for Transfer (ADT)

Fast facts:

Planned or earned ADTs can be reported on the UC application and may be considered during campus selection.

Students do not need to apply to UC for the same major as their ADT.

ADTs do not guarantee admission to UC.

Students pursuing an ADT may also apply for TAG.

Associates degrees for transfer (ADT) are not required for admission to UC.

ADT to UC

Advising students for UC transfer on an ADT pathway:

- ADTs often meet minimum UC transfer admission requirements.
- May be a viable option for students who wish to apply to both UC and CSU for a non-selecting UC major.
- ADTs may satisfy some or all major prep for selective majors.
  - Students may choose to complete required UC major prep in addition to ADT requirements.
  - Refer to Assist for campus specific major preparation requirements.

Associate's Degree for Transfer (ADT)

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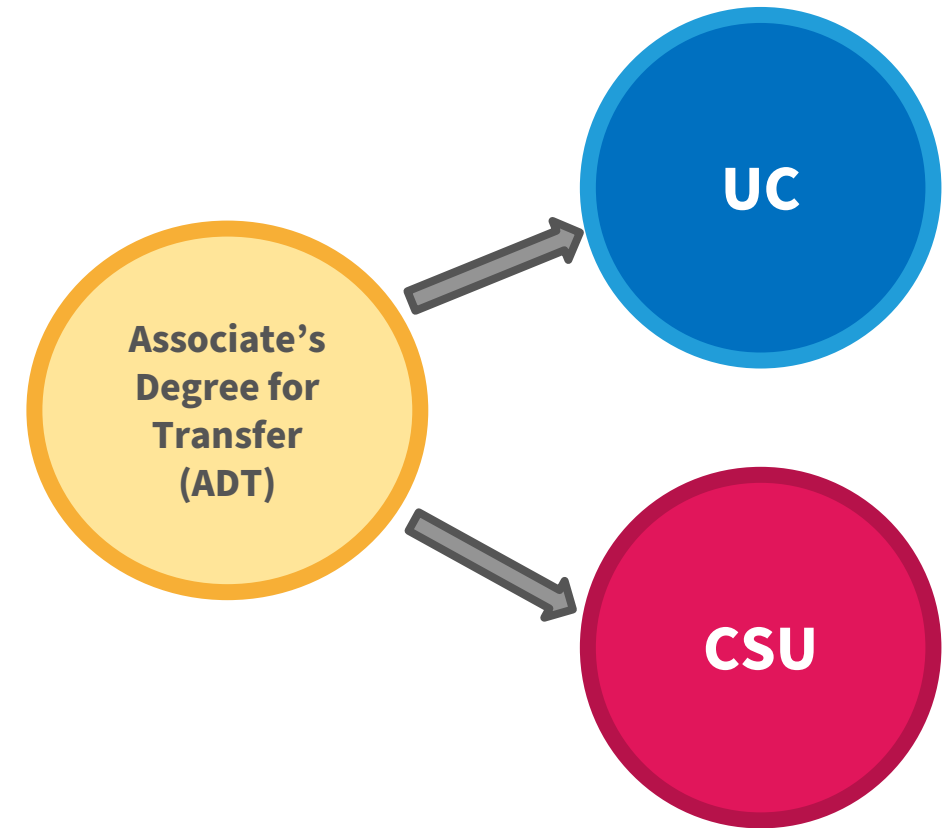
Navigating ASSIST

