
CCC Webinar Series 2024–25

Helping transfer students with the UC application

October 23, 2024

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Agenda

Today's webinar will cover:

- Preparing for the UC application
- UC application overview and tips
- Transfer Academic Update (TAU)
- Application resources

Along the way we'll share:



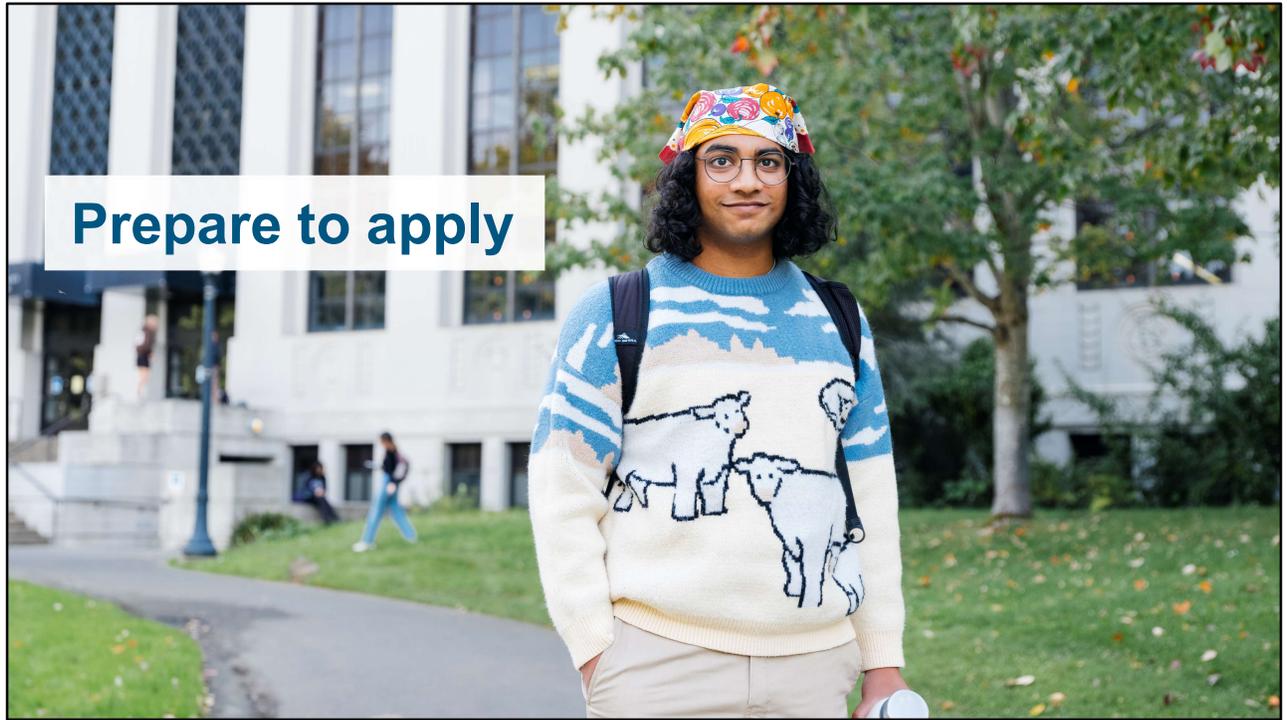
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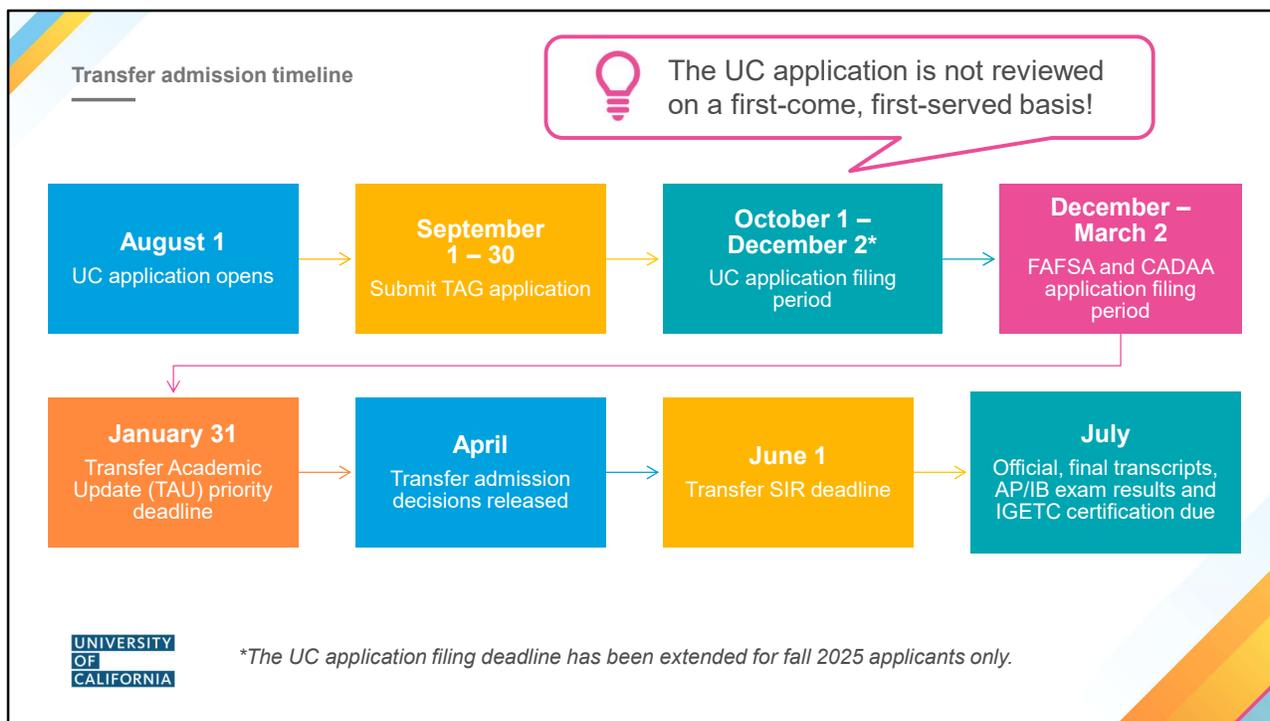


Helpful information



Quick Reference Guide highlights





The UC application and admission process is a year-long cycle.

August 1: The UC application opens. Students can begin to craft each part of their application. Remember, since UC does not use letters of recommendation, interviews, or portfolios unless required for admission to a specific major, the UC application is the only way for students to present and advocate for themselves. Some campus majors do require supplemental materials, such as Nursing, or some fine arts majors. Students should speak with the campuses they're interested in for information on applications for those majors. The UC application will also indicate whether a supplemental application or materials are required.

September 1 – 30: Transfer applicants interested in a Transfer Admission Guarantee (TAG) must submit a TAG application between September 1-30. They must also submit a UC application during the filing period.

October 1 – December 2: UC students can submit applications beginning October 1. **The deadline has been extended to December 2 for Fall 2025 applicants** given the timing of the Thanksgiving holiday. The typical deadline is November 30. Applicants are not considered on a first-come, first-serve basis, so applicants should take their time in filling out the application thoroughly before submitting.

Important: Once submitted, applicants can update very little in the UC application. Students should ensure their UC application is accurate and complete before submission.

