
What to know about dual enrollment and UC

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Let's talk dual enrollment

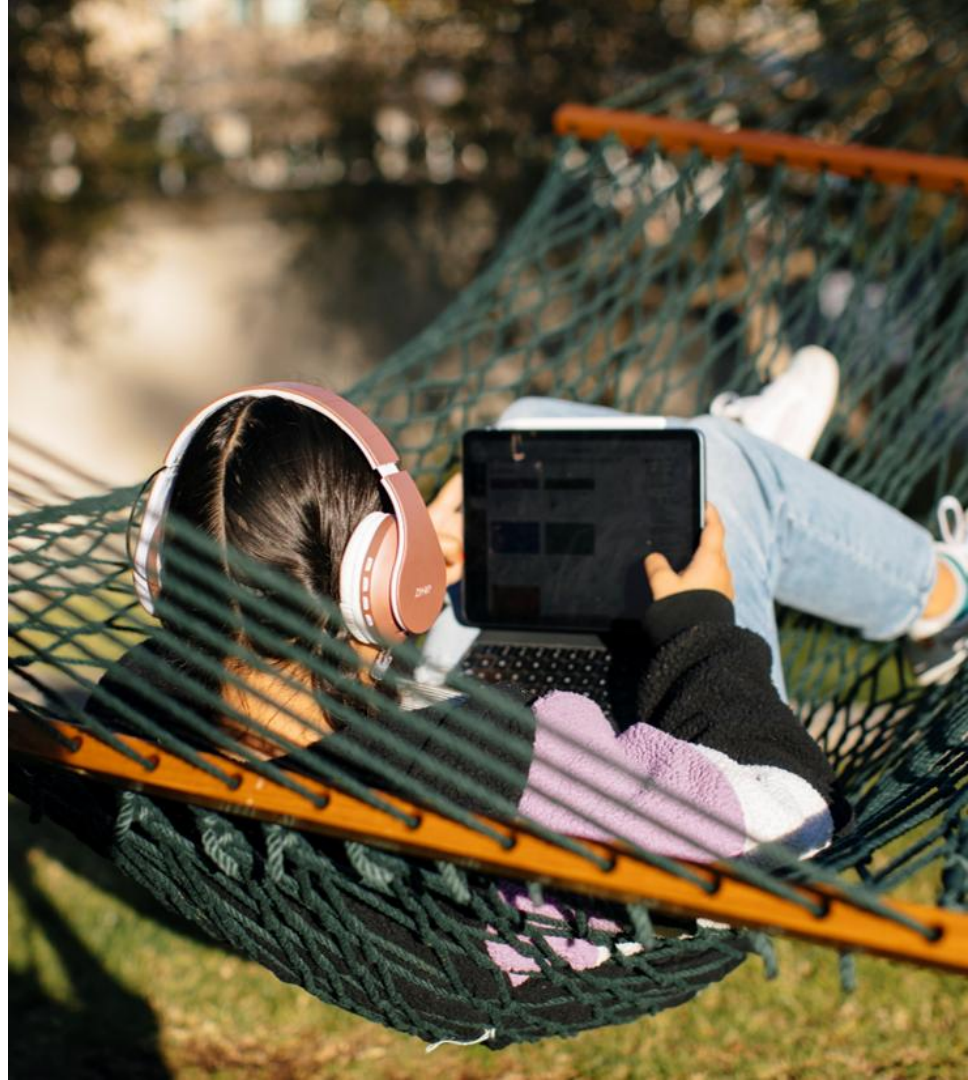
Agenda

- Meeting A-G with college courses
 - A-G and Cal-GETC intersections
- Dual enrollment and UC admission
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 - Comprehensive review
- Additional considerations
- Resources and Q&A

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Defining dual enrollment

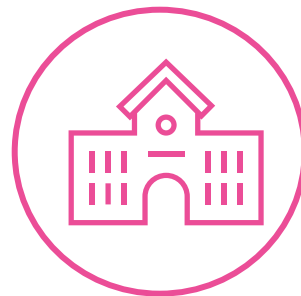
Dual enrollment refers to college courses taken by high school students during their high school career.



Student
self-enrollment



Middle college



Formal high
school to college
agreement

Meeting A-G with college courses

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Meeting A-G requirements with college coursework

College courses may meet an A-G requirement if...