Understanding ASSIST.org
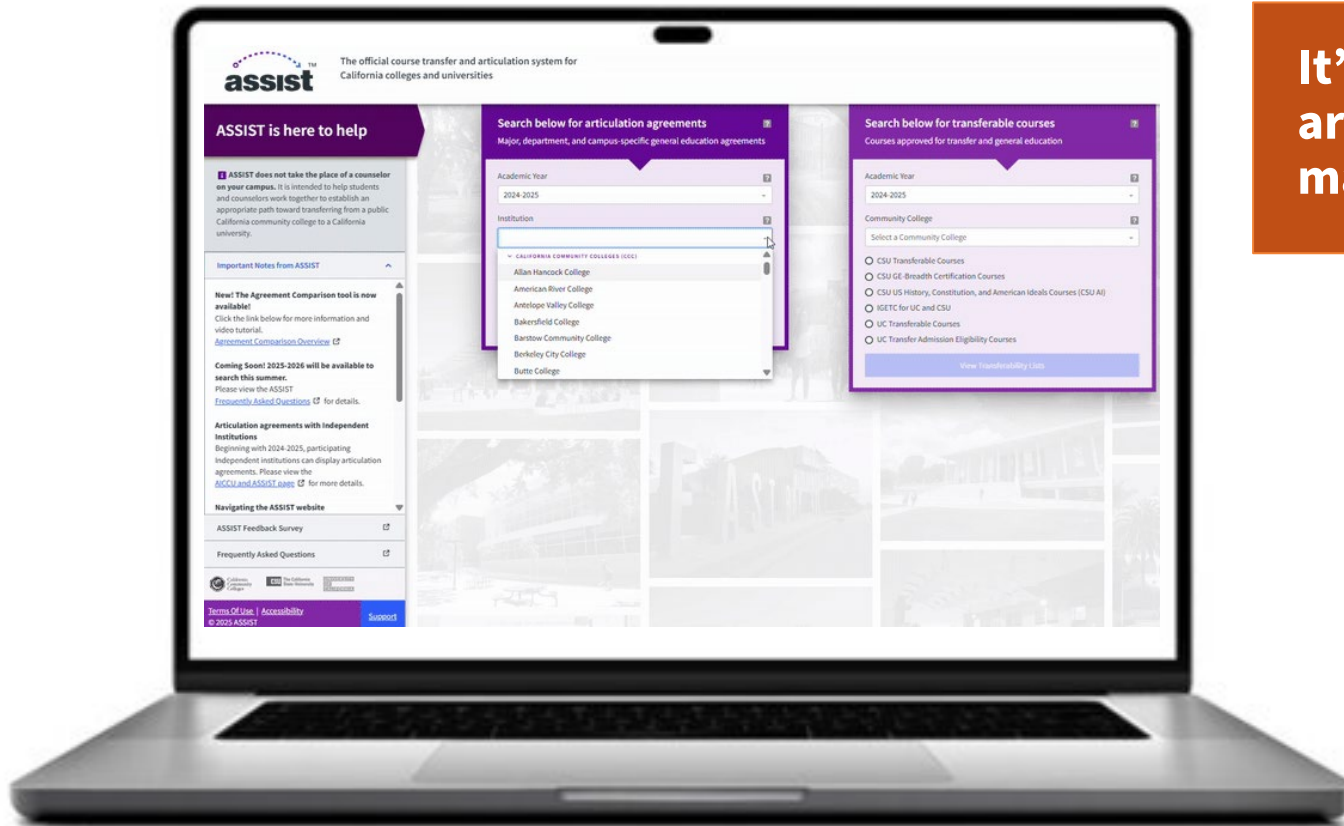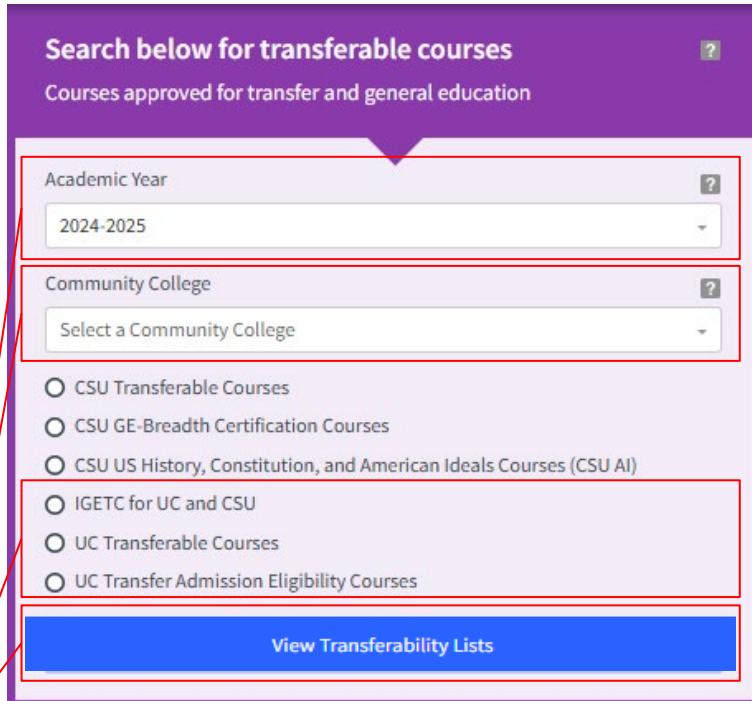
It's the go-to resource for exploring course articulation, general education breadth, and major prep requirements

ASSIST.org is California's official transfer and articulation system

- Assist provides accurate, updated info on CCC courses transferable to UC & CSU.
- Free, public tool used by students and counselors to explore:
  - Course transferability (UC-transferable)
  - Major preparation by campus
  - Articulation agreements by major or department

Course transferability and site features

- **Transferability: Indicates if a CCC course earns UC credit.**
- All UCs use the same transferability list—but update yearly.
- **Site capabilities include:**
  - Viewing UC-transferable courses by CCC
  - Finding UC-Math (UC-M) & UC-English (UC-E) fulfilling courses
  - Exploring major prep requirements by campus
  - Exporting or printing articulation data for planning

You can find UC transferable courses and UC-M/UC-E in 3 easy steps!

