

Counselor fact sheet: UC Dual Admission program

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Within the parameters of the Postsecondary Education Trailer Bill (Assembly Bill 132) passed by the California Legislature in July 2021, and consistent with current UC Academic Senate regulations, UC has created a dual admission program. Initial roll-out targeted a subset of first-year applicants who had a 3.0 or higher high school GPA but who had not fulfilled the university's high school subject (A-G) requirements. Historically, these students have been predominantly from underrepresented groups and/or from first-generation and low-income backgrounds. The Dual Admission program continues to serve these students.

Beginning fall 2024, UC is expanding the Dual Admission program to increase access for California students. The program will now invite two different sets of students in two waves; the first will continue to target the intended subset of first-year applicants mentioned in AB132, and the second will expand to all eligible, California first-year applicants who were not admitted to a UC of choice. Program invitations will go out each summer to the first wave of students while the second wave of invitations will go out each fall, with the aim of capturing first-year applicants that enrolled at a California community college (CCC) after graduating high school.

The UC Dual Admission program has the potential to help more California students transfer to the University and may affect two priorities of the university: the diversity of UC's transfer student population and the number of California community colleges (CCCs) from which UC draws its transfer students.

INFORMATIONAL WEBINARS

The UC Office of the President continues to host informational webinars about the program for both high school and community college counselors. Updates are shared as they are implemented.

Future webinar details will be posted to the [high school webinars](#) and [community college webinars](#) pages of the UC Counselors website.

CURRENT TIMELINE

UC Dual Admission			
Cohort	Fall 2023	Fall 2024	Fall 2025
Dual Admission offers sent	April 24, 2023	First wave: June 1 Second wave: October 1	First wave: June 1 Second wave: October 1
Dual Admission opt-in deadline	June 1, 2023	First wave: August 1 Second wave: October 18	First wave: August 1 Second wave: October 15
Enrollment at CCC	Fall 2023	Fall 2024	Fall 2025
Transfer to UC	Within 3 years Last term available: Fall 2026	Within 3 years Last term available: Fall 2027	Within 3 years Last term available: Fall 2028

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: Why did UC introduce Dual Admission?

A: Assembly Bill 132, passed by the California Legislature in July 2021, requested that UC create a transfer path for ineligible first-year applicants. UC has committed to increase access for California students, and data indicate that a large proportion of ineligible first-year applicants are from underserved schools and/or underrepresented backgrounds. As of fall 2024, UC has expanded the Dual Admission program to include eligible first-year applicants who were not admitted to a campus of choice and have enrolled at a California community college.

Q: Which students will be served by UC Dual Admission?

A: California resident students who graduate from a California high school and apply for first-year admission will be considered for the program. There will be two waves of invitations, the first targeting students that have a minimum 3.0 GPA, are missing one or more A-G subject requirements and are denied admission to a UC of choice will receive an invitation the summer after graduating high school. The second wave each fall will target students that met first-year eligibility requirements but were not admitted to a UC of choice and enrolled at a California community college after graduating high school. Students must be on track to earn a high school diploma or equivalent in order to qualify for the first wave; students must have earned a high school diploma or equivalent to qualify for the second wave.

Q: Will homeschooled students be eligible for this program?

A: Homeschooled students who are working with their local California high school district to complete appropriate coursework and earn a valid high school diploma will qualify for this program if they are a California resident, have a 3.0 UC GPA, are missing one or more A-G requirements (first wave only) and are not offered admission to any UC campus to which they applied.

Q: When will students be invited into the UC Dual Admission program?

A: The program has two waves of invitations. The first wave of program invitations will go out each summer and the second wave of invitations will go out each fall, with the aim of capturing first-year applicants who enrolled at a California community college (CCC) after graduating high school.

Q: Will international students graduating from a California high school be eligible for this program? How about undocumented students?

A: This program is intended for California resident students, including bona fide residents (e.g., undocumented and DACA students qualifying for AB 540 benefits) graduating from a California high school. Students who are in the U.S. on a non-immigrant visa are not considered California residents and will not qualify for Dual Admission; however, the Transfer Admission Guarantee (TAG) is available at the California Community Colleges (CCCs) for any student who meets the requirements, including international students.

Q: What other benefits, besides guaranteed transfer admission, will be available to Dual Admission students?

A: Students who opt-in to the Dual Admission program will have access to the following benefits:

- Advising from the Dual Admission coordinator who will facilitate their communication with campus and CCC advisors
- Access to UC libraries
- Invitation to transfer events
- Preliminary information about federal, state and UC financial aid
- Waiver of application fee to the receiving campus upon transfer. (Note: Students who qualify for the income-based application fee waiver will also have the cost of application covered for up to four additional campuses.)

Q: How will community college counselors know which students are participating in the UC Dual Admission program?

A: Community college counselors have access to reporting features in the community college counselor interface of the UC Transfer Admission Planner. A new report has been developed that provides counselors with the details about the Dual Admission participants *at their college*, after they have accepted their program offer. The details are available by cohort year, Dual Admission campus, and Dual Admission major.

Q: Are students committed to the campus they select when they first enroll at the CCC?

A: Students who opt-in to the Dual Admission program will be required to select a UC campus. Just as with TAG/Pathways+, students can apply to any other UC campus(es) when they have met transfer requirements, and they are not obligated to enroll at the Dual Admission campus.

Q: Can students change their major once at a CCC?

A: Students can change their major after enrolling at a CCC. However, if they switch to a major that is not available under the Dual Admission agreement at their chosen UC campus, they will no longer have a guarantee of admission.

Q: What updates have been implemented for the second and third cohort?

A: The program invitation and opt-in deadlines have changed. UC has expanded the program and has implemented a second wave of program invitations for eligible California first-year applicants who were not admitted to a UC of choice. The second wave will target students who enrolled at a CCC after graduating from high school.

Q: What is the difference between the UC Dual Admission program and the TAG program?

A: UC Dual Admission is a TAG-based program. The same campuses and majors that are available for TAG are available for Dual Admission. The main difference is that students will opt-in to their TAG requirements as soon as they accept their Dual Admission offer, while regular TAG students are held to the requirements in place when they submit a TAG. In other words, TAG requirements are set upon opt-in and are in place while a student is a program participant.

Q: Can students attend any other college or university and still qualify for Dual Admission?

A: The UC Dual Admission program is meant for students transferring from a CCC. Students who attend another college or university will not qualify for this program.

The Dual Admission program is intended to increase access to UC. The program will be continually assessed and is subject to modifications as needed.

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