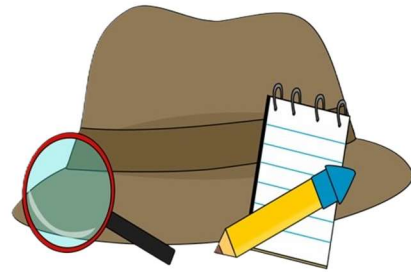# Decoding UC online resources:
Sharpen your detective skills and become a super sleuth

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Overview

1. Transfer Admission Planner (TAP): Prepare the case
2. UC Information Center: Gather evidence
3. Counselor Resource Library: Be an investigator

For this session we will review the UC Transfer Admission Planner, the UC Information Center and the UC Counselor Resource Library.

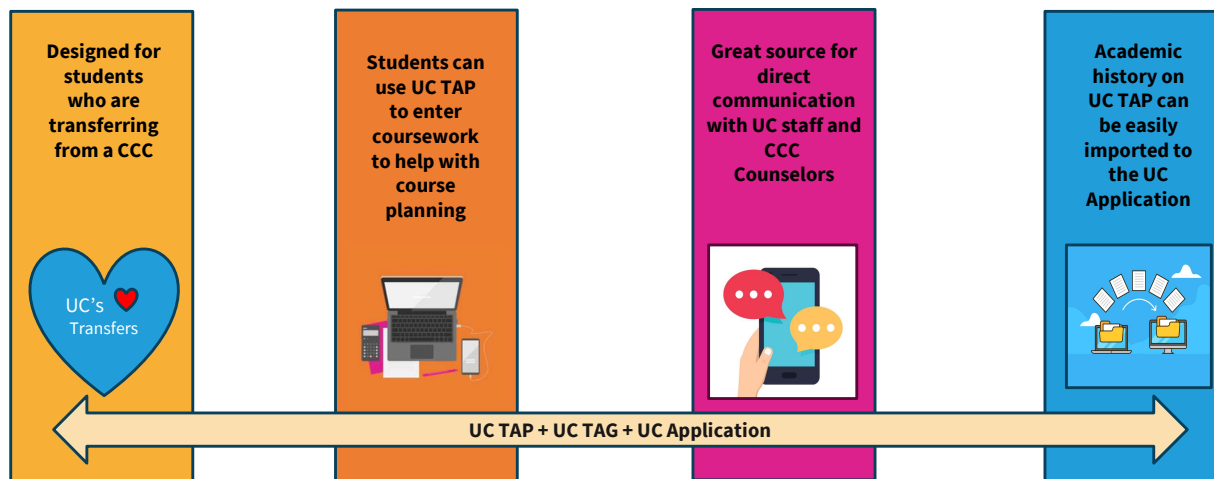# UC Transfer Admission Planner (UC TAP): Prepare the case

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The UC TAP Tool is a great resource to help prospective students "prepare" for their next academic adventure. For this first section we will overview student account and counselor account features.

UC Transfer Admission Planner (UC TAP) for students

Designed for students who are transferring from a CCC	Students can use UC TAP to enter coursework to help with course planning	Great source for direct communication with UC staff and CCC Counselors	Academic history on UC TAP can be easily imported to the UC Application
UC's ♥ Transfers			

UC TAP + UC TAG + UC Application

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The UC TAP tool is designed for use by students transferring from California community colleges, including those students who are seeking a Transfer Admission Guarantee (TAG) with one of the six participating UC campuses.

UC TAP helps students plan their coursework and map their progress toward meeting UC minimum requirements

The UC TAP is a place where students can receive important messages regarding upcoming events/visits from UC representatives.

Students may choose the UC application option to import academic information (coursework) from their UC TAP/TAG account to the UC application.

UC TAP – for students

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- A great feature for the students is the Support program section. Students can view available programs and indicate their interests. Additionally, through the "**my transfer plan**" section, students can indicate the UC campuses and majors they are interested in pursuing.