- ✓ The college is accredited by one of the seven former regional accrediting agencies.
- ✓ The course is UC-transferable (*with exception of some non-transferable English and math coursework*).
- ✓ Course is at least 3 semester/4 quarter units in value (each).
- ✓ Course clearly falls within an A-G subject area.
- ✓ Course is taken for a letter grade.
- ✓ Letter grade of C or better (not C-) is earned.

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Quick Reference Guide to UC Admissions

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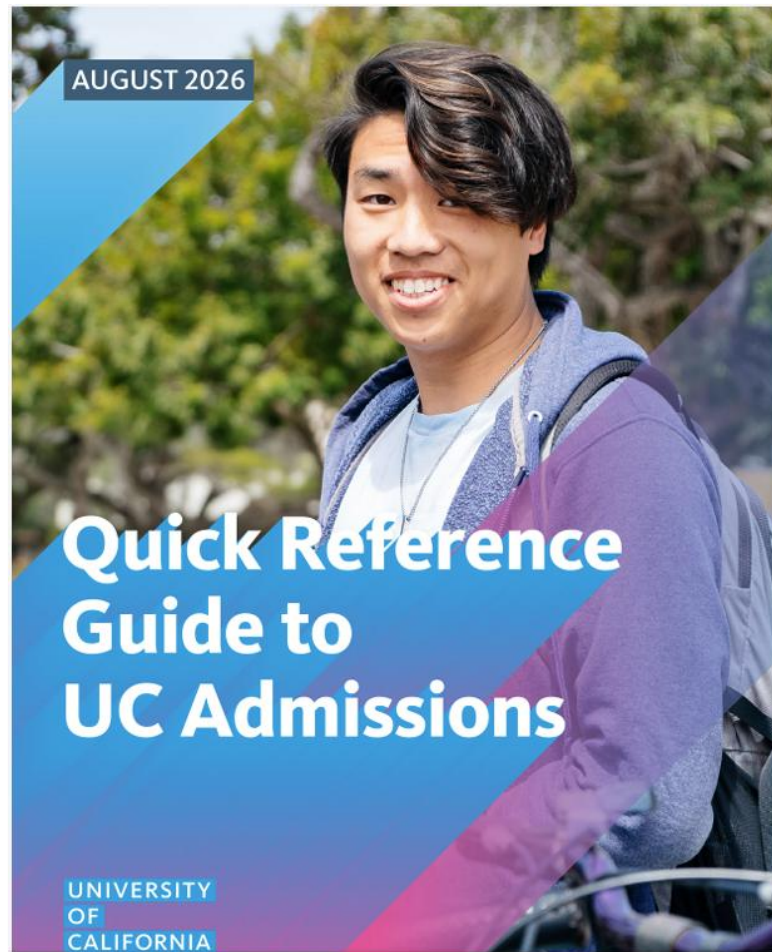
New section dedicated to dual enrollment/college coursework on pages 16-20



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New resource! [A-G and Cal-GETC Intersections](#)

Outlines how Cal-GETC approved CCC courses can meet A-G requirements



WHAT TO KNOW

- Not inclusive of *all* UC-transferable courses.
- Cal-GETC certification is not required nor expected of first-year applicants.
- This guidance supersedes information found in 2013-14 CCC A-G course lists.

Helpful definitions

Cal-GETC: Singular general education pattern at all California community colleges that can be completed to satisfy the lower-division general education requirements at UC before transferring.

- Includes six subject areas
- Replaced IGETC as of fall 2025

UC Eligibility Areas: Subject areas that make up the 7-course pattern required of UC transfer students.

- English composition (UC-E)
- Mathematics (UC-M)
- Arts and humanities (UC-H)
- Social and behavioral sciences (UC-B)
- Physical and biological sciences (UC-S)

Background and context for developing Intersections

Why and how was this tool created?

- Dual enrollment programs growing across the state
- Need for comprehensive guidance
- UC Compass, California College Guidance Initiative, California Department of Education

Intersections began as a crosswalk, an attempt to illustrate alignment between the A-G course criteria and Cal-GETC standards.

The result: A-G and Cal-GETC Intersections, documenting where clear alignment exists between category designations in ASSIST for Cal-GETC and in the A-G CMP for the A-G requirements.

