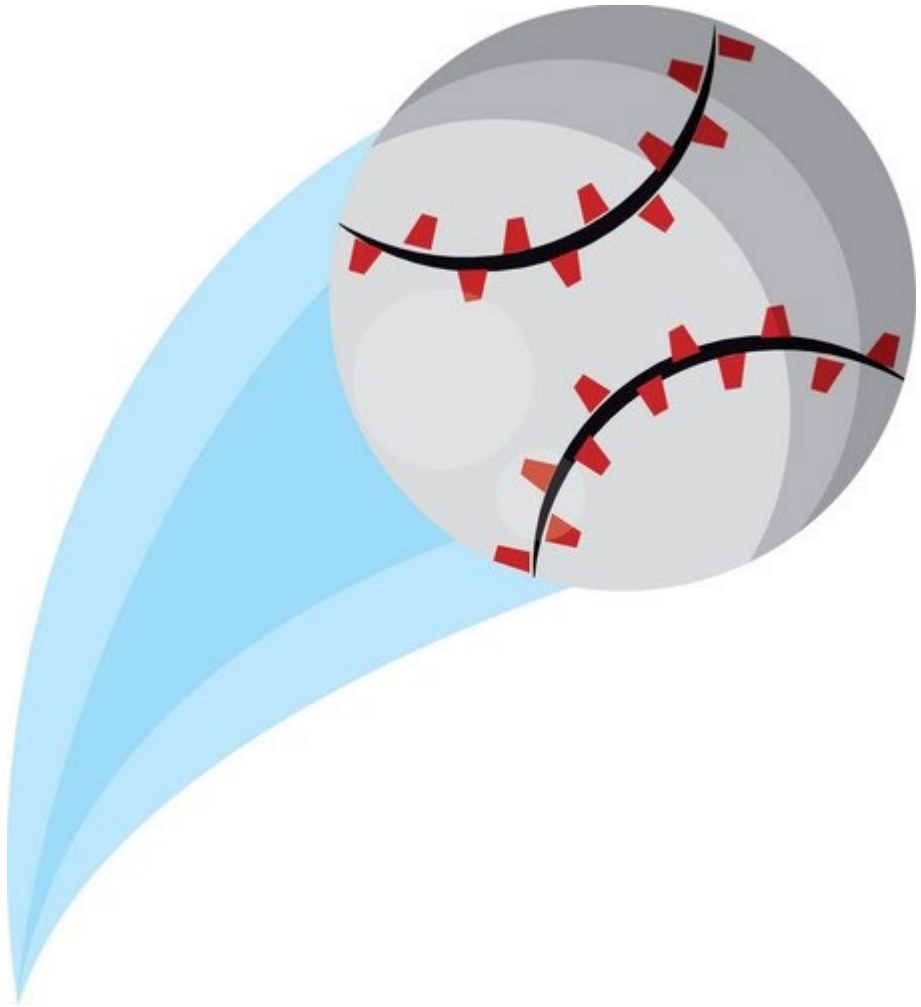
Major home run

Powering up your major transfer tools, from warm-up to home plate

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Welcome to the MLB

(Major Lower-division Basics)



Defining major preparation courses

- Major preparation courses are foundational and introductory lower-division courses required to declare or fulfill a major
- Major preparation is an important factor for transfer admission
- All transfer applicants should plan to complete as much major preparation coursework as possible before transferring
- Majors that require full sequences can take additional terms to complete; these should be started early and completed at the same institution

Selective majors vs non-selective majors

- Selective majors at the UCs require stronger preparation that may include:
  - **Required** lower-division major preparation courses to be completed prior to admission
  - Grade requirements for particular courses
  - Major preparation GPA
- Non-selective majors for transfer admission may still have recommended lower-division major preparation courses to complete
  - Completing as much major prep as possible gives students a winning edge upon transfer

General education: The pre-major warm up

Cal-GETC/IGETC and the 7-course inning



General education

- Completing general education courses at the community college is an excellent warm up that can lead undeclared students to major selection
- Students can explore different academic disciplines while making progress on the completion of their transfer eligibility courses and Cal-GETC/IGETC requirements
- Cal-GETC/IGETC is not a UC admission requirement, but some campuses may prefer students complete the pattern prior to transferring for selection purposes

GE's and major prep

- STEM majors should prioritize major prep completion and eligibility courses over general education pattern
- Non-STEM majors may benefit from completing general education pattern prior to transfer
  - Major preparation courses may satisfy Cal-GETC/IGETC

Major prep playbook



UC Transfer Pathways

- Uniform major prep for some of UC's most sought-after majors
- Course expectations are set at the highest level of selection
  - 27 pathways preparing students for nearly 250 majors across the UC!
    - New for Fall 2027- Biological Sciences
  - Minimum GPA and grade requirements for particular courses may vary from campus to campus

How to use UC Transfer Pathways

If your student is interested in any of the available pathways, use the course expectations to help plan major preparation.

Economics transfer pathway course expectations:

- Microeconomics (one course)
- Macroeconomics (one course)
- Single variable calculus (one-year sequence)



Use ASSIST to find the specific classes offered at your community college that will satisfy the expected coursework at a particular UC campus.

Covering the bases: Assist.org

- The official repository of UC Transferable Course Agreements and articulations
- Understanding articulation agreements
  - Important general campus information and details for transfer major preparations for each major and campus are always found on top of the agreement
  - Receiving campus information on the left, sending campus options that fulfill these campus requirements on the right
- UC transferable course lists
  - Identify UC transferable courses at the CCC and which courses satisfy transfer admission eligibility requirements

AP exams, GE's and major prep

- Scores of 3, 4, 5 on specific AP exams may be used to satisfy course credit for Cal-GETC/IGETC and the 7-course pattern
- A score of 3, 4, 5 on an English AP exam may be used to meet the English Composition requirement (Cal-GETC Area 1A), but not the Critical Thinking and Composition requirement (Cal-GETC Area 1B).
- AP exams may or may not be used to meet major preparation courses depending on the major and the campus. See Assist.org for limitations

ADT Curveball



Defining ADTs

- An Associates Degree for Transfer (ADT) is a streamlined, two-year degree offered by California community colleges
  - Students must complete 60 transferable semester units
  - Earn a grade of “C” or better in all courses required for the ADT
- “A degree with a guarantee” for CCC’s and partnering institutions
  - Students will earn their bachelor’s degree by completing 60 units post-transfer
- For similar disciplines, there is often overlap in coursework between an ADT and a UC Transfer Pathway

ADTs and UC campuses

UCLA's 2026–27 ADT Pilot

- Pilot program between UCLA and select CCCs
- Priority admission consideration for approved majors and corresponding ADT

2028–29 ADT Pilot Expansion

- Irvine, Merced, Riverside, Santa Barbara and Santa Cruz are pursuing ADT pathways.
- Campus faculty will determine majors and eligibility criteria in line with respective campus mission and transfer admission goals.

MVPs: Resources and tools for major prep success

- UC Transfer Pathways
- Pathways+
- Assist.org
- UC majors webpage

Major Prep by UC Campus

- UC Berkeley
- UC Davis
- UCLA
- UC Merced
- UC Irvine
- UC Riverside
- UC San Diego
- UC Santa Barbara
- UC Santa Cruz



Post-game interviews: Q&A

Thank You