“This is the way” - Advanced evaluation
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Agenda

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Limitations within courses
Common limitations within courses

English as a second language courses: a maximum of 8 semester (12 quarter) units

Physical education activity courses: a maximum of 4 semester (6 quarter) units

PE theory courses: a maximum 8 semester (12 quarter)

Students also may only take one subject series (i.e., physics, calculus)

College algebra and Pre-calculus limited to one course

ON 2023-2024 TCA's they will reflect the footnotes for College Algebra/Precalculus, to now allow one course, but they cannot revise the previous TCA's.

Please use assist.org for up-to-date limitations, these are updated every year and this is what students, counselors and UC representatives use when reviewing UC applications for eligibility and major prep.

Exams (AP/IB) limitations

Sequential courses
One Subject Series – please see the assist limitations per series, example – Calculus 1 & 2 vs. Analytic Geometry & Calculus 1 & 2.

"Ea" designation (i.e. music) -- An "ea" after the unit value of a course is meant to indicate that the course may be repeated for credit under CCC policies.

Same limitations apply to coursework taken outside of a CCC.
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ESL courses are limited to 8 sem/12 qtr units, per the assist limitation.

PE Activity courses are limited to 4 sem/6 qtr unit, per the assist limitation.
UC-E & UC-M
Satisfying UC-E with non-CCC courses

UC-English courses MUST:
1. Have extensive practice in writing composition
2. Include reading of significant literature
3. Be worth at least 3 semester or 4 quarter units

Note: English courses can be transferable but NOT meet UC-E (e.g., Creative Writing)

UC-E English Composition and Literature/Writing
Transferable courses:
- Require extensive practice in writing (minimum of 5,000 words).
- Require a substantial amount of reading of significant literature.
- Must include a writing handbook or evidence of similar writing pedagogy.
- Prerequisite: A course or an examination comparable to the UC Entry Level Writing Requirement.

***Note-composition courses often meet a writing requirement at their sending institution but that criteria alone is not sufficient to determine that it's a UCE.

REMEMBER
Courses are not always in a traditional academic subject (e.g., interdisciplinary studies, first year seminar, honors seminar, etc., may be acceptable)
Course descriptions are your friend!
UCM Math courses
Transferable courses:
- Require topics in advanced algebra as found in courses such as college algebra, pre-calculus, and calculus.
- Require topics to further build upon the foundational mathematical concepts and principles.
- A Pre-Calculus course must have a prerequisite of intermediate algebra, containing topics from advanced algebra, elementary functions (logarithmic, exponential, and trigonometry), and analytic geometry is not considered remedial.

Credit Limitations: award credit for either college algebra or pre-calculus.

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Courses can be in various departments at different institutions. COM = Communication department

Do these courses satisfy UCE?

**University of Puget Sound ENGL 227 Introduction to Writing**: UC-transferable but not UC-E
  - This course does not meet the UCE English Requirement – this is a seminar and workshop course, the course does not provide extensive writing in composition, or include significant literature. This is more of a short story writing course.

**Embry-Riddle Aeronautical COM 122 English Composition**: UC-transferable and meets UC-E standards
  - This course focuses on composing, research and documentation in writing composition, also developing critical thinking.
Do these courses satisfy UCE?

**Fashion Institute of Design & Merchandising GNST 1040 English Composition**: UC-transferable and meets UC-E standards
- This course focuses on research writing and critical thinking.
- **NOTE**: FIDM is on the quarter system, not semester, so technically this would not be ok for UC-E. For the purpose of this exercise, this would be okay for UC-E since we have it listed as 3 semester units. However, in actuality, FIDM is on the quarter system and a 2 sem/3 quarter course would not meet UC-E. We appreciate those of you who brought this oversight to our attention and thank you for allowing us to correct/clarify this exercise.

**Syracuse University WRT 114 Writing Culture**: UC-transferable but not UC-E
- This course does not meet the UCE English Requirement – it focuses on nonacademic writing, creative non-fiction, memoir and the essay – does not discuss extensive practice in writing composition or significant literature, mentioned in the course description.
Are these courses transferable? Do they satisfy UCM?