How to use the guide

1. Look up the course in question in assist.org to identify the Cal-GETC or UC Eligibility area designation.
2. Find the designation on the guide and its corresponding A-G area.
3. Review additional considerations

A-G Subject Area	Course Designation in ASSIST	UC Requirement
A-G area summary language	Corresponding Cal-GETC and/or UC Eligibility Areas	How the course designation translates to A-G and any caveats or context

ASSIST.ORG

Provides a database of UC transferable courses from all California community colleges.



Search below for transferable courses

Courses approved for transfer and general education

Academic Year

2025-2026

Community College

Select a Community College

☐ CSU Transferable Courses

☐ CSU GE-Breadth Certification Courses

☐ CSU US History, Constitution, and American Ideals Courses (CSU AI)

☐ Cal-GETC for UC and CSU

☐ IGETC for UC and CSU

☐ UC Transferable Courses

☐ UC Transfer Admission Eligible Courses

[View Transferability Lists](#)

Science (Area D)

Requirement: Two years of college preparatory Science, including or integrating topics that provide fundamental knowledge in two of these three subjects: Biology, Chemistry, or Physics. One year of approved interdisciplinary or Earth and Space Sciences coursework can meet one year of the requirement.

Cal-GETC Area 5A and 5B courses with a laboratory (Area 5C) will meet one year of the Science (D) first-year admission requirement.

Other considerations

- 5A/5B courses may have a separate lab course (5C) or the lab may be integrated.
- Courses outside of Biology, Physics and Chemistry departments are considered “interdisciplinary”
- UC-S approval alone is not sufficient to qualify for Area D

Example: PHYS 101 at Santa Barbara City College

Does PHYS 101 at SBCC meet one year of Area D?

PHYS 101 will only fulfill one year of Area D if the corresponding lab course is completed.

PHYS 102 or 105 would also be sufficient to meet one year of the requirement.

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UC Transfer Course Agreement (Physics)

Santa Barbara City College

Academic Year 2025-2026

Physics						
	Course	Title	Cal-GETC Areas	IGETC Areas	Semester Units	UC Areas
+ *	PHYS 101	Conceptual Physics	5A	5A	3.00	UC-S
*	PHYS 101L (Lab)	Conceptual Physics Laboratory	5C	5C	1.00	
+ *	PHYS 102 (W/Lab)	Introductory Physics for Science Majors	5A, 5C	5A, 5C	4.00	UC-S
o	PHYS 105 (W/Lab)	General Physics	5A, 5C	5A, 5C	4.00	UC-S

Language other than English (LOTE)

Requirement: Two years, or equivalent to the 2nd level of high school instruction, of the same language other than English (LOTE) are required.

IGETC Area 6A: Language Other Than English Courses
that are equivalent to or exceed
two years of high school level
instruction. *No corresponding
Cal-GETC area*

Other considerations

- UC-transferable courses in ASSIST with the following footnote:
“Corresponds to two years of high school study” will meet the entire Language Other than English (E) first-year admission requirement.

Example: SPAN 1 at Irvine Valley College

Does SPAN 1 at IVC meet one year of Area E?

Yes, SPAN 1 is equivalent to two years of high school study and meets the full Area E requirement.

Note: SPAN 2 would be considered LOTE Level 3 and so on.

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UC Transfer Course Agreement (Spanish)

Irvine Valley College
Academic Year 2025-2026



• Since campus policies on repeatability vary, the "ea" indicator does not guarantee that UC will grant credit for every course that appears multiple times on a student's transcript. See the UC TCA for possible credit limitations.

Spanish

Course	Title	Cal-GETC Areas	IGETC Areas	Semester Units	UC Areas
* SPAN 1	Beginning Spanish I		6A	5.00	
* SPAN 1H	Beginning Spanish I Honors		6A	5.00	
SPAN 2	Beginning Spanish II	3B	3B, 6A	5.00	UC-H
SPAN 2H	Beginning Spanish II Honors	3B	3B, 6A	5.00	UC-H
SPAN 3	Intermediate Spanish I	3B	3B, 6A	5.00	UC-H
SPAN 4	Intermediate Spanish II	3B	3B, 6A	5.00	UC-H
SPAN 10	Intermediate Conversational Spanish	3B	3B	3.00	UC-H

* Corresponds to two years of high school study

Visual and performing Arts (F)

Requirement: One year-long course of Visual and Performing Arts chosen from the following disciplines: Dance, Music, Theater, Visual Arts or Interdisciplinary Arts—or two one-semester courses from the same discipline is also acceptable.

