Transfer 101: The basics of UC transfer admission
Agenda

- Defining a transfer student
- Transfer timeline
- Eligibility vs. selection
- Navigating ASSIST
- Evaluation guidelines
- Campus resources
- Q&A
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Quick Reference has example of various scenarios with students with a combination of 2-year and 4-year coursework pg. 35
Defining a transfer student
Enrolled in a regular term and completed the term. Graduated/completed high school or equivalent such as GED, CHSPE, etc.

- You can transfer if you're enrolled in a regular session (fall, winter or spring) at a college or university after high school graduation/completion.
  - Exception: student that takes classes during the summer after graduation/completion is still a freshman applicant.
Which of these students would be considered a transfer applicant?

- Erica is a junior in high school and is currently taking courses at a California Community College. She will have completed over 60 semester/90 quarter UC transferable units by the time she graduates high school.

- Josh received his high school diploma but decided to take some time after graduation. He is now enrolled in a winter/spring term at his local community college.

- Sofia graduated from her high school in December and is now enrolled in her local community college for the spring semester.
If the student went to a CCC and then transferred to a CSU and then changed their mind and wanted to transfer to a UC, they are no longer defined as a CCC student. This is important because UCs give preference to CCC transfer students.
Transfer timeline
Admission cycle timeline

- **Aug 1**: UC application available online
- **Sep 1**: Fall TAG application opens
- **Sep 30**: Fall TAG deadline
- **Oct 1**: Application filing period opens
- **Nov 30**: UC application deadline
- **Early Dec**: Applications sent to each campus
- **Jan 31**: Transfer Academic Update priority deadline
- **February - April**: Fall Transfer Application review begins

**Fall**
- August
- September
- October
- November

- **March - April**: Admissions decisions released
- **May 1**: Spring TAG application opens
- **May 31**: Spring TAG deadline

**Spring**
- March
- April
- May

- **June**: Statements of Intent to Register deadline
- **July 1**: Official documents due
- **July 1**: Spring application filing period opens
- **July 31**: Spring application deadline

**Winter**
- December
- January
- February

**Summer**
- June
- July
Eligibility vs. selection
*While most of the UC campuses are looking at junior transfer students, some campuses may accept applications for lower-division or sophomore transfers. [https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/admission-requirements/transfer-requirements/preparing-to-transfer/other-types-of-transfers.html](https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/admission-requirements/transfer-requirements/preparing-to-transfer/other-types-of-transfers.html)

7-course pattern:

**Two** transferable English composition courses

**One** transferable course in mathematical concepts & quantitative reasoning

**Four** transferable college courses chosen from at least two of the following subject areas:

- Arts & Humanities
- Social & Behavioral Sciences
- Physical and Biological Sciences
7 Course Pattern

Must complete by the end of the spring term prior to transferring in the fall

- 2 transferable courses in English composition
- 1 transferable course in mathematical concepts and quantitative reasoning
- 4 transferable college courses chosen from at least two of the following subject areas:
  - arts and humanities
  - social and behavioral sciences
  - physical and biological sciences

Example:

- 3 chemistry courses and 1 history course
- 2 sociology courses, 1 physics course, and 1 art history course
- 1 biology course and 3 literature courses
### Selection

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9 points of comprehensive review: [https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/how-to-apply/applying-as-a-transfer/how-applications-are-reviewed.html](https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/how-to-apply/applying-as-a-transfer/how-applications-are-reviewed.html)
Navigating ASSIST

ASSIST.org
- “Guiding hand” for Transfer advising
- Important tool to familiarize yourself with
As UC admissions advisors, here are some of the most common questions we receive from CCC students and staff:

- What is ASSIST?
- Can you find what courses satisfy the UC-M or UC-E on ASSIST?
- Can a list of all transferable courses be found on ASSIST.org?
- Should students utilize ASSIST to review what major prep is available at a particular community college?
- Is ASSIST updated on a yearly basis?

The ASSIST public website (assist.org) now includes the 2023-2024 academic year as an available selection for transferability lists. Thanks to the improved technology supporting the assist.org website, we can release the new academic year in phases. The first release phase for the 2023-2024 academic year is for the transferability list search box.

The Modernized Articulation application has not yet been released to CSU and UC AOs in a live environment, which means that articulation agreements for 2023-2024 have not yet been published. As such, the new academic year for articulation agreement searching will be added in a second release phase. A “Coming Soon” banner is now available on assist.org to communicate that the availability of 2023-2024 modernized articulation agreements is forthcoming.
What is ASSIST?