- Through both the '**support programs**' and '**my transfer plan**' sections, students may be considered and invited to transfer programs and events, including summer programs, internships, and research opportunities.

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

How to create a UC TAP account

- Create/login to access UC TAP account for counselors.

- IT Support available if you face any technical issues.

- Counselors must have a unique login for each college they represent, even within the same district

Counselor Access - Set up account

Full Name:

First: Middle: Last:

Email:

Re-type Email:

Birthdate: - Month -   - Day -   - Year -

California Community College Students
- This is not the section for you to create an account. You should create your account here.

Having trouble?
Contact us about technical problems with UC TAP

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How to access UC TAP

- Access to the UC TAP is determined by designees at individual California community colleges. Only authorized counselors will be granted access to UC TAP, as all information collected in the planning tool is considered confidential.

- Counselors will only have access to the students from the CCC that gave the counselor the TAP account, even though the counselor might work at multiple CCCs.

https://uctap.universityofcalifornia.edu/counselors/account/

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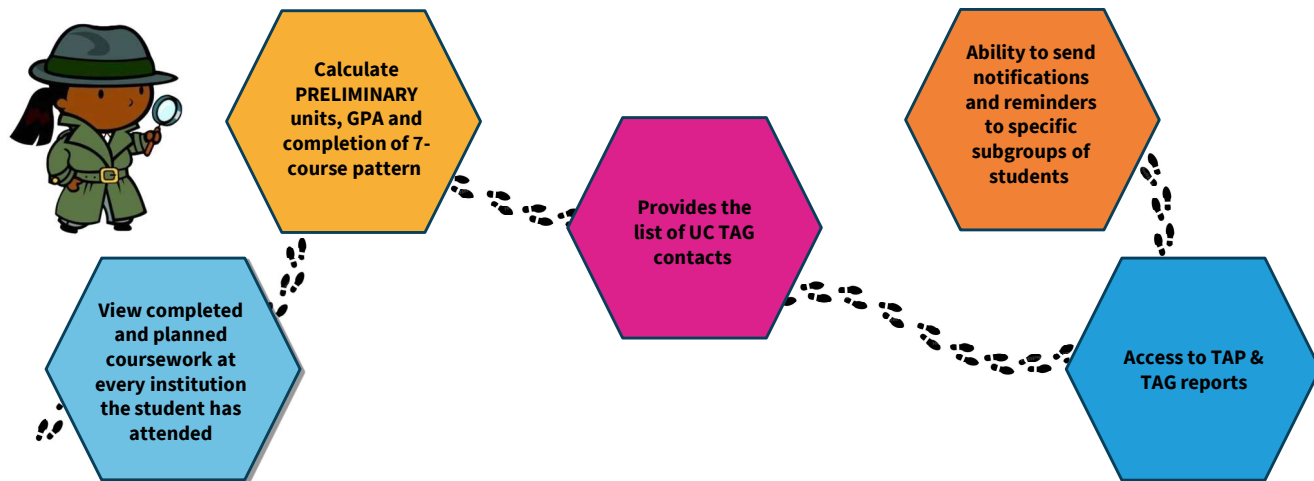
- Calculate PRELIMINARY units, GPA and completion of 7-course pattern
- View completed and planned coursework at every institution the student has attended
- Provides the list of UC TAG contacts
- Ability to send notifications and reminders to specific subgroups of students
- Access to TAP & TAG reports

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Counselor Benefits to using the UC TAP include:

- Access to a student's TAP account, easily allows you to see if a student is meeting the UC Transfer admission requirements (GPA, units, etc.)

  Please note: that unit and GPA calculations are preliminary and based on student self-reported information

- Counselors can access campus contacts and information regarding UC TAP Administrators, UC Campus TAG Contacts, and UC Representative Appointments

- Counselors have the ability to communicate with individual students, as well as send notifications and reminders to specific subgroups of students.

- The UC TAP tool provides counselors with access reports and outcome data from students at your CCC which we will show in more detail in the next slide.

This slide shows a snapshot of the various tools available for counselors with respect to reports and outcome data.

