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Overview

- WHAT IS SUMMER ENGAGEMENT?
- WHY ENGAGE?
- PROGRAM OPTIONS
- WHAT TO EXPECT
- BEYOND PARTICIPATION & UC ADMISSIONS
- SUMMER ENGAGEMENT BEYOND UC
- COUNSELING PRO TIPS
What is summer engagement?

There are many opportunities available within the University of California system. All campuses offer access to summer courses for credit and a variety of specialized enrichment programs.
Why engage?

Summer programs & engagement opportunities help students

- Character
- Future leaders
- Personal insight
- Competitive edge
- Mentorship and advocacy
- Resiliency
Student stories

“I just like the fact that it allows students to dip their toes into college courses before having a full schedule.”

– Transfer student summer program participant
Summer program opportunities
Populations served

- All inclusive
- Regional area
- Statewide (CA only)
- Transfer-specific
- Underserved programs
- 1st generation
SUMMER SESSIONS

A great opportunity to:
- Reduce time to degree
- Adapt to a new campus environment
- Adjust to the new term type system (semester vs quarter)
- Meet other new incoming UC students at all levels

UC Summer Sessions serve:
- All students: non-UC, UC students, domestic and international, and high school students
- Usually specific sessions for newly admitted students

Type of sessions available at UC:
- 3-7 week sessions
- 10 or 12 week special sessions

TRANSFER EDGE

A great opportunity to:
- Immersion into the campus environment
- Get an early start on your campus experience
- Adjust to the new term type system
- Build community
- Explore research, jobs and internships

Offered at 6 UC campuses:
- UC Davis, UC Irvine, UC San Diego,
- UC Santa Cruz, UC Berkeley, UC Santa Barbara

Transfer Edge serves:
- Admitted Incoming transfer students
- Usually specific sessions are required like Summer Session 2

Type of sessions available:
- 6 week summer residential
Student stories

“I loved living on campus, I loved getting a head start on my units, and it is just such a relief to be heading into the fall quarter feeling a lot more prepared with a better idea of how the transition to university will feel.”

– Transfer student summer program participant
What to expect
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Credit-bearing courses
“UCB’s Summer Enrichment Program (SEP)”

Subject-specific programs
“UCSD PATH Summer Academy”

Immersion programs
“UCSB’s UC Transfer Bound Summer Program”

Non-credit programs
“UCDs Aggie Transfer Scholars Weekend”

Exposure to internship & research opportunities
“UCM’s Transfer Academy Program”
What to expect

Where do your students want to be...?

→ **Commute** to in-person classes at most UCs
→ **Residential** – live in the halls like “UCI’s Transfer Leadership Collaborative (TLC)” or “UCM’s Summer Up”
→ **Remote** – online classes at most UCs and “UC Online”
→ **Hybrid** – virtual courses and in person activities “UCLA’s SITE +”
Financial considerations...

→ **Cost free** like “UCSB’s Transfer Preparation Academy”
→ **Financial aid** eligible
→ **Scholarships** from program or private sources
→ **Full tuition** families responsible for full cost, (i.e. taking classes at the UCs)
→ **Residential living, dining, parking, etc. mean higher costs**
→ **Travel expenses** may or may not be included in program costs
What to expect

Application processes vary...

→ Requirements could include age, year, CCC region & GPA
→ Transcripts for proof of GPA or prerequisite courses
→ Letters of Recommendation and Interviews
→ Statement purpose/intent from student
→ May be limited to certain backgrounds or underserved populations
What to expect

Many perks including...

- College and university **credits** earned
- Scholarships and **funding** is available
- **Confidence** with admissions, enrollment, billing, & other campus systems
- **Familiarity** with college-going culture, housing, dining, transportation & recreation
- Knowledge of **resources** like tutoring, disability services, libraries
Student stories

“The best opportunity to get a head start... I was worried how the course work would look like, so this program allowed me to see how the UC system works...”

– Transfer student summer participant
Beyond participation and the admissions process
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**UC COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW**
Evaluates students’ achievements in light of their available opportunities & demonstrated capacity to contribute to the vitality and intellectual life at UC

**BEYOND THE NUMBERS**
- Take a challenging course schedule and perform well
- Take advantage of other academic opportunities
- Take initiative in pursuing passions and interests
- Get involved in activities at school and in the community
- Explore leadership opportunities at school, in activities, in the family and in the community
Beyond participation and the admissions process

ACTIVITIES & AWARDS

Allows applicants to highlight participation for all summer program types including duration, frequency and a brief description
Beyond participation and the admissions process

**ACTIVITIES & AWARDS**

*Pro Tip*

Encourage students to build their portfolios early!