A Cal-GETC Area 3A course
will meet the Visual and
Performing Arts (F) first-year
admission requirement.

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Example: Art at Orange Coast College

Which art courses at OCC fulfill Area F?

All courses listed with Cal-GETC Area 3A designation would be appropriate for Area F (so long as they are worth at least 3 semester units)

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UC Transfer Course Agreement (Art)

Orange Coast College

Academic Year 2025-2026



Art					
Course	Title	Cal-GETC Areas	IGETC Areas	Semester Units	UC Areas
ART A100	Survey of Western Art from Prehistory Through Gothic	3A	3A	3.00	UC-H
ART A100H	Honors Survey of Western Art from Prehistory Through Gothic	3A	3A	3.00	UC-H
ART A101	Survey of Western Art from Renaissance to Modern	3A	3A	3.00	UC-H
ART A101H	Honors Survey of Western Art from Renaissance to Modern	3A	3A	3.00	UC-H
ART A102	Survey of Modern and Contemporary Art History	3A	3A	3.00	UC-H
ART A103	Survey of Asian Art	3A	3A	3.00	UC-H
ART A107	Introduction to Art	3A	3A	3.00	UC-H
ART A108	Women in Art	3A	3A	3.00	UC-H
ART A109	Ancient Greek Art and Architecture	3A	3A	3.00	UC-H

Test your knowledge: Anthropology at Monterey Peninsula College

What A-G requirement will these anthropology courses fulfill?

All courses listed in Cal-GETC area 4.

One listed in 5B.

Course listed in 5B **does not have** a corresponding lab course (5C).

Courses are offered by an anthropology department.

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UC Transfer Admission Eligibility Course List (Anthropology)

Monterey Peninsula College

Academic Year 2025-2026

Anthropology

Course	Title	Cal-GETC Areas	IGETC Areas	Semester Units	UC Areas
ANTH 2	Introduction to Biological Anthropology	4, 5B	4A, 5B	3.00	UC-B, UC-S
ANTH 4	Introduction to Cultural Anthropology	4	4A	3.00	UC-B
ANTH 6	Introduction to Archaeology and Prehistory	4	4A	3.00	UC-B
ANTH 8	Primate Behavioral Ecology	4	4	3.00	UC-B
ANTH 30	Gender in Global Perspective	4	4A, 4C, 4D, 4F	3.00	UC-B
Same as: GWOS 30					

Test your knowledge: College-preparatory elective (Area G)

These anthropology courses can be used to fulfill the Area G requirement:

One year (two semesters) chosen from courses specific to the elective (G) subject area or courses beyond those used to satisfy the requirements of the A-F subjects.

**Any Cal-GETC or UC eligibility
area designation**
can be used for Area G.

Other considerations

- UC-transferable courses without a Cal-GETC or UC transfer admissions eligibility area cannot be used to meet Area G.
- Computer science courses, no matter their Cal-GETC transferability approvals, are only appropriate to meet the first-year College-Prep Elective (G) admission requirement

A reminder about the A-G and Cal-GETC intersections

When using the guide, keep in mind:

- It is not intended to be inclusive of all dual enrollment courses nor all transferable courses listed in Assist.org.
- It is intended to help you provide students with a “green light” for A-G assurance when possible.
- For courses that aren’t a clear “yes” based on this guidance, you will need to consult with additional resources:
 - **Quick Reference Guide:** New section dedicated to college coursework and A-G
 - **A-G Policy Resource Guide:** Faculty criteria for all A-G subject areas
- Not every UC-transferable course will meet an A-G requirement.

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Dual enrollment and UC admission

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Dual enrollment courses and the UC GPA

- Factored in the UC GPA if they meet A-G criteria and were completed summer after 9th through the summer after 11th grade
 - This includes any D and F grades
- UC-transferable college courses will earn an extra point in the GPA calculation, up to the eight-semester maximum.
 - Non-transferable English and math college courses do not earn the extra weight.
 - One college course = one grade = one extra point

Applicants must report all college courses completed while in high school, including those that were later repeated!