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Articulation agreements
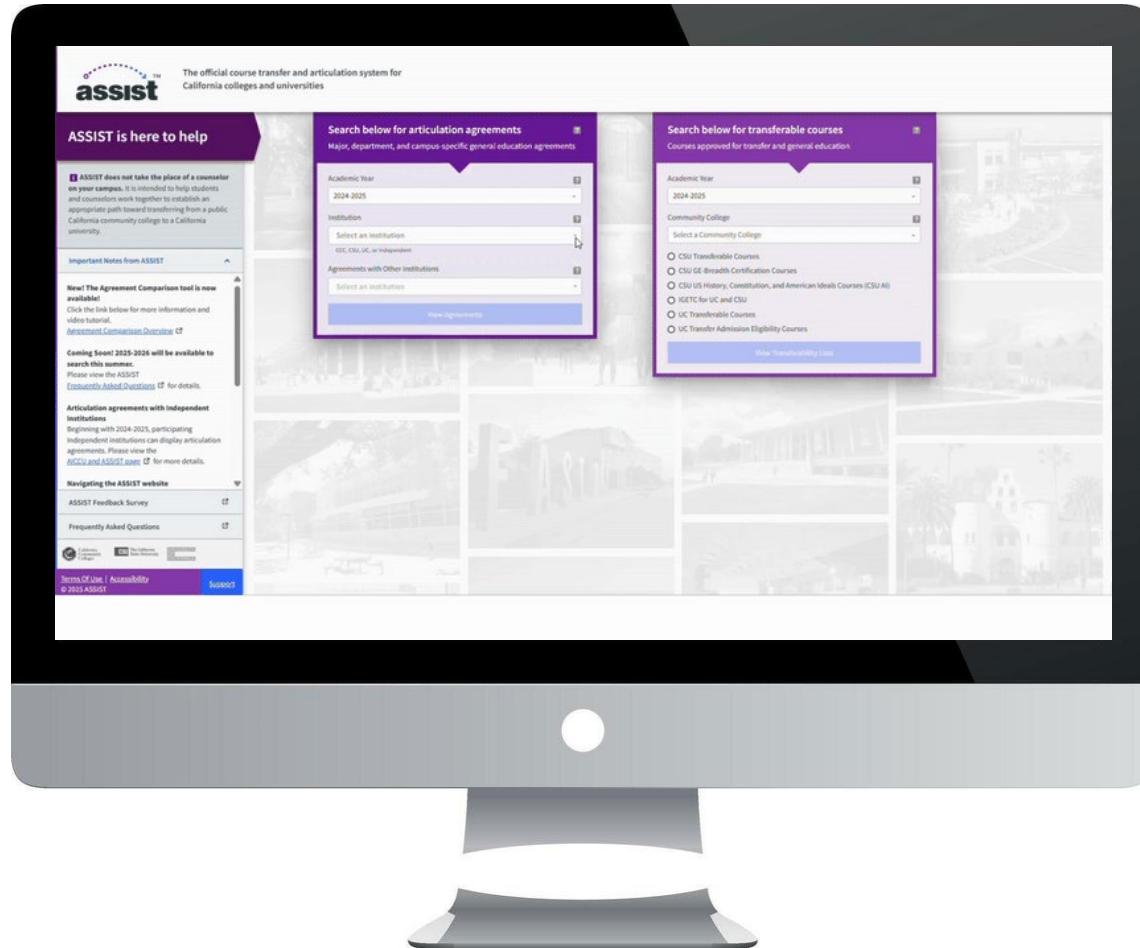
Articulation = how CCC courses fulfill UC major/breadth requirements.

- Campus-specific: agreements differ between UCs.

- **3 types of articulation info:**
  - GE/Breadth agreements
  - Course-to-course equivalencies
  - Lower-division major prep

Must check each UC campus individually

UC resources for counselors

Resources

UC resources

- **UC TAP (Transfer Admission Planner)**
- **UC Transfer Pathways**
- **ASSIST.ORG**
- **UC Undergraduate Admissions Staff**

CCC resources

- **Career and Transfer Center**
- **Transfer Counselor Network (TCN)**
- **CCCtransfer.org/resources**
- **Regional Partnerships & Events**
    - *Transfer Fairs and College Day Events/Visits*

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Transfer Hub for students

You can transfer.