December– March 2: All students should submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or a California Dream Act Application (CADAA). The majority of students at UC receive financial aid and scholarships. We'll cover that in more detail later in this presentation. Campuses use information from the FAFSA and CADAA for both admission and scholarships.

Presenter note: The redesigned 2025-26 FAFSA is expected to open by December 1, however, this is subject to change. (updated on August 8, 2024)

January 31: Transfer students who apply for fall admission will be asked to update their applications through the UC Transfer Academic Update (TAU) process by the end of January. Once they log in to their application, they will be able to give UC their final grades from the previous fall, as well as a list of all courses in progress or planned for winter and/or spring. All students must submit a TAU, even if not enrolled in any courses in the spring term. The priority submission deadline is January 31. The Transfer Academic Update form is open until March 31. Failure to submit the form may jeopardize a student's chances of admission.

April: Transfer admission decisions are released throughout the month of April. Campuses do not all release decisions on the same day, but will have all transfer decisions released by April 30.

July: Campuses use self-reported information to admit students, so UC does not require (nor want) students to submit any transcripts when they apply for admission. Instead, UC will ask for official transcripts only for admitted students who have submitted their SIR by June 1. Official transcripts for all institutions attended are due July 1, with AP/IB exam results and other certifications (such as IGETC) due by July 15.



UC application overview

Types of Nationalism

- 1. Ethnic Nationalism
- 2. Civic Nationalism
- 3. Cultural Nationalism

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Create an account

Email address

Students will continue to use this email throughout the UC application process, so they should choose an email that they use/check frequently.

Password must include:

- Uppercase and lowercase letters
- A number
- A special character

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Applicants should use the same email address that they used to create their UC TAP account!

Create an account ✕

Email address *

Confirm email address *

Password * [Show password](#)

Your password must contain:

- 8 to 30 characters

And meet at least three of the following requirements:

- An English lowercase letter (a-z)
- An English uppercase letter (A-Z)
- A number between 0-9
- A special character: !@#%&*+<=>?,-

The University of California uses the information requested on the application to process your application for admission, scholarships, and statistical analysis and reporting. Please see our [Privacy Policy](#) for more details.

By checking this box, you are confirming that you agree to the [Terms of Use](#) and the disclosure of applicant information as described in the Privacy Policy.

Create account

Start the UC application at <https://apply.universityofcalifornia.edu/my-application/login>

Create your account

- New users must enter a unique email address and password
 - If the student has an existing UC TAP account, they need to use the same email address used for UC TAP.
 - Students should use an email account they will check *regularly* (preferably not a school-issued email address). Campuses use email to send critical, time-sensitive correspondence to applicants.
 - Applicants will use this same account if they apply again in the future
 - Remember to adjust email filters to accept mail from UC addresses.
- If the student’s family has multiple applicants or has future applicants, different email addresses must be used for each applicant
- Passwords must be at least eight characters (and must include a combination of uppercase and lowercase letters, numbers, and symbols/special characters)
- Create a secret question/answer combination that will be easily remembered
- Be sure to keep login information safe
- Once “Create a New Account” is complete, an email confirming the start of the application will be sent

Log in

- First-time users start by clicking “Create a New Account”
- On return visits, enter email and password information under “Sign In”

Creating the application

Students with **only CCC units are not at risk of exceeding junior-standing!**

Most UC campuses only accept transfer applications at the junior level.

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When do you hope to start at the University of California? *

Fall Quarter/Semester 2024

Winter Quarter/Spring Semester 2025

Spring Quarter 2025

Fall Quarter/Semester 2025

Your application level: *

First-year
I'm currently in high school.

-OR-
I've graduated from high school, but have not enrolled in a regular session (non-summer) at a college or university.

Transfer
I've graduated from high school and am enrolled in a regular session (fall, winter or spring) at a college or university.

Please select what type of transfer applicant you are based on the number of college/university units you plan to complete before you enroll at UC:

Junior-level transfer
I will complete 60-89 semester units or 90-134 quarter units by the time I enter UC.

Sophomore-level transfer
I will complete fewer than 60 semester units/90 quarter units by the time I enter UC. (There are limited campuses/programs available at this level.)

Senior-level transfer
I will complete 90 semester units/135 quarter units or more by the time I enter UC. (There are limited campuses/programs available at this level.)

Other
I already have a degree (B.A. or B.S.) or I'm not working toward a UC degree.

Level: Students must select the appropriate level for which they are applying.

- A student who has enrolled in a regular term (fall/winter/spring) at a college or university after graduating from high school should apply as a **transfer** student.
- Most campuses consider students at the junior level only, but certain programs and campuses may also consider sophomore and senior transfers.
- *Note:* Students with CCC coursework **only** – regardless of the number of units completed at the CCC – are not senior-level transfers and should **not** check the senior-level transfer button. Indicating senior-level transfer will significantly reduce the student’s transfer options. Only UC coursework (both lower- and upper-division) and upper-division coursework from other 4-year institutions can jeopardize a student’s junior standing.

If students want to refer to a prior application, the option to do so appears on this screen.

Navigating the UC application

- The UC application includes seven sections that can be completed in any order.
- Start with **About you** as it contains logic that is then used throughout the application.
- Students can save their progress at any time and pick back up where they left off next time they log in.



A successful UC application is not completed in one sitting!

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▼ About you
> Campuses & majors
> Academic history
> Test scores
> Activities & awards
> Scholarships & support programs
> Personal insight
Review & submit

The navigation bar is on the right side of the screen. Students can complete the application in any order but should complete the “About You” section first as it contains conditional logic which will be used throughout the application.

About you — Lived name

Do you have a lived name?

A lived or preferred name is a name you go by that is different than your legal name (for example, a middle name that you go by or a name that aligns with your gender identity). If you enter a lived name, we'll use it in most of our communications with you about the application, except when it's required for us to use your legal name.

No Yes

Lived first name *	Lived middle name	Lived Last / family / surname *
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

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When completing your personal details, applicants have the option to indicate a lived, or preferred name. A lived or preferred name is a name you go by that is different than your legal name (for example, a middle name that you go by or a name that aligns with your gender identity). If students enter a lived name, we'll use it in most of our communications with them about the application, except when it's required for us to use their legal name.

If their legal name is the name they go by, they can select "No" here and move forward. They should not enter their same legal name twice.

Citizenship

- Applicants must select a country of citizenship from the country drop-down menu.
- Students who are U.S. citizens will have a follow-up question about tribal affiliation. This response, along with CA residency status determined by the Statement of Legal Residence information, will determine whether the student qualifies for the Native American Opportunity Program.
- Those who choose a country other than the United States will have follow-up questions on permanent residency and/or visa status.

Undocumented students

- For country of citizenship, select “No Selection” and follow the directions for the SSN below.

Social Security Number (SSN)

- All applicants who have a social security number (SSN) are required to enter it.
- **Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) participants and Undocumented students:**
 - Enter a valid SSN, SSN for work purposes, or ITIN if available. Otherwise, leave it blank.
 - If an applicant does not have an SSN, he/she may skip that item.
 - We use the SSN to accurately and reliably merge test scores (if submitted) and the federal financial aid application with the admission application.
 - SSN, SSN for work purposes and ITIN numbers are encrypted and kept secure.