- Student search
- TAG/TAP reports (including status & outcome)
- Student counts by UC campus
- Student counts by UC college/majors
- Student list by UC campus
- UC Dual Admission reports

Counselors have the option to request additional reporting needs or provide feedback and ideas to better improve the TAP and TAG report section.
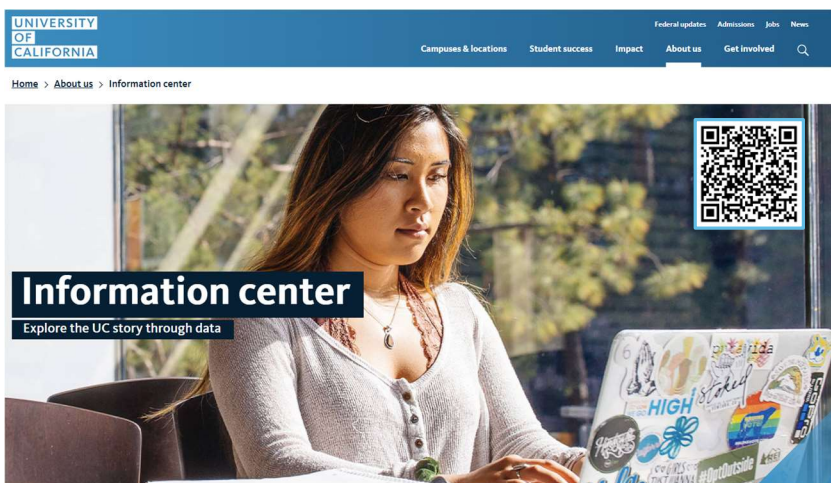
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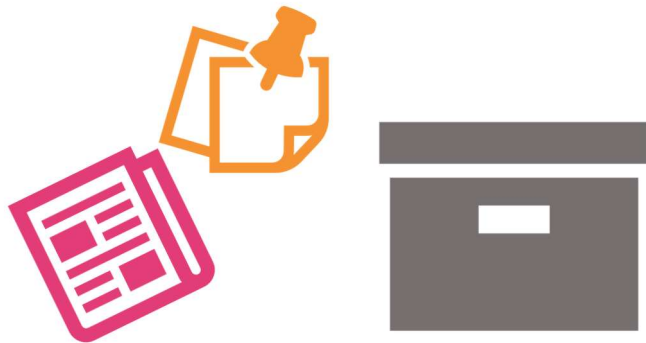
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We will now talk about gathering evidence as a detective using the UC Information Center, or Info Center for short.

UC Info Center: Quick links
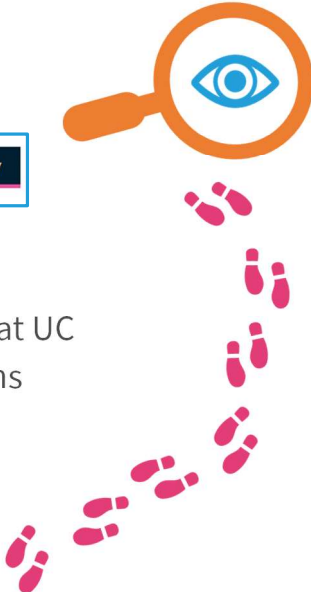
The Info Center offers powerful visuals, filters, and reports that can support with being data-informed.

There are two primary ways to navigate the Info Center. The first is to look at the **Quick Links.** Think of it like an evidence board that maps out the bigger picture clues your case is building off.

Quick Links enables users to access specific reports and databases, including:
- o The **UC at a glance report**, which provides a snapshot of how UC impacts the lives of people in California and around the world: ucop.edu/institutional-research-academic-planning/_files/uc-facts-at-a-glance.pdf
- o The **UC Accountability Report**, which provides an assessment of the UC's progress in meeting key goals: accountability.universityofcalifornia.edu/
- o The **More analyses** link takes users to the Institutional Research and Academic Planning Content & Analysis (IRAP) page which includes topic briefs, reports, and analyses that concentrate in key areas of UC: ucop.edu/institutional-research-academic-planning/content-analysis/index.html
- o And lastly, the **UC in California map** allows users to explore and visualize the reach of UC's teaching, research, and public service mission geographically: ucop.cisr.ucsc.edu/

The second approach for navigating the Info Center is looking for evidence reports using the **Search Bar** and utilizing key words such as "community college" and "transfer" as depicted on the slide.