Reporting college coursework

If college course meets A-G:

- The course must be reported in the “**College coursework**” section of Academic History.
- Grades must match what is on the official college transcript, including PS/NP, CR/NC and Withdraw grades.
- Even if posted to the high school transcript, students should **only** report the college course in the “College coursework” section.

If not A-G appropriate:

- The course may only be reported as “**Other coursework**” in the Activities & awards section.
- This could include:
 - Non-credit college courses or those worth less than 3 semester units
 - College courses completed in middle school (exception for Math & LOTE)

Transcripts and A-G course lists

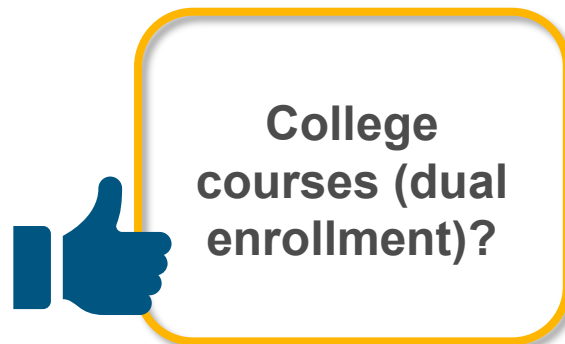
Transcripts

- Dual enrollment courses may be listed on the high school transcript but should be clearly marked as such.
- Prior to enrolling, students will need to submit an official **college** transcript for all dual enrollment coursework, even if the courses are included on the high school transcript.

A-G course lists

- College courses should not be added to your A-G course lists! These are intended for high school courses only.

Dual enrollment vs. UC-honors vs. AP vs. IB



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Additional considerations

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Dual enrollment strategy

Admissions eligibility/selectivity

Focusing on Cal-GETC-approved courses will help fulfill A-G requirements and ensure transferability to UC.

Remember, dual enrollment is not preferred over other advanced courses (i.e., AP/IB)

Early/on-time UC graduation

UC has an expected degree completion window, and dual enrollment credits can help fulfill completion in a timely manner.

Focusing on UC-transferable and/or Cal-GETC-approved courses ensures applicability to general education graduation requirements and possibly major requirements.

What if they want to transfer to UC?

Transfer considerations

- Grades earned in UC-transferable college coursework while in high school will be factored into their GPA for transfer admission consideration.
 - This includes grades earned prior to 10th grade and non-passing grades.
- Transferable college courses successfully completed (passed with a grade of C or better) in high school cannot be repeated in college.

Important: Transfer applicants cannot disregard dual enrollment courses completed while in high school and omit them from the UC application!

Resources and Q&A

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Dual enrollment webpage for counselors

Dual enrollment webpage

Includes guidance on dual enrollment, course transferability and resources



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Dual enrollment

Dual enrollment programs have expanded rapidly, allowing high school students to take college courses on their high school campuses and jump-start their college careers. The following guidance is relevant for both California high school and community college counselors advising dual enrollment students.

Understanding dual enrollment

Dual enrollment programs are not new, but they continue to generate many questions about how dual enrollment coursework is reported on the UC admission application and how it is used to meet first-year admission requirements. Please keep these points in mind:

- College courses are college courses, even if they are taught on the high school campus by an approved high school faculty member.
- California high schools should not add California community college courses to their UC approved A-G course lists, even though instruction may happen on the high school campus with a high school instructor.
- Transferable courses completed in high school cannot be repeated in college, and transferable credits earned will be applied toward total units for degree completion.
- All UC campuses have an expected time to degree completion. Credits earned with dual enrollment are included in the cumulative total towards units/terms for degree completion. Generally, degree completion cannot be in excess of 150% of the published length of the program. Students exceeding unit/term limits may face ineligibility for continued enrollment and financial aid.

Preparing first-year students

- First-year requirements
- California residents
- First-year comprehensive review

Dual enrollment

- First-year international records
- First-year class profile

What makes a course UC-transferable?

The University of California awards credit for college courses taken at properly accredited institutions that offer university-level instruction comparable to courses offered at UC. For more information, refer to our [Transfer Credit Practices](#).

Please note that while college course offerings are generally more comprehensive than those in high school, not all college courses satisfy UC's A-G subject requirements.

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