About you — Your household

UC application fee waiver

- Family size and income information provided in this section is used to determine eligibility for the UC application fee waiver.
- If eligible, the application fees for up to four (4) campuses will be waived.

Residency status and/or financial aid are **not** determined using the information provided in this section.

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About you

Your household

* required

This section helps us get a better understanding of your parents, legal guardians or those who support you at home.

Your home address

This is the permanent home address you entered on the contact information page. We'll refer to it in the next few questions.

1234 Main St.
Apt 100
Fresno
California 93728

Who lives with you at your permanent home address?

Please provide information about your parents who live at this address. Your parents can be your biological or adoptive parents, stepparents or legal guardians.

One Parent
 Two Parents
 Legal guardian(s)
 Other

What was the total income earned in 2023 by your parents or legal guardians?

We may use this information to help us determine if you're eligible for certain outreach programs, scholarships, and the application fee waiver. This information is not used for financial aid.

Income
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How many people were supported by this income?

Number of people

[Save & continue](#)

Family Size and Income

This is the view for students who are under 24, and so are categorized as **dependent students**. Parental information will not be requested for independent students.

- Entering parental information and their relationship to students helps campus admission staff better understand the family context of applicants. You can enter up to 2 parents or guardians.
- For more information, students can click on the “i” icon.
- Information provided in this section is used to determine eligibility for the UC application fee waiver, which will waive the application fees for up to four campuses.
- This information is **not** used to determine residency status or eligibility for financial aid.

Note: Parental information will not be requested for independent students.

Campuses & majors — Choosing your campuses



Students who applied for TAG must select their TAG campus on the UC application!

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Campuses & majors Choose campuses

Each UC campus has different strengths and unique environments. Applying to more than one campus will increase your chances of being admitted to UC and finding a campus that's right for you.

There is an application fee of \$80 per campus, which you'll pay once you submit your application.

YOUR ESTIMATED COST: \$400

Save & continue



As a reminder, students should only submit ONE UC application. They can choose to send it to as many of the UC campuses as they would like. Importantly, though they will be able to apply to multiple UC campuses at once, they do not need to “rank” them or indicate any campus preference. All campuses who receive their application will give it a thorough and careful review – independently from one another.

Hint: If only a few campuses show as “open”, this might mean they indicated either a sophomore or senior-level transfer option, or they are applying during the winter/spring term.

Campuses & majors — Choosing your major(s)

Choosing a major

- For each campus selected, applicants must indicate a major choice.



TAG applicants must select the **same major** for their TAG campus that they selected on the TAG application.

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Campuses & majors
Choose majors

* required

UC Merced

Selected major
Not selected

Selected alternate major
Not selected

Browse by **College** Category

show closed majors

> Undecided/Undeclared

> School of Engineering

> School of Natural Sciences

> School of Social Sciences, Humanities and Arts

Save & continue Cancel

Once they've selected their campus choices, applicants will need to indicate a major selection for each campus. The default view is "College" view, which shows all available majors by their college placement. By default, closed majors will not appear unless they choose to select the checkbox that reads "show closed majors".

Note: They do not need to select the same or similar major at each UC campus they've selected. However, transfer applicants should be advised that they need the appropriate major preparation for the major(s) they have selected within the UC application. This is an important factor in transfer admission.

Students who applied for TAG must select the same first choice major as their TAG application for their TAG campus.

Campuses & majors — Alternate major

Alternate majors

- If available, alternate majors should be in a subject that a student wants to study and that they have the appropriate major preparation for.



View **pages 48–49** of the Quick Reference Guide to see which campuses consider transfer students for an alternate major.



Campuses & majors

Choose majors  * required

UC Merced Selected major
Not selected

Selected alternate major
Not selected

Browse by: [College](#) | [Category](#) show closed majors

- > Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Studies
- > Art - Applied, Fine, Performing and Art History
- > Biological and Life Sciences
- > Business and Management

Economics

School of Social Sciences, Humanities and Arts

Economics , B.A.	 Alternate major
Economics - Economic Analysis and Policy Emphasis , B.S.	Major Alternate major
Economics - Quantitative Economics Emphasis , B.S.	Major Alternate major
Management and Business Economics , B.S.	Major Alternate major

School of Social Sciences, Humanities and Arts

- > Engineering and Computer Science

Students can select both a major and an alternate major.

If a campus is unable to offer the applicant a place in the first-choice major, they *may* consider them for an alternate major—be sure the alternate major is in a subject area that the student really wants to study and that they have appropriate major prep for (and in some cases, it should be in a different area of study than the primary major).

Note that not all campuses will consider students for an alternate major, and that some campuses may have restrictions on changing majors once admitted to that major.

Campuses & majors — UC San Diego colleges

If applying to UC San Diego, applicants must rank the colleges in order of their preference.

College ranking does not influence an applicant's admission decision!

Campuses & majors

Rank colleges

* required

UC San Diego college ranking *

When we ask you to “rank” the colleges, we’re asking you to state your preference for college assignment, should you be offered admission to San Diego. [Learn more about UC San Diego’s college system.](#)

Your rankings will **not** affect the evaluation of your application or your major selection.

Instructions: To re-order the list below, select a college and drag and drop it into a new position. You can also click on the arrows to reposition the colleges.

Rank	College		
1	Earl Warren College	↓	
2	Eighth College	↓	↑
3	Eleanor Roosevelt College	↓	↑
4	John Muir College	↓	↑
5	Revelle College	↓	↑
6	Seventh College	↓	↑
7	Sixth College	↓	↑
8	Thurgood Marshall College		↑

San Diego colleges

- If a student is applying to UC San Diego, they must rank the colleges in order of preference to have the best chance of assignment to the college of their choice
- The order of ranking of colleges does not affect the chances for admission to UC San Diego
- Boxes to rank the colleges only appear once the student clicks the “Learn more about UCSD college system” link (opens a pop-up window). Students should carefully read the information provided to understand the “*theme*” of each college at UC San Diego.
- All majors are available in all of the colleges.
- Each of the undergraduate colleges has its own campus neighborhood, residence facilities, staff, traditions, general-education requirements, and distinctive educational philosophy.
- **Note:** Eighth College will welcome its inaugural transfer class beginning in Fall 2025.

Transfer Admission Planner (TAP)

Benefits of UC TAP

- Creating a UC TAP account and entering their academic information allows students to easily import their courses and grades into the UC application.



If importing coursework from UC TAP, applicants will still need to confirm all their courses and grades and verify for accuracy!

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The screenshot shows the 'Academic history Transfer Admission Planner' page. It includes a header with a backpack icon and '* required'. The main text explains that if a student has entered school and coursework information in UC TAP and plans to apply to UC for Fall Quarter/Semester 2025, their information may be available for import. It instructs the user to enter their TAP login ID and email address and click 'Import data from TAP' to copy their information, noting that this will delete all previously entered academic history information. A note says 'Click "Save & continue" if you do not have a TAP account.' The form contains two input fields: 'TAP login ID' and 'TAP email address'. Below these is a checkbox labeled 'My UC TAP email address is the same as my UC application email address'. At the bottom are two buttons: 'Import data from TAP' and 'Save & continue'.

If students have created a UC Transfer Admission Planner (UC TAP) account, and entered their academic information into UC TAP, a feature in the admission application allows them to import their courses and grades.