ASSIST is here to help

• Online transfer information system providing the most accurate and updated information for CCC students
• Allows students and counselors to explore transferable coursework from all CCCs
• Provides major preparation coursework required for each major by campus
All UC campuses use the same transferability list
- Maybe add note regarding course transferability year to year

**Transferability** – units for the course will be accepted by the institution to meet eligibility
You can view transferability lists by department or by prefix (e.g. ECON or BIO)

Used to meet unit minimum and seven course pattern
GPA is calculated based on all transferable courses
Not all transferable courses will articulate
Sequence limits tend to show up in math, bio, chem, physics, languages. Remember, all of these limits will be notes in footnotes, which is why it is so critical to train yourself to look for them.
Duplicate limits also show up for honors courses. We give credit to the course that benefits the student, keeping in mind units, MP, grade earned.
I already mentioned most of these, but here is a list of common areas to look out for limits.
Articulation is campus-specific, so to view articulated courses, you have to indicate a specific institution in the “Agreement with other Institutions” box. If a student is trying to meet major requirements for multiple UC campuses, they will need to check articulation agreements separately on ASSIST for each campus and they may have different courses for that same or a similar major.

Campus-specific articulation determines whether CCC coursework will satisfy major, breadth or other requirements at each UC campus. Each campus manages the following:

- Campus-specific general education/breadth agreements
- Course-to-course agreements (by department)
- Lower division major preparation agreements
You can view articulation agreements by major or by department. This is what an articulation agreement by major looks like. It will include major selection criteria at the top. Notice there are required courses and additional major prep, sometimes also called recommended courses.
You can see the actual articulation here. In the previous slide, we saw the top of the agreement list that the UC Merced courses are on the left and College of San Mateo are on the right. The first blue bar here indicates the required courses, **these are required for admission**. Without these, a student will not meet minimum eligibility for the major. Below, the second blue box indicates additional major prep. These courses are recommended, as they may help a student be more competitive for a selective campus or major but ultimately they do not have to have all of the recommended courses completed for admissions purposes. They will, however, need these courses eventually as part of their **graduation requirements** for the major, which is why they are called additional major. I always encourage students to complete as much of their major coursework at the CCC level as possible to help them keep their timeline to graduation shorter.
For some campuses, you can also opt to view articulation agreements by department. Note that the major requirements will not be included here. It will simply provide a list of all courses in the department and the articulated courses at the CCC level. This is helpful if you want to know what a particular course articulates to, as it may not show up in a major agreement. Important to refer back to the articulation agreement, website and/or guide to learn about the required vs the recommended courses.
Your turn! Let’s practice...
Q1: Abel took Math 3/College Algebra in Fall 2020 and Math 9/Precalculus Mathematics in Spring 2021 at Pasadena City College. Will he receive credit for both courses?

a. Yes, receive credit for both
b. No, credit for only one
c. Partial Credit

Q2: If Angela took E.S.L. 5A, 6A and 8 (6 semester units each) at East Los Angeles College, how many semester units would they receive?

a. 0 units
b. 6 units
c. 8 units
Evaluation
Sequential subjects

- Math, language other than English, ESL and chemistry are sequential subjects
- No credit for lower-level course after a more advanced level has already been completed with a C or higher grade*
- Check prerequisites in course catalog to determine the sequential order of courses

Sequential subjects for UC are chemistry, English as a second language, languages other than English and mathematics. Repeat of courses out of sequence is not allowed.

*If a student earned a ‘C’ or better in a sequential course, they can’t go back to a lower level (LL) and receive credit. NEW POLICY: If ‘C-‘ (below 2.0) or lower, can go back to a LL course and receive credit for LL course.***Applicable to all sequential subjects (Math, chem, LOTE, ESL)

- For TR students only
- Student is still receiving credit for D grade in Upper Level (UL) course unless repeated
- Action Item: Communicate this out to ETS and campuses

Note: Although not common, in some cases Organic CHEM 1 can be taken before CHEM 1B if the college’s catalog states the prerequisite for Organic CHEM 1 is CHEM 1A only. Check course catalog for prerequisites.
• What is Academic Renewal? Removal of deficient grade from a student's record
• Petitions for academic renewal must be done at the institution where the course was taken
### Academic renewal transcript example

**Los Angeles Community College District**

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**GRADE NOTATIONS**

- **e**: Credit by exam
- **f**: High School Credit Only (not used after fall 2003)
- **@**: Academic Renewal
- **r**: Repeat Annotation for courses repeated
- **H**: Honors Program
Withdrawals