Upon a search with these key words, the following relevant reports will populate:
- **Admissions by source school** provides applicant, admit, and enrollment data: universityofcalifornia.edu/about-us/information-center/admissions-source-school
- **California Community College new enrollments** shares the enrollees from campuses by year and UC campus: universityofcalifornia.edu/about-us/information-center/california-community-college-new-enrollments-uc
- **California community college outreach programs** is a portfolio and dashboard that highlights the efforts of UC's Transfer Prep Program: universityofcalifornia.edu/about-us/information-center/uc-ccc-outreach
- **Enrollment destinations of UC admits** shows the colleges that students admitted to a UC end up enrolling at: universityofcalifornia.edu/about-us/information-center/admit-destinations
- **Transfer fall admissions summary** details the most recent fall admission data: universityofcalifornia.edu/about-us/information-center/transfer-admissions-summary
- And lastly, **Transfers by major** provides data on transfer applicants based on their field of study: universityofcalifornia.edu/about-us/information-center/transfers-major

We are going to highlight two of these reports that offer valuable insights to counselors.

If you would like to view and click through the reports yourself, scan the QR codes on the bottom right of the screen for each report.

The first report we want to highlight is the **"Admission by source school"** report, which presents info on UC's applicants, admits, and enrollees: universityofcalifornia.edu/about-us/information-center/admissions-source-school

As seen on the top of this slide, the report utilizes clickable tabs, and for the purposes of Ensuring Transfer Success, we want to focus on the tabs beginning with capital **"TR,"** which stands for **Transfer**

Users are able to click the tabs to pull reports on **ethnicity (Eth)**, **gender (Gnd)**, and **mean GPA (GPA)** and filter them **by community college, academic year,** and **UC campus.**

This info is especially helpful for identifying historical trends based on your own campus's data, and counselors have primarily used this report to pull info on students' average GPA as pictured on this slide. As you can also see, we can filter the GPA data by a specific academic year, like 2020-2021, and a specific UC campus, like UCLA for example.
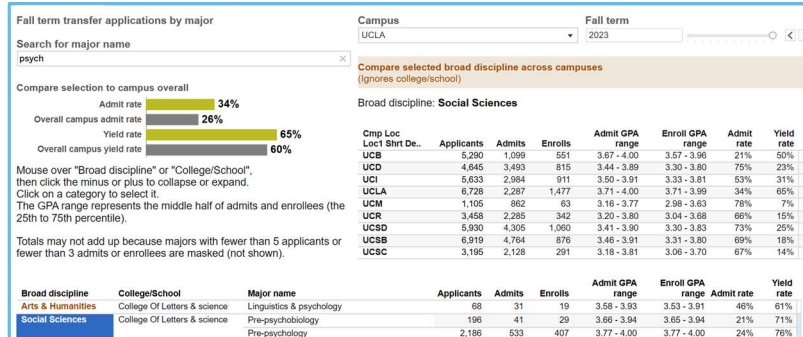
Transfers by major

| By major name | By federal CIP category | By community college |

Fall term transfer applications by major

Search for major name

psych

Compare selection to campus overall

Admit rate **34%**
Overall campus admit rate 26%
Yield rate **65%**
Overall campus yield rate 60%

Mouse over "Broad discipline" or "College/School", then click the minus or plus to collapse or expand. Click on a category to select it.
The GPA range represents the middle half of admits and enrollees (the 25th to 75th percentile).

Totals may not add up because majors with fewer than 5 applicants or fewer than 3 admits or enrollees are masked (not shown).