- The information is updated daily each morning with the previous day's data.
- Changes made today in UC TAP will not be reflected in the data imported on the same day.
- Once they import their TAP academic record into the application, any further information added in UC TAP will not be reflected in the application. They can edit the information directly in the application.

In order to import the coursework, applicants must use their **UC TAP ID and email address from the UC TAP account when starting the UC Admission Application.**

UC TAP website: <https://uctap.universityofcalifornia.edu/students/>

Students are responsible for double checking that the TAP import included all of their full and accurate academic history, and rectifying any mistakes or omissions in the UC application.

If a student does not have a UC TAP or does not wish to do the UC TAP import, they may skip this step of the application and enter their academic history directly in the UC application.

Colleges attended

Adding a college

- Students must enter **all** colleges/universities they have attended, including:
 - International institutions
 - Colleges attended while in high school
 - Multiple colleges in the same district
 - Even if only non-transferable work was attempted.



Academic history

Find college



You'll need to add information about each college you attended, one at a time. First, tell us where your college is located and enter the name of your college.

Where did you attend college? *

In California
 Outside California (in the U.S.)
 Outside the U.S.

Search for college

Enter college name, city or college code.

←

Search results for: San Mateo X

Showing 1 to 1 of 1 entries

School Name	City	State	Code
COLLEGE OF SAN MATEO	ALL LOCATIONS	CA	004070

Can't find your college?

- Make sure you have selected the correct location (In California, Outside California or Outside the U.S.)
- Check for any misspellings.
- Try entering just the unique words in the college name, leaving out words such as college, university, saint or abbreviated words like ST and STA.

Still having trouble finding your college?

Please correct the college's name and search again. California colleges must be selected from the list. If you attended a vocational or trade school and it is not in the list, you can report the school and course information under Additional Information as additional comments.

Colleges attended

- Remember to list every college/university attended, including those outside of the US.
- Students can search for their schools by name, city or by school code.
- If students can't find their school, it can be added by typing the full name of the school and clicking "Add"

College information

Adding college information

- Once the correct college has been selected, applicants will enter their dates of attendance, grading system and level of degree or certification received.

Dates of attendance should include the very first month/year of attendance through the last, even if enrollment was interrupted.

Academic history
College information

COLLEGE OF SAN MATEO, 004070-3
ALL LOCATIONS, CA
School code: 004070-3

When did you attend this college? *

Start date: Month * Year *

End date: Month * Year *

Is this your current or most recent college? *

No Yes

What is this college's grading system?

All CA Community Colleges use A B C D F grading system which include all letter grades, credit/no credit, pass/no pass, incomplete, withdraw, academic renewal, in progress and planned grades.

A B C D F

During your attendance, did the college's term system (quarter or semester) change? *

No Yes

Did you or will you receive an Associate for Transfer or UC Transfer Pathway (UCTP) Associate's degree?

No Yes

What level of degree, diploma, or certification did you receive or will be receiving?

College information

Once the correct college has been selected:

- Applicants will select the dates of attendance, grading system, and level of degree or certification received.
- Dates of attendance should be entered as consecutive dates even if enrollment was interrupted, i.e. first month/year of attendance through the last month/year of attendance (e.g., fall 2023 – spring 2025). Applicants will then be prompted to indicate which terms they were *enrolled*.
- Students earning the Associate Degree for Transfer or UC Transfer Pathway Associate's Degree will provide this information here along with the name of the major.
- Applicants can also indicate here if the term system has changed (e.g., from quarter to semester).

Note: If they attended a college while in high school and earned credits, don't forget to include those! Their dates of attendance should match all terms enrolled in that college, including the terms while in high school.

Entering coursework — CCC students

Transferable CCC course information is pulled directly from ASSIST.org.

Students should only use AR if Academic Renewal has already been approved and appears on the transcript.

Academic history

Enter term courses and grades

Click on a department to see the list of courses offered. Select the courses you took and the grades you received.
If your courses aren't listed, click "I don't see my courses" at the bottom of the page and enter them manually.
Please report all grades received for all courses you enrolled in, including withdrawals, incompletes and courses you may have repeated at a later date.

COLLEGE OF SAN MATEO Grading system: A B C D F
ALL LOCATIONS, CA Term system: Semester
College code: 004070

Grade Codes
AR - Academic Renewal CR - Credit EW - Excused Withdrawal IN - Incomplete
IP - In Progress NC - No Credit NP - No Pass PL - Planned
PS - Pass WF - Withdraw Failure WI - Withdraw
WU - Withdraw Unauthorized

Fall 2024

Dept	Course No.	Course Title	Units	Grade
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ECON	100	Principles of Macroeconomics	3	IP
<input type="checkbox"/> ECON	102	Principles of Microeconomics		

> English
> Engineering
> English as a Second Language
> Ethnic Studies
> Film
> Physical Education - Fitness

For California Community College students:

- The transferable course lists for California community colleges are pulled directly from the ASSIST database - <https://assist.org/>.
- Each department can be expanded to display the transferable courses by clicking on the plus (+).
- Applicants should use unofficial transcripts to ensure they report the correct term, course number, title, units and grade received for each course.
- Grade codes are listed for applicants. Students should only report Academic Renewal (AR) as the grade if the academic renewal has already been approved and appears on the transcript.

For all students:

Students **must enter all courses** taken even if they believe they are not transferable; they don't want credit for them; they believe the "old grades" are not reflective of their current academic abilities; an Academic Renewal (AR) or Incomplete (I) grade was earned; they withdrew from the course; or they later repeated the course.

If any grade change petitions are in progress, such as Academic Renewal, students should report the grade on their transcript at the time of application submission. They may update grades, if necessary, in the Transfer Academic Update in January.

Missing/inaccurate information may be viewed as falsification and result in cancellation of the application at all UC campuses.

Entering coursework manually

I don't see my courses.
Manually enter any courses you took that are not listed above.

Dept	Course No.	Course Title	Units	Grade	
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	-- ▾	<input type="button" value="Clear"/>

[Add another course](#)



Information reported should match the original transcript as closely as possible!

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For non-California Community College students:

UC does not have transferable course lists for colleges/universities other than California community colleges, so students must type in department name, course number, course title, and unit value, then select the grade earned.

For all students:

Students **must enter all courses** taken even if they believe they are not transferable; they don't want credit for them; they believe the "old grades" are not reflective of their current academic abilities; an Academic Renewal (AR) or Incomplete (I) grade was earned; they withdrew from the course; or they later repeated the course.

Missing/inaccurate information may be viewed as falsification and result in cancellation of the application at all UC campuses.

Enrollment gap

Delete Edit

Dept.	Course No.	Course Title	Units	Grade
ENGIN	210	Thermodynamics	3.0	IP
ENGIN	230	Introduction to Circuits and Devices	4.0	IP
ENGIN	257	Statics and Strength of Materials	3.0	IP
MATH	294	Differential Equations	5.0	IP
PHYS	231	Physics for Engineers and Scientists C: Optics and Modern Ph	4.0	IP

You indicated you were not enrolled in any college courses during these terms. Please explain why.

Spring 2024
Explain why
←

Continue

Academic history

College courses & grades

* required

Enrollment gap

Please tell us why you were not enrolled during the term.