**North Seattle College MATH 102 College Algebra**: YES for UCM
Prerequisite: MATH 98 - Intermediate Algebra.
- Yes, this course satisfies the UCM Math requirement, the course has a listed pre-requisite of Intermediate Algebra, discusses topics of advanced algebra.

**University of Colorado at Boulder MATH 1110 Math for Elementary Educators**: UC-transferable but not UC-M; no Intermediate Alg prerequisite
- No, the listed prerequisite is only one year of HS algebra and one year of geometry, discusses topics in number systems.
Are these courses transferable? Do they satisfy UC-M?

**Sacramento State University STAT 1 Introduction to Statistics**
- NO for UC-M (also not transferable). Requires Math 10 Essentials of Algebra which is a fundamental/basic algebra course as prereq, not Intermediate Algebra Math 12.
  - No, the listed pre-req is to low, the course description describes basic concepts and fundamental notions/techniques.

**Arizona State University STP 231 Statistics for Life Science**
- YES for UC-M
- Pre-req MATH 117 College Algebra.
- Yes, the listed pre-req is College Algebra or higher, the course description discusses methods of statistics, summary of data, hypothesis, correlation, etc.
Credit for prior learning
Military credit

Students must report all colleges they’ve attended and coursework they’ve taken (including Defense Language Institute, Community College of the Air Force, University of Maryland, US Naval Academy) regardless of the grades they received or whether they want to receive credit for the courses.

UC may award limited credit for:

- Courses from DLI, CCAF, military academies, etc.
- Military training such as PE, leadership (from the JST)
- Courses/training must be equivalent to courses taught at a UC

**If a student completed courses offered by a U.S. military branch, student may indicate their intention to submit their military transcript by checking the box in the "About You" section of the application.

Military credit: UC requires the official Joint Services Transcript (JST). Military credit cannot be counted toward the minimum 60 semester/90 quarter transferable units required for junior standing, but active-duty personnel or veterans of the U.S. military should inform UC on the admission application if they have completed courses provided by the military (not courses completed at a collegiate institution). UC may award credit after transfer for some military courses if the content is equivalent to a course taught at the university.

UC Veterans Resources – https://veterans.universityofcalifornia.edu/prepare-for-uc/how-to-apply.html

DLI - Defense Language Institute
CCAF - Community College of the Air Force
University of Maryland - University of Maryland Global Campus for active-duty military
USNA - United States Naval Academy

ACE - American Council on Education – Army transcript
SMAART - Sailor - Marine American Council on Education Registry Transcript/now uses JST.
JST - Joint Services Transcript
JST [Joint Services Transcript], Physical Education courses will be awarded.

- Physical Fitness and Conditioning – 1 unit
- Physical Education – 3 units
Typically, credit is awarded in chronological order - whichever came first is what is awarded. After admission, the campus can decide which credit to award (exam vs course)

- UC offers college credit to students who have taken and scored well on AP, IB and A-Level (GCE and Singapore-Cambridge) exams.
  - Credit bearing exam scores
    - AP: 3, 4 or 5, credit awarded ranges from 2.6 sem/4 qtr to 5.3 sem/8 qtr
    - IB: 5, 6 or 7; Higher Level (HL) only, credit awarded = 5.3 sem/8 qtr per exam, students who have completed the IB diploma with 30 or above will receive an additional 4 sem/6 qtr units
    - A-Level: A, B, C credit awarded = up to 8 sem/12 qtr units per exam
  - Keep in mind, as we discuss credit for exams that units earned through AP, IB, or A-Level exams
    - Are not included in the lower division unit limitation
    - Do not put the applicant at risk of being denied due to excessive units
- Select exams can be used to satisfy portions of the 7-course pattern, units and major requirements. UC AP chart is available at https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/admission-requirements/ap-exam-credits/ap-credits/ indicated semester/quarter units awarded for each exam, UC Area satisfied (if any) and any applicable limits
  - Each exam, even if two UC Areas are noted
  - Most common limits include English and Math
    - EX. If a student takes AP English Language and Composition as well as AP English Literature and Composition, they will only receive 5.3 sem/8 qtr units and only one of their two UCE's will be fulfilled.
Credit awarded may vary from UC to UC (elective credit vs course credit) and may result in duplication at one campus but not another, and total units fluctuating.