Campus: UCLA
Fall term: 2023

Compare selected broad discipline across campuses
(Ignores college/school)

Broad discipline: Social Sciences

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UCB	5,290	1,099	551	3.67 - 4.00	3.57 - 3.96	21%	50%
UCD	4,645	3,493	815	3.44 - 3.89	3.30 - 3.80	75%	23%
UCI	5,633	2,984	911	3.50 - 3.91	3.33 - 3.81	53%	31%
UCLA	6,728	2,287	1,477	3.71 - 4.00	3.71 - 3.99	34%	65%
UCM	1,105	862	63	3.16 - 3.77	2.98 - 3.63	78%	7%
UCR	3,458	2,285	342	3.20 - 3.80	3.04 - 3.68	66%	15%
UCSD	5,930	4,305	1,060	3.41 - 3.90	3.30 - 3.83	73%	25%
UCSB	6,919	4,764	876	3.46 - 3.91	3.31 - 3.80	69%	18%
UCSC	3,195	2,128	291	3.18 - 3.81	3.06 - 3.70	67%	14%

Broad discipline	College/School	Major name	Applicants	Admits	Enrolls	Admit GPA range	Enroll GPA range	Admit rate	Yield rate
Arts & Humanities	College Of Letters & science	Linguistics & psychology	68	31	19	3.58 - 3.93	3.53 - 3.91	46%	61%
Social Sciences	College Of Letters & science	Pre-psychobiology	196	41	29	3.66 - 3.94	3.65 - 3.94	21%	71%
		Pre-psychology	2,186	533	407	3.77 - 4.00	3.77 - 4.00	24%	76%

- CIP: Classification of Instructional Programs
- Cannot separate out specific majors.

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The second report we want to highlight is the **"Transfers by major"** report: universityofcalifornia.edu/about-us/information-center/transfers-major

Similar to the other report, this one also utilizes tabs that users can click on to filter by **major name**, **federal Classification of Instructional Programs or CIP category**, and **community college**.

We want to preface that this report is based on discipline groupings and cannot separate out specific majors since those aren't always equivalent across campuses. As you explore this data, be advised to use it as a general guide to understand selectivity, not as a predictor of any one student's admission chances to a specific campus major.

With that said, searching **by major name** enables users to compare selected broad disciplines across multiple UC campuses as pictured on this slide.

The **by federal CIP category** tab allows one to compare the selected subfamily across campuses and help users see what majors are included within each discipline.

Lastly, the **by community college** tab allows users to pull info for a specific campus and compare data across multiple academic years.

Now that we've shown you the Info Center and examples of some of existing evidence reports you can utilize, we will now highlight resources from the Counselor Resource Library.

UC Counselor Resource Library:
Be an investigator

Now, let's shift our focus from gathering data to being an investigator. If you're seeking a reliable way to stay updated on all things related to the UC system, the Counselor Resource Library is a great place to start.

UC Counselor Resource Library

Part of being an investigator means following evidence wherever it leads. The Resource Library is a valuable hub where you can sign up to explore all UC related transfer admission topics. Every campus has created a list with specific resources. In particular, I would like to highlight the transfer credit practices, you can get information on pass-along credit, limits on transfer credit, repeated courses and much more. Just a heads-up, the library is updated throughout the year based on the admissions cycle, so be sure to check back regularly for the latest updates.

https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/counselors/connect-to-resources/resource-library.html

Quick Reference Guide resource toolkit

- Highlights
  - Campus selection charts
    - Campuses policies and procedures for transfer evaluation
    - Campus selection
    - Major selection

Moving forward, you can also find the Quick Reference Guide. This is your go-to guide for systemwide admission requirements. We encourage you to review the campus selection charts in the quick reference. You will find a comprehensive review of the admission process, policies, and practices for each UC system. The chart will help you understand in depth how each UC evaluates transfer applicants. So if you have not downloaded, be sure to do so and save it for your reference.