Term: Spring 2024

Reason *

150 characters remaining

Save & continue
Cancel

If there is a gap in attendance, applicants will be prompted to explain why they were not enrolled. If they made an error and did enroll during an identified “gap” term, they must go back and adjust the dates and terms of attendance at the appropriate college and then enter the coursework attempted/completed.

UC-E and UC-M



If a student is using an AP or IB exam score to meet an English or math requirement, they should mark “None planned/not completed” and enter the exam score(s) in the “Test scores” section.

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College / University English composition

Prior to transfer, will you complete two transferable college courses in English composition (not including English as a second language courses)?

What is the status of the first course? *

In progress

Planned

None planned / not completed

Completed with a grade of C or better

What is the status of the second course? *

In progress

Planned

None planned / not completed

Completed with a grade of C or better

College / University mathematics

Prior to transfer, will you complete one transferable college course in mathematical concepts and qualitative reasoning? *

In progress

Planned

None planned / not completed

Completed with a grade of C or better

If the coursework you entered indicates that the student has met the minimum English (2 courses) and math (1 course) requirements for transfer to UC, **they will not see this screen.**

However, if their coursework appears to be missing required English or math courses, they will need to indicate their plan to complete these courses on this screen.

Note: this screen will also appear even if they are using an AP or IB exam score to meet an English or math requirement. In that case, they should mark ‘None planned/not completed,’ and enter their test scores in the Exams section.

- Only approved AP exams may be used to meet the English composition requirement for UC-E.

Additional comments (Academic history)



Having been on academic probation does not disqualify a student from being admitted.



Former UC students must be in good academic standing at their original UC campus to transfer to another UC. Refer to **page 39** for more information.

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Academic history

Additional information



* required

Have you ever been on academic probation? *

No Yes

Additional comments

If there's anything else you want us to know about your academic history, you can do so in the space below. But remember, you should use this space only if you want to describe anything that you have not had the opportunity to include elsewhere in this section (for example: a break in attendance, poor grades in a particular course or year, specific information about your school environment or policies that affect your academic record or choices for classes).

International applicants: If you selected Other as your school's grading system, please explain the grading system here.

550 characters remaining

Students must disclose any terms on academic probation. This will not disqualify a student from being admitted.

Admission staff look at this section for an explanation of abnormalities in a student's academic record, such as a break in attendance or poor grades in a particular course or year, or for specific information about the school environment/policies that affect the academic record and/or availability of classes.

There is also another additional comments section later in the application with the PIQs. This comment box is for academic-related comments.

Activities & awards

Applicants can enter **up to 20** activities across 5 categories.

Enter the activities and categories that best reflect their interests and achievements, focusing on those after high school graduation.

There is no minimum number of awards students should report! Quality over quantity.

Activities & awards

* required

You can enter your activities and awards one at a time. First, select a category from the dropdown menu below. Once you've selected a category, you'll be able to tell us more about the activity or award in the follow-up questions.

Description of categories

Award or honor: We want to know about the awards and honors you've received that mean the most to you.

Educational preparation programs: Any programs or activities that have enriched your academic experiences or helped you prepare for college. ⓘ

Extracurricular activity: These could include hobbies, clubs, sports or anything else you haven't had the chance to tell us about.

Volunteering / Community service: These are activities you've donated time and effort to without getting paid.

Work experience: This is for telling us about any paid jobs or paid internships you've had. ⓘ

Activity/Award [1]

Category*

--select--

--select--

Award or honor

Educational preparation program

Extracurricular activity

Volunteer / Community service

Work experience

Activities and awards

- There are five categories in the Activities and Awards section of the application. Choose experiences that have meaning, illustrate interests, and/or demonstrate leadership.
- Students will have twenty spaces to enter their activities
- Not all 20 entries have to be from the same category. Students should do their best to categorize activities in a way that makes sense to them. We wanted to allow students the flexibility and choice to enter the activities that best reflect **their** interests and achievements.
- Additionally, applicants don't NEED to have something in each of the categories, nor do they need to list 20 items.

Educational preparation programs – Programs include but are not limited to: Puente, Mesa, Umoja. A list of common programs appear in a drop-down menu. If a program is not included, manually enter it.

Community Service – Consistent participation over time may indicate commitment and dedication.

Work Experience – Demonstrates time management, responsibility and perhaps leadership.

Awards & Honors – Awards which are significant in nature – county-wide, state-wide and national - indicate a high level of achievement with significant competition. School-based awards are more meaningful to readers if context is provided, such as “5th place out of 500 students”.

Extracurricular Activities –Continued participation over time indicates passion, commitment, and sometimes leadership. Enter details about each activity.

Activities and Awards Pro-Tips:

- Avoid using acronyms for names of clubs or awards.
- Explain level of involvement in detail. Remember, what's important is what YOU did, not just what the activity is.
- Try to avoid listing the same activity in more than one section. Students should not repeat the entries, even if they might fit into more than one category.
- If an applicant did not have the time/opportunity to participate in school and/or community activities, volunteer/paid employment, explain to application readers why – how else did the applicant use their time and was it a choice or a requirement? For example: caring for siblings, elder-care, commitment to doing homework (research projects, papers, etc.). We understand that students are gaining valuable life experience and consider that as part of our comprehensive review.

Apply for scholarships



There is a category specifically for transfer students. However, they are not limited to this category.



Applicants should select **all** scholarship criteria that apply to them!



Scholarships & support programs

Apply for scholarships



* required

You can apply to a number of UC scholarships (that means free money) right here in the application. The scholarships listed below are awarded to students with specific backgrounds, academic interests or career objectives. If you don't see any categories that are relevant to you, don't worry. In addition to these scholarships, each campus and many alumni associations award a variety of scholarships that recognize students' achievement and potential.

You'll also need to file a [Free Application for Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA\)](#) or a [California Dream Act Application](#) (if you're an undocumented student) to be considered for every type of financial aid possible, including the scholarships listed below. International students should not file these.

Click on a category to view the list of scholarships and check the boxes for the scholarships that you'd like to apply to.

[Expand All](#)

- > Academic major or interest
- > Affiliation with group, program or organization
- > Ancestry and descendants
- > Career plans
- > Ethnicity, national origin or religion
- > Extracurricular activities & work experience
- > Family circumstances and relationships
- > Health / disabilities
- > School or geographic affiliation
- > Transfer students

[Save & continue](#)

Scholarships

- All UC campuses offer scholarships for students who meet specific criteria. There is a category specifically for Transfer students, but transfer applicants are not limited to this category.
- The applicant should review each scholarship choice and select all those that match their characteristics, interests, and background. There is no limit to the amount of scholarships students can select.
- Research other campus-based scholarships in the link provided at the bottom of the screen.
- *Note:* Only scholarships available at one or more of the campuses they've selected will display, though not all scholarships displayed will be available at every campus they've selected.

Personal Insight Questions (PIQ)

Personal Insight Questions (PIQs)

- One required question; respond to 3 of the 7 other questions
- All questions hold equal value
- 350 words maximum per response
- Focus on the content, not the style, of the writing
- May be used for admission and scholarship consideration



Required PIQ for transfers

Please describe how you have prepared for your intended major, including your readiness to succeed in your upper-division courses once you enroll at the university.



Refer to **page 48** of the Quick Reference Guide to see which campuses use the PIQ responses when selecting transfer applicants.