- Check campus specific AP exam articulation.
- In the example pictured, a student who completed AP Microeconomics with a score of 4 would earn subject credit for Microeconomics (ECON 20A) at UCI but would only earn elective credit at UCSD.
Courses identified as Academic Renewal (AR, common to California community college), Pass/No Pass, Credit/No Credit, Satisfactory/Non-Satisfactory, Excused Withdrawal (EW) and/or Withdrawal have no grade point value and are not included in the GPA calculation.

Please note: A No Credit (NC), Not Pass (NP) or Academic Renewal (AR) grade in a repeated course will not replace a deficient grade.
This example shares with you an applicant who has both Academic Renewal and a repeat of an F grade. Using the Grade Notations you can see an @ indicates Academic Renewal and an R indicates Repeat Annotation for courses repeated. This applicant would indicate AR as grade received on their application for Hist 20 American History to 1870 and list an F grade for Soc 1 Intro to Sociology. During the review process the Evaluator reviewing the application will replace the F grade for Soc 1 and use the repeated grade in the applicants GPA calculation.

Please encourage your students to use an unofficial transcript in completing their course information on the application. A common mistake on applications are students who list AR on their application when in fact it is a repeat. If the course is a repeat the student needs to list the grade received. During the review the C- or lower grade will be replaced with the repeated grade.
Repeats in the PAST:
In scenario 1 – Precalculus is not of sequence, no grade points are assigned with an F grade, students can go backwards and take a lower-level course.

In scenario 2 - Precalculus is out of sequence, since grade points are assigned with the D/C- grades, students cannot go backwards and take a lower-level course.
Students are allowed to repeat a grade or F, D or C-, we will not penalize students who earn a D or C- grade in a higher-level course and want to take a lower-level course to gain more subject knowledge.

A student is allowed to repeat each course in which a C-, D+, D, D-, F or NP grade was originally earned, as many times as necessary, until the first time the student earns a letter grade of C or better.

- The replacement (repeat) course must have curriculum similar to the original course (the same content but not necessarily the same title) and must be offered at the same level as the original course.
- The new grade earned will replace the deficient grade in the GPA calculation. UC does not average the grades. Please note: A No Credit (NC), Not Pass (NP) or Academic Renewal (AR) grade in a repeated course will not replace a deficient grade.
- All coursework (original and repeats) must be reported on the admission application.
- A non-honors course can be used as a repeat of a honors course.
- An honors course may be used as a repeat of a non-honors course.

Repeat of a C (2.0) grade is not allowed, regardless of the repeat policy at the sending institution.

Why the change? In light of AB 1705, we are concerned students may choose to take math courses for which they are unprepared and we don't want that to exclude them from majors or admission.
Unit limitations
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**Lower division units:**
Students will be granted up to 70 semester (105 qtr) units for freshman/sophomore (lower-division) coursework completed at any institution or combination of institutions.

The unit counts include all transferable coursework completed, in progress and planned through the spring term before fall transfer.

This limitation does not apply to units earned at UC.

Subject credit will be granted for appropriate coursework taken in excess of this unit limitation and may be used to meet subject requirements.

- The limitation does not apply to AP (Advanced Placement), IB (International Baccalaureate), and A-Level exams
- The limitation does not apply to upper division (junior/senior-level) coursework completed at a four-year institution, nor does it apply to any UC coursework (lower- or upper-division).
- When subject credit is awarded for units in excess of the 70 semester/105 quarter unit limitation, student do not "lose" courses after transfer and should not have to retake courses (unless courses do not articulate to correct requirement for degree completion).
Some campuses and programs do not offer admission to students who have accumulated a combination of lower-division (and/or) UC units beyond 80 semester/120 quarter units.

- Units earned through AP, IB and/or A-Level examinations are not included in the limitation but do not put applicants at risk of being denied admission.