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

TAG roadmap for counselors

Understanding the TAG basics
- Highlights campus specific requirements
- Helps with accurate planning for TAG eligibility

Now, let's dive into the TAG Roadmap for Counselors. Understanding the TAG Matrix means knowing what UC campuses expect -this includes GPA, completed units, required courses, and available majors per participating campus. It's a great tool for ensuring accurate planning and assessing eligibility for your students.

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

Presenting yourself on the UC application

UC application presentation
Available online!

Practical tips to help navigate the application process

Detective tip!

Presenting yourself on the UC application

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Happy application season! A great resource to help support your students during the application process is the "Presenting Yourself" UC application presentation. This is available online. You will find practical tips and insights for guiding students through each section of the application. Whether you're new to the UC system or looking for a refresher, this tool is designed to equip you with the knowledge and confidence to guide your students in the process.

https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/counselors/_files/documents/presenting-yourself-on-the-uc-application-transfer.pdf

Personal Insight Questions (PIQ) resources

- PIQ worksheet
  - Helps students brainstorm and organize responses

- PIQ video

How to help your students navigate PIQS? We offer Personal Insight Questions Resources on the main admission site. You can find the PIQ worksheet (available in both English and Spanish) - this will allow your students brainstorm and organize their responses. You can also find a helpful YouTube video for your reference.

https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/how-to-apply/applying-as-a-transfer/personal-insight-questions.html

UC campus-specific resources
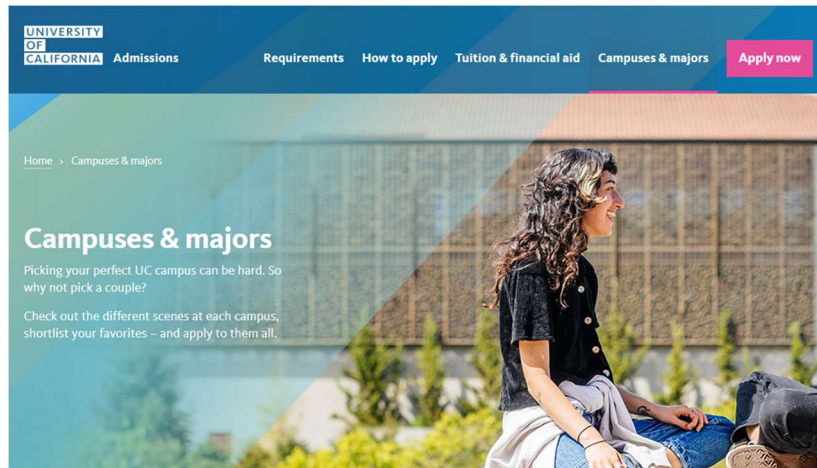
UC campus-specific resources provide tailored information, contacts, and tools unique to each UC campus, helping counselors and students access specialized admissions guidance, program details, and campus support services.

https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/campuses-majors/

Resource breakdown

Campus newsletters

Deliver regular updates on admissions, campus events, deadlines and resources, keeping counselors and students informed about the latest news and opportunities specific to each UC campus.

Virtual resources & events

The UC system offers interactive virtual tours, live webinars and self-guided online resources to help prospective students explore campuses remotely and learn about academic programs and student life.

Campus YouTube channels

Provide virtual tours and insights into campus life and academics, helping students and counselors explore and learn about each UC campus remotely.

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UC Berkeley | https://admissions.berkeley.edu/apply-to-berkeley/counselors-colleagues/

UC Davis | https://www.ucdavis.edu/admissions/undergraduate/counselors

UC Irvine | https://admissions.uci.edu/counselors.php

UCLA | https://admission.ucla.edu/contact/admission-counselors

UC Merced | https://admissions.ucmerced.edu/information/counselors-educators

UC Riverside | https://admissions.ucr.edu/counselors

UC San Diego | https://admissions.ucsd.edu/counselors/index.html

UC Santa Barbara | https://admissions.sa.ucsb.edu/counselor-resources

UC Santa Cruz | https://admissions.ucsc.edu/counselors

Thank you for sleuthing with us!