Advise applicants to provide context of activities on app!
Beyond participation and the admissions process

PERSONAL INSIGHT

Here is the student can do in more depth and share their personal story with concrete life examples.
Beyond participation and the admissions process

PERSONAL INSIGHT

Encourage students to journal their experiences to best capture its impact for the PIQs!
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PERSONAL INSIGHT

PIQ worksheet QR

PERSONAL INSIGHT QUESTIONS: GUIDE FOR TRANSFER APPLICANTS

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

The required question:
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.

- What experiences outside of the classroom have influenced you in your major? (Internships, work, family, etc.)
- How have classroom experiences shaped your interest in your major? (Research, academic support programs, etc.)
- Is your major tied to your long-term goals?

The additional question:
1. Describe an example of your leadership experience in which you have positively influenced others, helped resolve disputes, or contributed to group efforts over time.
2. How did you grow from that leadership experience? What, if any impact did that have in other places in your life?

Remember, we do not seek a definition of leadership. We are not asking if you have a leadership role or title.

How to use this worksheet:
Read the questions then write a draft for your personal insight questions. Make yourself the focus of each response.

Leadership

Major preparation

Creativity & problem solving
Beyond participation and the admissions process

PERSONAL INSIGHT

1. What would you say is your greatest talent or skill? How have you developed and demonstrated that talent over time? List what you consider your talents or skills:

   - Which one of these talents or skills is the most meaningful or important to you and why? Does the talent come naturally or have you worked hard to develop this talent or skill?

2. Describe how you have taken advantage of a significant educational opportunity or worked to overcome an educational barrier you have faced.

   - Feel free to speak about an opportunity and/or a barrier. An opportunity could have come due to a barrier. Also, it is okay if you experience one and not the other.

   - Are you engaged in educational or membership programs, or community-based organizations (EDPS, YMCAs, Kiwanis, etc.)? Do you consider these opportunities? If so, what have you gained from the experience?

   - Have you had to supplement your coursework online, at a different community college/university?

3. Describe the most significant challenge you have faced and the steps you have taken to overcome this challenge. How has this challenge affected your academic achievement?

   - Have you had a difficult experience in your life? How did you get through it? When were you today because of that time in your life? What did you learn from the experience?

Questions 4-6 continued

Remember, while your challenge can be personal we are asking how it impacted your academic achievement.

6. What have you done to make your school or your community a better place?

   - You saw a problem. What motivated you to act? What did you learn from your effort?

   - Did you contribute to a positive change at your school or in your community? What steps have you taken to accomplish this? If you worked in a group, you need to focus on your tasks, your role, and your responsibilities.

   - Even small changes can make a big impact. Admissions readers cannot click on links or search for your accomplishment online.

7. Beyond what has already been shared in your application, what do you believe makes you a strong candidate for admission to the University of California?

   - Look at your transcript, resume and daily routine. Is there anything that you need to clarify, explain, or elaborate on which we won't find in another MQ?

   - What did we not ask in the application that reflects on you as a student inside and/or outside of the classroom?

   - Remember, UC does not review unsolicited supplemental information (transcripts, letters of recommendation or resume). Think of this question as a chance to add context or clarification about what we will find in your application.

This worksheet is designed to help UC transfer applicants start the writing process for the personal insight questions. Additional suggestions can be found on the UC's admissions website at californialsummer.applications.
Student stories

“I am SO GLAD I took the summer academy... Class sizes were engaging and everyone was really very helpful... It was an overall great experience for me!”

– Transfer Student Summer Program participant
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COMMUNITY COLLEGE PROGRAMS

Programs are geared towards advising students who are ready to transfer

- Eligibility requirements
- Selection
- PIQ tips
- Financial aid

“Transfer Academy”
“TRIO”
“MESA”
“PUENTE”

COMMUNITY-BASED ORGS (CBOs)

Additive supplement to work conducted in the college setting

“Faith-based”
“UMOJA”
“Blu Foundation”
“A2Mend”
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WORK EXPERIENCE & VOLUNTEERISM

→ Enhances human interaction
→ Making a difference in the lives of others
→ Develops people skills, leadership skills, time management skills and organization skills
→ Allows the student to question and assess their overall career path
→ Prepares students for advanced job opportunities as a college student
→ Adds value to the comprehensive review factor within the UC application
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“I found the community and support from this program helpful because it got me through a challenging yet critical transition. I showed up to campus feeling like I belong here.”

– Transfer Edge student alum
Helpful tips for counselors

Don’t

...be fooled by third party marketing.
Helpful tips for counselors

Don’t

...assume we offer the same summer programs every year.
Helpful tips for counselors

Don’t...do all the work yourself!
We enjoy collaborating with you.
Helpful tips for counselors

Don’t

...only research programs offered through the admissions offices.
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**DO**

Visit the campuses’ websites directly &
Sign up for counselor bulletins.
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**Pro Tips**

**DO**
Use keywords when searching!

STEM
Institute
Academy
Summer Residential
Pre-Admission
Immersion
Engagement
Outreach
Summer Intensive
Experience
Mentorship

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Thank you & stay cool!