Whether you're a high school student looking at colleges, a current community college student exploring your next steps or a working adult building your career, earning a degree from UC is within your reach.

UC gives California community college students first priority over other transfer applicants.

Start with a plan.

These are the 3 things you need to do to get started on your transfer path:

1. Decide what and where you want to study.

You'll have two important choices to make when you're preparing to transfer: what you want to study (think: major) and where you want to study (think: campus). Don't have a major or campus in mind yet? Browse through course catalogs, read course descriptions, visit a campus and find what sparks your interests.

2. Use the tools and resources available.

Figuring out what classes you need to take and when you need to take them can feel overwhelming, but there are lots of resources, from counselors to websites, to help you make sure you're on target to meet your transfer goals.

Transfer resources

3. Follow your progress.

From preparing for your major to taking GE classes to meeting college eligibility requirements— monitoring your progress can help you stay on the transfer track.

Track progress

Transfer Hub

Includes key transfer information and campus links for transfer students to assist in their planning.

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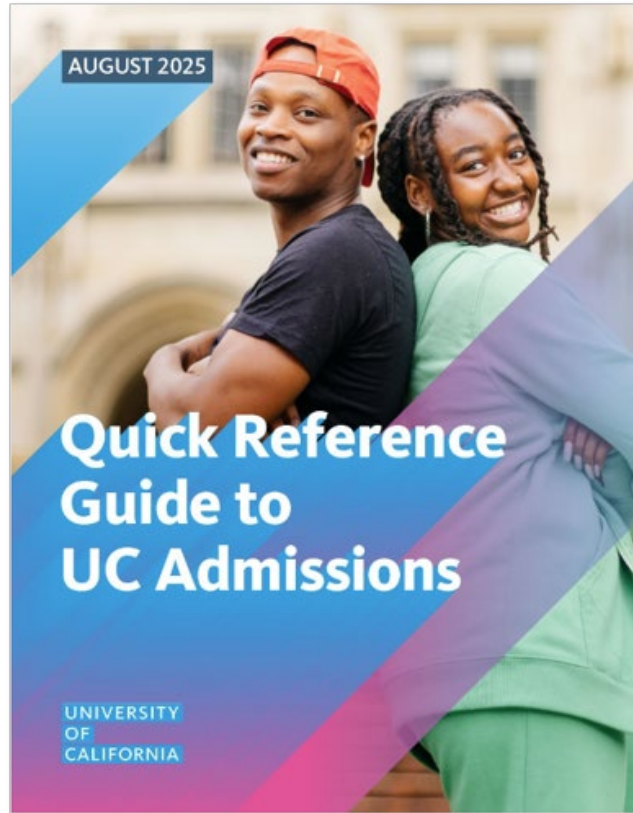*Sign up to receive UC's monthly newsletter and see past issues as well*

Your guide to UC

UC Quick Reference Guide to UC Admissions

Your go-to guide on systemwide admission requirements, policies and practices

Campus major preparation

Campus	Major preparation website
Berkeley	https://admissions.berkeley.edu/transfer-admissions-information-by-college
Davis	https://www.ucdavis.edu/admissions/undergraduate/transfer/selective-major-requirements/
Irvine	https://www.admissions.uci.edu/apply/transfer/requirements.php
Los Angeles	https://admission.ucla.edu/apply/transfer/deciding-on-major
Merced	https://admissions.ucmerced.edu/transfer/major-preparation-schools
Riverside	https://admissions.ucr.edu/transfer/majors-preparation-guide
Santa Barbara	https://admissions.ext-prod.sa.ucsb.edu/selective-majors
Santa Cruz	https://admissions.ucsc.edu/transfer-students#screening-major-requirements
San Diego	https://admissions.ucsd.edu/transfer/transfer-major-preparation.html

UC Transfer Prep programs

Campus	Outreach program
Berkeley	Transfer Alliance Project (TAP)
Davis	Transfer Opportunity Program (TOP)
Irvine	Summer Scholars Transfer Institute (SSTI) Transfer Leadership Collaborative (TLC)
UCLA	Center for Community College Partnerships (CCCP)
Merced	Transfer Initiatives Program (UC TIP)
Riverside	Transfer Success Program (TSP)
Santa Barbara	Transfer Preparation Academy
Santa Cruz	Transfer Preparation Program (TPP)
San Diego	Triton Summer Transfer Academy

Questions?

Thank You