

Counselor fact sheet: UC Dual Admission program

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Postsecondary Education Trailer Bill (Assembly Bill 132), passed by the California Legislature in July 2021, requests that the University of California “establish a dual admissions program as a separate transfer pathway for first-time freshman applicants.” Within the parameters of AB 132 and consistent with current UC Academic Senate regulations, UC is implementing a dual admissions program targeted to the subset of freshman applicants who have a 3.0 or higher high school GPA but who have not fulfilled the university’s high school subject (A-G) requirements.

Each year, there are several thousand students who apply to UC but don’t meet eligibility requirements because of curriculum limitations at their high school or other financial and geographic barriers. Students from recent admission cycles who applied for freshman admission and were ineligible are predominantly from underrepresented groups and/or from first-generation and low-income backgrounds. Many of these students have earned at least a 3.0 grade point average and could very well thrive on a UC campus as a transfer student.

UC Dual Admission has the potential to help thousands 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

Beginning spring 2023, the first Dual Admission cohort will be identified and will receive the Dual Admission program offer. The UC Office of the President will serve as program coordinator and work with high school counselors, community college counselors, and UC campuses.

In April 2023, UC Office of the President hosted informational webinars for both high school and community college counselors. These webinars were recorded and are available for viewing online.

Webinars are posted on the [high school webinars](#) and [community college webinars](#) pages of the UC Counselors website.

CURRENT TIMELINE

UC Dual Admission	
Cohort	Fall 2023
Freshman admission decisions	by March 31, 2023
Dual Admission offers sent	April 24, 2023
Dual Admission opt in deadline	June 1, 2023
Enrollment at CCC	Fall 2023
Transfer to UC	Within 3 years Last term available: Fall 2026

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: Why is UC introducing Dual Admission?

A: Assembly Bill 132, passed by the California Legislature in July 2021, requests that UC create a transfer pathway for ineligible freshman applicants. UC has committed to increase access for California students, and data indicate that a large proportion of ineligible freshman applicants are from underserved schools and/or underrepresented backgrounds.

Q: How will students qualify for this program?

A: California resident high school seniors who apply for freshman admission for the fall 2023, 2024 or 2025 term will qualify for the Dual Admission program if they meet all of the following criteria:

- They are not admitted to any UC campus to which they applied.
- They have a 3.0 UC GPA at the time of application.
- They are missing one or more A-G subject requirements at the time of high school graduation.
- They will graduate from a California high school.

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 and are not offered admission to any UC campus to which they applied.

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 (CCC) for any student who meets the requirements, including international students.

Q: What about students who don't apply to UC because they know they haven't completed their A-G requirements? Can they opt into the program?

A: Only students who apply for freshman admission and meet the Dual Admission criteria can secure an offer of Dual Admission. However, any student who enrolls at a CCC can pursue a TAG/Pathways+ and, upon successful completion of the requirements, earn a guarantee of admission to a UC campus.

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

A: Students who opt into 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, where available, to libraries at the receiving and/or local UC campus
- Invitation to transfer events hosted by the receiving and/or local campus
- 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 the details on the Dual Admission participants *at their college*. 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 into the Dual Admission program will be required to select a UC campus prior to beginning their first term at a CCC. 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.



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

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