- Units earned at any UC campus (extension, summer, cross/concurrent and regular academic year enrollment) are not included in the limitation but are added to the maximum transfer credit allowed and may put applicants at risk of being denied admission due to excessive units.

- Note, if all coursework was completed at a two-year college(s), the student cannot be at risk of being denied admission due to excessive units. Please see the High-Unit Limits and Admission Policy by Campus in the UC Quick Reference, page 36.
Student has completed 60 lower division units at the College of the Redwoods. Then they continue on to complete 20 semester units at Williamson College (a mix of 3 lower division units and 17 upper division units). 60 lower division units plus 3 lower division = 63 units, this does not exceed the minimum 70 semester lower division units. 60 units plus 20 units = 80 semester units; the student is a junior level applicant.
Evaluating the galaxy - International evaluation
The UC does not accept English Composition courses from International Universities where English is not the language of instruction.

ENGS 113 English completed at King Saud University, will be marked as Non-Transferable.

AUC American University Cairo, would be an acceptable course because English is the Language of Instruction.
Reporting international coursework in application

1. Students should not try to convert grades
2. Information may be sent to faculty for review
3. Identify if the program they are in is academic, technical, or vocational. Look for a degree that will lead to higher education, not terminal (doesn't allow students to continue their studies in academics)

All applicants must report coursework and grades as they appear on their original transcript
- Student's should not try to convert any grades
- Often we see students report coursework and grades that have been evaluated by a third-party agency
This is an example of an international student's transcript and how students need to self-report courses on their UC application.

- No translations of record.
- Students will self-report the course titles, grades and units – just as they appear on their transcript.
All international coursework will be reviewed case-by-case however most coursework are determined not transferable.

**Review all summer programs carefully**
- Check if courses are offered for degree-seeking students at the university that is hosting the Summer Program
- Check if ‘faculty’ teaching the courses are faculty at the university
- Whether the courses are in the university's catalog on their website
  - Must be for their own degree-seeking students

**Verifying Summer Coursework**
- For some programs, we may ask for a government verification of academic record
- If all information is checked, we may give credit for courses that were deemed to be transferable
Summer & Winter Intersession courses at Shanghai Normal University non-transferable coursework. 
- Summer/Winter Sessions range from 3-5 weeks long
- Transcript shows course is Math 31 which is different from the actual courses that are offered at Shanghai Normal University.

Summer School Website: [http://www.shnusummer.com/about/shnusummer.html](http://www.shnusummer.com/about/shnusummer.html)
- Indicates that course is taught in English by renowned professors
- However, syllabus says course instructor is a “staff” - which could be taught by anybody.

Math Summer Course Description: [http://www.shnusummer.com/syllabus/2021/MATH311.html](http://www.shnusummer.com/syllabus/2021/MATH311.html)
Mixed Record Applicant, reported INTL record in Jiaxiong Vocational Technical College. Determined courses at institution to be non-transferable because it is not recognized.

Any institution has to be recognized by the Ministry of Education as a degree-granting institution.
Mixed record applicant then came to the US and completed coursework at a CCC to complete transfer requirements.
Student has completed 30 lower division units at Tsinghua University (China). Then they continue on to complete 29 semester units at College of the Canyons and 26 semester units at CSU Northridge. Student has a total of 59 semester units of Lower division coursework (Tsinghua and College of the Canyons). 59 lower division units plus 26 upper division units equals 85 semester units. The student is a high-unit junior.
Accepted Electronic Transcripts Vendors:

UC has found that most applicants are able to get their transcripts when they are informed it is required for admission.

UC works with different evaluation agencies to find out which countries are unable to provide transcripts.

- Example: IERF, WES, AACRAO
Resources

AP & Exam Credits:
https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/admission-requirements/ap-exam-credits/

UC Transfer Credit Practices:
https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/counselors/preparing-transfer-students/transfer-credit-practice.html

UC Quick Reference Guide for Counselors:

Counselors and Advisers Bulletin:
https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/counselors/connect-to-resources/counselors-and-advisers-bulletin.html

IGETC Standards:
https://icas-ca.org/igetc/standards-policies-and-procedures-manual/
Questions and answers
Thank you