- Coursework marked as "Withdrawal" or "Excused Withdrawal" has no grade point value

However...
- Failure to withdraw and unauthorized withdrawals are considered ‘F’ grades

UC Extensions
- 1-199 that include a campus designation (see examples) are equivalent to the same course offered to undergraduates on that campus
- 200+: Courses numbered 200 and above are a combination of graduate division, professional courses, and lecture series in professional fields.
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UC Extensions

- Course numbering:
  - 1-199: UC-transferable
  - X1-X199 (e.g., XB, XR, XSD, etc.): UC-transferable
  - 200+: Non-transferable

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Language of instruction (LOI)

- No lower-division credit for language acquisition courses or AP language exams if that language was the LOI in all of 9th grade or beyond
- OK to allow credit for lower-division literature courses
- Example: LOI in 9th & 10th was Spanish, no credit for any CCC Spanish language courses/or AP Spanish Language. AP Spanish Literature ok for credit

A student who has completed at least nine years of education (or through the ninth grade) conducted in a language of instruction that was not English, including a full year of coursework equivalent to a year within grades 9–12 of the U.S. curriculum, may receive credit for language courses in the language of instruction only for courses taken at international collegiate institutions (where the language of instruction is not English) or for upper-division courses taken at UC or at another English-speaking institution of approved standing. College credit for literature in the language of instruction is allowed.
High-unit transfers
- Junior standing: 80-89 sem (120-134.5 qtr) UC-transferable units
- Senior standing: 90 sem (135 qtr) or more UC-transferable units

High-unit limits and admission policies vary by campus

Students will be granted up to 70 sem (105 qtr) units for lower division coursework
- Units earned through AP, IB and/or A-level exams are not limited but do not put student at excessive units
- Units earned at any UC campus are not limited but are added to maximum unit count

*If all UC-transferable coursework was completed at a community college, student cannot be at risk of excessive units*

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Additional evaluation tips

Repeats & honors
- A non-honors course can be used as a repeat of an honors course

Repeats & pass grades
- C-/D/F grade can be repeated with a Pass grade
- C-/D/F grade cannot be replaced with a No Pass / No Credit, Academic Renewal, or Withdrawal
  - Deficient grade calculated into the GPA

- Honors course can be repeated with non-honors (vice-versa)
- A Pass or Credit grade can not be repeated for a letter grade, even if the CCC allows it.
- UC courses must be repeated at UC, but not necessarily at the original campus.
- Repeat of C (2.0) grades is not allowed, regardless of the repeat policy at the sending institution.
- Repeat of courses out of sequence is not allowed, unless the student earned a C- or lower grade in the higher level course.
- C-/D/F grade cannot be repeated with an AR, W, or EW.
Counselor and campus resources
Counselor resources

Counselors & Advisers Bulletin

Sign up to receive UC’s monthly newsletter and see past issues as well

https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/counselors/connect-to-resources/counselors-and-advisers-bulletin.html
Counselor resource library:
https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/counselors/connect-to-resources/resource-library.html
Quick Reference Guide 2023:
# Campus resources - admissions contact

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All UC campuses offer various outreach programs to support transfer students throughout their transfer journeys to a specific UC campus. These programs include yearlong and summer residential opportunities.

- Some programs offer priority application review or guaranteed admission for eligible participants.
- Many programs offer workshops covering information such as financial aid, campus specific admission requirements, TAG/TAP requirements, major prep information, and much more.
- Many residential programs are at no cost to students.
- Many of these programs partner with local CCC’s from the area.
- Other benefits include: campus life immersion events, peer mentoring, campus scholarship opportunities.

UC Berkeley: Transfer Alliance Project [https://cep.berkeley.edu/transfer-alliance-project-tap](https://cep.berkeley.edu/transfer-alliance-project-tap)

UC Davis: [https://www.ucdavis.edu/admissions/undergraduate/transfer/transfer-opportunity-program](https://www.ucdavis.edu/admissions/undergraduate/transfer/transfer-opportunity-program)

UCI:  

UCLA: [https://www.aap.ucla.edu/units/cccp/](https://www.aap.ucla.edu/units/cccp/)

UCR: [https://arc.ucr.edu/tsp](https://arc.ucr.edu/tsp)

UCSB:  

UCSC: [https://admissions.ucsc.edu/apply/transfer-students/transfer-preparation-program/](https://admissions.ucsc.edu/apply/transfer-students/transfer-preparation-program/)

UCSD:
Questions?
Thank you!