Another opportunity for us to learn more about students is within the Personal Insight Questions (PIQs). This is the written section of the UC application. Think of this as their opportunity to share additional and more detailed information that cannot be found elsewhere in the UC app, including what circumstances/experiences have shaped their academic/personal experiences.

Applicants must respond to three (3) of the seven (7) questions, plus the mandatory question (for a total of four responses). All questions have equal value, so they should respond to the three additional questions that are most relevant to them and their experiences!

Keep in mind, these are not essays. With only 350 words allowed per response, PIQ responses should be direct and literal. Focus on what information they are sharing in your responses, not the style of their writing. Readers will not be evaluating these like a writing sample. This is an important part of the UC application and the campus review, so be sure that they are taking your time and using the available resources to maximize this section.

There is also an “Additional Comments” field in the UC application. That can be used if there is important information that they didn’t get to share elsewhere in the application that they want the campuses to know. This is also not an essay, so it can be direct. Do not use this section to answer an additional PIQ question!

Additional information about the personal insight questions can be found at <https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/how-to-apply/applying-as-a-transfer/personal-insight-questions.html>.

Not every campus considers the PIQ responses when evaluating transfer applications. Refer to page 48 of the Quick Reference Guide for more information.

Additional comments (Personal Insight Questions)

Personal insight
Additional comments

 * required

If there's anything else you want us to know about you, now's your chance. But remember, you should use this space only if you want to describe anything that you have not had the opportunity to include elsewhere in the application. This shouldn't be an essay, but rather a place to explain unusual personal or family circumstances, or anything that may be unclear in other parts of the application.

550 words remaining

[Save & continue](#)



This section is optional. It is not a space for an additional PIQ response!

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Students can use the additional comments section to explain any situation, circumstance or experience that does not appear anywhere else in the application or is not fully explained in the application. The Additional Comments section is not an opportunity for an additional PIQ response!

Review and submit

Before students submit their application, they should take the time to review each section.



Once submitted, only **minimal personal information** can be updated!

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Review & submit

Here's your chance to review all of the information you've entered in the application. If you've skipped or missed any required questions, you'll see a "To do" button next to the page below.

Before you submit your application, you should review all the pages and sections below, even if they are marked as complete (indicated with a checkmark). Remember, we want to learn as much about you as possible — so it's a good idea to fill out as much as you can and review all the information you'll be sharing with us.

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> Expand all

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> About you



> Campuses & majors



> Academic history



> Test scores



> Activities & awards



> Scholarships & support programs



> Personal insight



Start submission

Review and submit

Before submitting the application, students will have the opportunity to review each section. A check mark appears beside the section to indicate that section is complete. If any sections are incomplete, the student will be prompted to go in and complete that section. Students can only submit once all sections are completed.

Important: Once submitted, only personal information can be updated (name, email address, etc.) Students should carefully review the application and ensure it is thorough and complete.

Missing information



The application does a quick estimate of units to verify their standing. This tally does **not** include AP, IB or A-level exams.

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Gap in education

Your academic history indicates a gap of more than five months in your college education. Please use the space below to briefly explain the reason for this gap, and what you did or plan to do during that time. If this is incorrect and you do not have a gap in your education, you can edit your information by clicking the "Edit 'Academic history'" button below.

Edit "Academic history"

240 characters remaining

Verify units and applicant level

Junior-level transfer students must have a minimum of 60 semester units or 90 quarter units.

Based on the coursework information you provided in "Academic history," the number of units you reported (47 semester/70.5 quarter units) does not meet the minimum required for the level you selected. This total, however, does not include units you may have earned from AP, IB, and/or A-level exams.

If you think the coursework total (without exams) is incorrect, click on the button below to return to "Academic history" to edit your courses. If the total is correct, or if you believe you will have the minimum units with test scores you've reported, please check the box below to confirm your courses are accurately reported.

Edit "Academic history"

I confirm that I have reported the correct number of units. *

Save & continue

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Gaps in education

- Applicants must explain all gaps in education for each term not enrolled. If they did not address this earlier in the application, it will prompt them here again.
- This will not disqualify them from being admitted; this is to help admission representatives understand their full educational and life context.

Verify units and applicant level

- The application does a quick estimate of units to verify whether the student has sufficient units for the level they've applied to. **Note: This tally does NOT include AP, IB or A-level exams.**
- Students can go directly back to the Academic History to add courses/units they may have forgotten to add. Or, if the student knows they have enough units with exam scores, they can check the box confirming that they've reported the correct number of units. This will allow the student to continue with the submission process.

Billing summary and fee waiver

There is an **\$80** application fee per campus (\$95 for international applicants).

If eligible for the UC application fee waiver, that will be noted on this screen. Applicants must accept and apply the fee waiver.

Billing summary * required

Please review your campus selections and application fees below.
The application fee is \$80.00 for each UC campus.

Selected campus	Fee
Berkeley	\$ 80.00
Irvine	\$ 80.00
Los Angeles	\$ 80.00
Riverside	\$ 80.00
Santa Cruz	\$ 80.00
Total due	\$ 400.00

Fee waiver
You've qualified for a UC application fee waiver.
The fee waiver allows you to apply to up to four campuses for free.
Would you like to accept the fee waiver? *

Yes No

your application has been submitted, you are responsible for the application fee, even if you cancel a campus at a later date.
By submitting this application, you must agree to the following statement(s):
I agree to pay all appropriate application fees and that my application is not complete until I submit the fees, or an approved fee waiver, by the deadline.
I will review and make all necessary updates and corrections. I will not change most of the information in my application once I submit it. I am ready to pay and submit.

i If a student has an external waiver (e.g., EOPS), they can select check payment and mail it to the UC application center. But it cannot be combined with the UC application waiver.

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Application Fees:

- For U.S. citizens or permanent resident students, the application fee is \$80 per campus.
- For International and non-immigrant applicants, the application fee is \$95 for each campus selected.
 - If an international or non-immigrant student currently attends school in the U.S., however, they may be eligible to pay the lower application fee of \$80 per campus.
- The application tool will advise of the fee amount on this page.

Fee Waiver:

- A fee waiver is automatically calculated for California and domestic residents. The fee waiver calculator is activated from answers about the applicant's family size and income.
- If a fee waiver is granted, **the applicant must select "Yes" to accept the fee waiver.**
- If an applicant decides not to answer those questions, they *may* qualify for a fee waiver but would not receive one.

If the applicant makes a mistake on the family income amount, they can correct the information with an 'edit' button; eligibility for the fee waiver will automatically re-calculate with the revised information .

Fee Waiver Eligibility

- For U.S. citizens or permanent residents or students who have attended a CA high school for at least 3 years, if students meet the low-income criteria used to qualify for free and reduced lunch, they will qualify for a UC application fee waiver for up to 4 campus choices but will be responsible for payment for any additional campus(es) to which they choose to apply.
- Students in California on a visa are not eligible for the UC application fee waiver.
- UC also accepts the College Board, ACT or NACAC fee waiver. Only one waiver may be used.

Payment:

- Application fee payment is required and non-refundable.
- Payment may be submitted by credit card in the application tool; **or** by mailing a check or fee waiver if a student didn't qualify for the UC application fee waiver but meets criteria established by the waiver provider.

Release authorizations and Statement of Integrity

Release authorizations

If you agree with a statement below, check the box next to it. These conditions are all optional and not agreeing will not affect your admission to the university. Not agreeing with a condition may have other consequences, so please read each one carefully. You may log back in to your application at any time to change these preferences.

- I authorize the University of California to release application information, including copies of my application, to outside agencies that award scholarships.
Without this authorization, your application will not be shared with outside agencies that provide scholarships.
- I authorize the University of California to release biographical information from my application (including information regarding my ethnicity and sexual orientation) to recognized UC organizations and alumni groups that may wish to contact me before and after admission decisions are made.
- I authorize the University of California to release to my school or college counselor/counseling office (or sponsoring agency) information regarding my application, including transcripts and other supporting documents, as they relate to my admission and scholarship status.
If you do not check the box, UC may not inform your school or counselor whether you have applied or been admitted.
- I authorize the University of California to release to my parents/legal guardian or spouse information regarding my application, including transcripts and other supporting documents, as they relate to my admission and scholarship status.
Without this authorization, information regarding your application will not be disclosed to your parents/legal guardian or spouse. For example, if you do not check the box, they cannot inquire about the receipt of your application, transcripts or other supporting documents, nor inquire about the status of your application.
- If I submit a Statement of Intent to register at a University of California campus, I authorize the release of my Smarter Balanced Assessment English Language Arts (ELA) score to the University of California to assist in determining whether I have met the Entry Level Writing Requirements and/or what supports I may need to successfully engage in writing courses at the University of California.

Electronic signature and Statement of Integrity *

By submitting this application, you authorize the University of California to release application information, including copies of your application, to any UC campus for admission or scholarship consideration.

[View Statement of Integrity \(PDF\)](#)

- I certify that my application and all information submitted during the admission process — including my academic record, personal statement, awards, activities, and supporting materials — are my own work, factually true and correct, and honestly presented. I understand that I am responsible for the accuracy of the application and that the University of California may verify the information.

I further understand that withholding information or giving false information or other misconduct prior to enrollment as described in the [UC Policy on Student](#)



While their release authorizations won't influence their admission decision, the electronic signature and Statement of Integrity are required. *Failure to comply with the Statement of Integrity may result in cancellation of a student's application or offer(s) of admission!*

Release authorizations and Statement of Integrity

The application cannot be submitted without the applicant's electronic signature and acknowledgement of the Statement of Integrity.

The Statement of Integrity is to affirm that all information in the application is accurate and the personal insight responses were written by the applicant. **If information is withheld, such as poor grades, or falsification is detected, the application is subject to cancellation.**

Signature Releases

- Review and check the release authorizations to share application information with scholarship agencies, parent/guardian, counselors and/or UC organizations and alumni groups.
- Electronically sign and date the application to verify accuracy and acknowledge that the applicant is the author of their personal insight responses.
- The electronic signature also authorizes the release of official examination score(s), if submitted, to all UC campuses to which the student applied.
- Information in the application is subject to verification. If an applicant is selected for verification, non-compliance will result in cancellation of the application and the application fee will not be refunded.

Submission confirmation

After submission, be sure to make note of the following:

- Application ID
- Date submitted
- Payment method
- Confirmation ID

Applicants should never post or share their application ID online.

GOOD JOB!

you did it! You've successfully submitted your UC application! Before you leave, make sure to review the information below about your payment and what steps to take after you submit.

Submission confirmation

Here's a summary of your application and fees. Please print a copy of your submission confirmation and your application using the buttons below. You'll want to keep both of these documents for your records. You will also receive an email at _____ with this information.

Selected campus	Fee
Berkeley	\$ 80.00
Irvine	\$ 80.00
Los Angeles	\$ 80.00
Riverside	\$ 80.00
Santa Cruz	\$ 80.00
Subtotal	\$ 400.00
Fee waiver	- \$ 320.00
Total paid	\$ 80.00

Application ID:
 Date submitted: 07/13/2023
 Payment method: Credit Card
 Confirmation ID: 6892826864666173403005

[Print a receipt](#)
[View & print your application](#)

Students should keep their application ID in a secure place, as this will be used throughout the admission process, including decision release occurring in the spring.

This screen will show the complete list of campuses applied to, fees, fee waiver, application ID, date submitted, and payment method. Applicants will also receive confirmation via email.

After submission

Once submitted, applicants can log back into their UC application to view the available options listed in the navigation menu.

Changes to the UC application are limited once submitted.



Applicants can add additional campuses as long as they are still open (typically until the application filing deadline).

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Application status

Submitted application

Fall quarter/semester 2025

Application ID:
Submit date: 06/20/2024

Campuses applied to:

Campus	Date Forwarded
UC Merced	
UC Riverside	
UC Santa Cruz	

Important! UC may send important, time-sensitive correspondence to applicants by email, so be sure to check your email regularly (including your spam folders). We recommend you use a non-school issued email account (e.g. Gmail, Yahoo).

[View fees & payments](#)

[Transfer Academic Update \(TAU\) ! Not submitted](#)

[View application](#)

- [Add a campus choice](#)
- [Update personal information](#)
- [Update English language proficiency test](#)
- [Update IB exams](#)
- [Update AP exams](#)
- [Update international exams](#)
- [Update release authorization](#)

Application Status

After submission, a student can log back into their application and see the following menu. Here students can see when their application was forwarded to the campus. Updates can be made in any of the sections listed on this screen, so keep in mind that Academic History and adding Activities and Awards or editing the PIQs is not an option once you submit.



Transfer Academic Update (TAU)

Transfer Academic Update (TAU)

Transfer Academic Update

- **All** transfer applicants must submit the TAU, even if they aren't taking courses in fall 2024 or spring 2025.
- Must be submitted by **January 31** to ensure review by all of the campuses.

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Transfer Academic Update

Introduction

To ensure we have your most current academic information, sophomore, junior and senior transfer applicants are required to submit a Transfer Academic Update (TAU). You must provide your final grades from the previous term and list all courses in progress or planned for the term before you expect to enroll. Even if you do not have any in-progress or planned courses and your academic record was complete in your original application, you still must complete the Transfer Academic Update.

Instructions

You must complete each TAU section in sequential order. Once all steps are completed, you can review your information on the "Review & submit" page. From that page, you can navigate to each section, fix any errors or make any changes, and proceed through each section again. Once your information is correct and complete, you can submit the TAU.

Each applicant must submit at least one TAU. Once a TAU is submitted, it cannot be edited or changed. If you need to make any additional changes or updates, you'll need to submit a new TAU.

You have not submitted the Transfer Academic Update.

Continue

Cancel

- Even if an applicant is not currently enrolled, and all information was submitted on the original admission application, **all transfer applicants are required to submit the Transfer Academic Update (TAU)**.
- The TAU allows students to enter fall grades and list courses in progress or planned.
- Students must submit a TAU by January 31 to ensure their application receives full consideration. TAUs submitted after the priority deadline of January 31 may not be considered.

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Minimum requirements
Additional information
Review & submit

TAU — Courses and grades

Courses and grades

- Transfer applicants must update their fall grades and winter/spring coursework in the TAU.

Applicants can report any changes to grades prior to fall 2024 in additional comments (e.g., AR that was previously processing, but has since been approved)

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Transfer Academic Update Courses & grades

TAU only includes changes related to the current academic year, starting with the last completed term. Please report all the courses you enrolled in and the grades you received for each college and term listed below. Include withdrawals, incompletes and courses you may plan to repeat at a later date.

COLLEGE OF SAN MATEO
ALL LOCATIONS, CA
College code: 004070

Grading system: A B C D F
Term system: Semester

Edit

Fall 2024 ! Delete Edit

Dept.	Course No.	Course Title	Units	Grade
ASTR	101	Astronomy Laboratory	1.0	IP
ASTR	100	Introduction to Astronomy	3.0	IP
CIS	140	Big Data Analytics	4.0	IP
CIS	117	Python Programming	4.0	IP
MATH	200	Elementary Probability and Statistics	4.0	IP
MATH	270	Linear Algebra	3.0	IP

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Dept.	Course No.	Course Title	Units	Grade
AQUA	127.1	Swim Stroke Development I	0.5	PL
CIS	256	(CS2) Data Structures: Java	4.0	PL
CIS	502	Applied Python Programming	4.0	PL
CIS	124	Foundations of Data Science	4.0	PL
HIST	106	World History II: From 1500 to Present	3.0	PL

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- Applicants will update their Fall 2024 grades and winter/spring 2025 coursework information in the TAU.

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TAU — Submission confirmation

Fall quarter/semester 2025 application
Transfer Academic Update
Confirmation

[Print version](#)

Application ID: 3940021
(View application ID)

Your information has been successfully submitted as of the date shown below. Remember to print this page for your records. If you revisit the site later to make additional updates, you will be able to print a new confirmation page.

Colleges

COLLEGE OF SAN MATEO

ALL LOCATIONS, CA

College code: 004070

Grading system: A B C D F

Current or most recent college: Yes

Attended: July 2023 - May 2025

Term system changed: No

Term system: Semester

Enrolled terms: Fall 2024, Spring 2025

Has Assoc. Transfer/UC Transfer Pathway degree: Yes

Degree, diploma or certificate: Associate For Transfer (AA-T, AS-T)

Degree major / Date received: Biology, April 2025

Application status
Submitted application
Fall quarter/semester 2025

Application ID:
 Submit date: 06/20/2024

Campuses applied to:

Campus	Date Forwarded
UC Merced	
UC Riverside	
UC Santa Cruz	

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View fees & payments

[Transfer Academic Update \(TAU\)](#)

[View application TAU submitted 06/21/2024](#)

[Add campus choice](#)

[Update personal information](#)

[Update English language proficiency test](#)

[Update IB exams](#)

[Update AP exams](#)

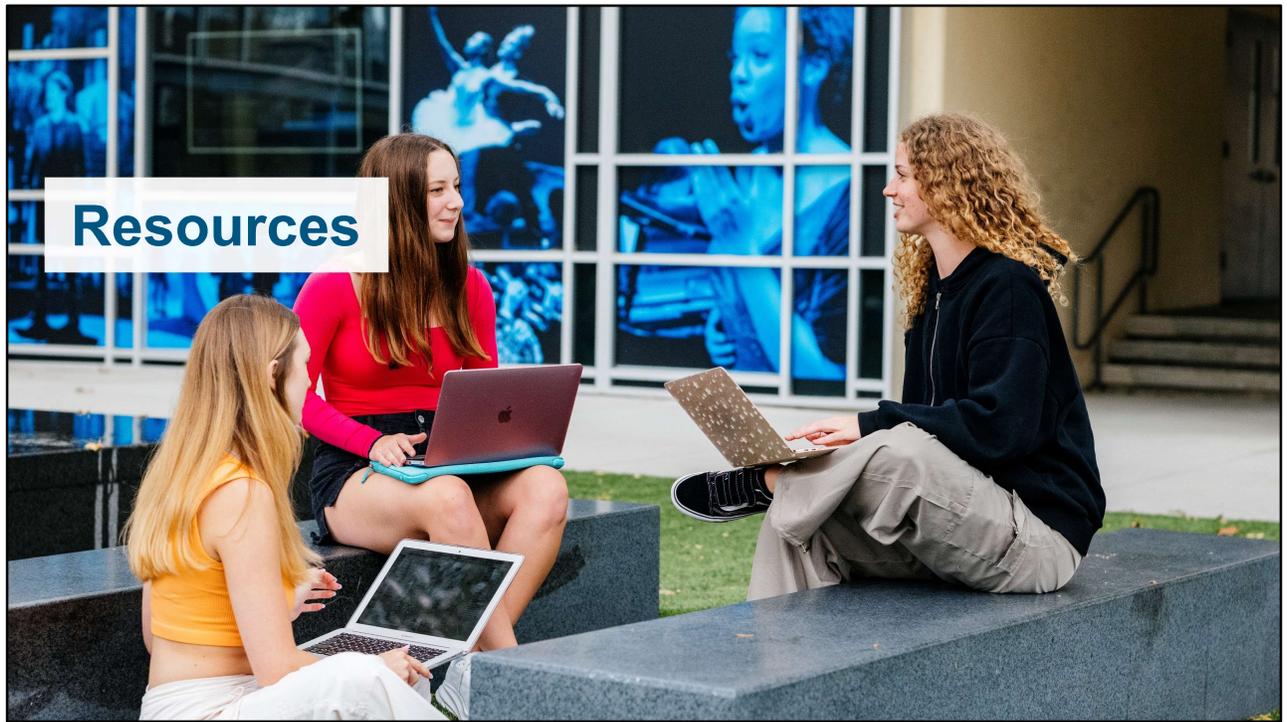
[Update international exams](#)

[Update release authorization](#)

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This is the confirmation of completion of the TAU. Once submitted, applicants can view this confirmation when they log into their UC application.

Students should check email frequently, as admission representatives from campuses may ask for additional information or clarification of information on the TAU.



Need assistance?

If applicants have questions, contact the application help desk at ucinfo@applyucsupport.net

Or call the UC Application Center:

Within the U.S.: (800) 207-1710

Outside the U.S.: (925) 298-6856



Helpdesk hours:

Monday – Friday: 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. PST

Saturday & Sunday: Closed

November & December hours:

November 1–15: Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 6 p.m. PST

November 18–22: Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 8 p.m. PST

November 23–24: Saturday – Sunday, 8 a.m. – 10 p.m. PST

November 25–27: Monday – Wednesday, 8 a.m. – 10 p.m. PST

November 28: Thursday – closed

November 29–30: Friday – Saturday, 7 a.m. – 11 p.m. PST

December 1–2: Sunday – Monday, 7 a.m. – midnight PST

December 3: Tuesday 8 a.m. – 6 p.m. PST

Closed on the following holidays:

November 28, December 25 & January 1

The UC application Help Center is available to help students navigate and complete the UC application.

Updated hours reflect the December 2 extended deadline for fall 2025 applications

Transfer admission resources for students



General admission information

admission.universityofcalifornia.edu

UC admission requirements

admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/admission-requirements/transfer-requirements

UC admission selection process

admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/how-to-apply/applying-as-a-transfer/how-applications-are-reviewed.html

Filling out the UC application

admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/how-to-apply/applying-as-a-transfer/filling-out-the-application.html



Counselor resources

Counselors website

admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/counselors

Counselors resource library

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

Quick Reference Guide to UC Admissions

admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/counselors/_files/documents/quick-reference-guide-to-uc-admissions.pdf



Check out the full “*Presenting yourself on the UC application*” presentation for additional application tips and screenshots! Available in the Counselors resource library.

Thank you

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