This session is for counselors to guide students who choose to start at a CCC or who would like a second chance at their UC campus of choice.

Transfer students comprise almost 1/3 of new students at UC campuses each year.
Overview

1. Choosing Community College
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Choosing Community College
Students who took classes in a regular term (Fall, Spring, Winter) at any private or public college or university in-state, or out-of-state colleges AFTER graduating from high school. This does not include admitted high school students who take classes in the summer before enrolling at UC in the fall.

- Transfer applicants do not have to graduate from high school to qualify for Transfer admission.
- College credit completed while in HS (or via dual enrollment) can count toward transfer admission units.

Exceptions:
- Summer term after HS graduation doesn’t count as a regular term.
- Students who take college courses while in high school can earn transferable credit towards junior standing during ones first year at the University, but are still considered a freshman applicant who must report all college coursework taken when they apply. High school students should still apply as freshman regardless of the number of college credits completed while in high school.
Why Students Consider Transfer

- Undecided on academic or career goals
- Have not met freshman admission requirements and want additional academic preparation
- Second chance at first choice UC

Why Students Consider Transfer

- Want academic flexibility and school / life / career balance
- Want the affordability and resources of community college
- Want to be closer to family or are not ready to leave home
Promise Program - Free tuition for full time students

92% of transfers come from a California community college: https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/admission-requirements/transfer-requirements/

Fall transfer applicants more than doubled over the last 20 years, with average annual growth of four percent. In fall 2018, transfer applicants and admits both increased by seven percent compared to the previous year, while enrollees went up five percent (1.1.2).
(https://accountability.universityofcalifornia.edu/2019/chapters/chapter-1.html)
Advantages of the California Community College System

- Complete lower division major preparation
- Partial/full completion of UC General Education (IGETC) requirements
- More individualized attention in classes
Financial Benefits of Community College

California College Promise Grant

For eligible California residents, the California Community Colleges Promise Grant permits enrollment fees to be waived.

https://www.cccapply.org/money/california-college-promise-grant
All CA Undergraduates:

57% receive enough aid to cover systemwide tuition and fees (Down from 58% in 2016-17)
72% receive gift aid (Down from 75% in 2016-17)

CA Transfer Undergraduates:

65% receive enough aid to cover systemwide tuition and fees (Up from 58% in 2016-17.)
77% receive gift aid (Up from 75% in 2016-17)
Stigmas Surrounding Transfer

Which of these sentiments have you heard?

- “Community college is for students who couldn’t get into a ‘good’ school”
- “Transferring makes it harder to get a job after graduating”
- “Community college isn’t a good choice for high-achieving / honors students”
- “Community college is only appropriate for students who don’t know what they want to do yet”

What other stigmas have you heard about transfer?
Breaking the Stigmas

The facts are:

- More students are choosing the transfer path as their **first option**, not a backup.
- Transfer students earn the same degree as students who start as freshmen.
- Students graduate at the same rate.
- Transfer students are often more independent and have more life and career experience by the time they graduate.
Myth Busting

**True or False:** It is easier to transfer to a UC campus from another UC or other prestigious four-year institution.

False: UC prioritizes transfer applicants from California community colleges. Between 94-97% of all transfer admits at each campus are from a CCC.
Myth Busting

True or False: Going to community college will negatively affect a student’s time to graduation.

Not necessarily. It depends on the student, their major, where they transfer from/to, and more. At UC, the average time to degree for transfer students is 2.39 years (freshmen is 4.17).
Myth Busting

True or False: Going to community college means “There’s No Campus Life”

Not necessarily. It depends on the student to participate in events and activities. All community Colleges have support programs (MESA, TRIO, Puente, EOPS), leadership opportunities, and clubs to participate.
Myth Busting

True or False: Transfer students are less successful academically than other students.

False: Recent data from UC shows that the average graduation GPA for transfer students is 3.2 and freshman students is 3.21.
Some campuses accept lower-division transfers. These will be identified in the application, and on the admissions website:
https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/campuses-majors/majors/by-applicant-level/sophomore.html
University of California System
UC Minimum Admission Requirements for Junior Transfers
High school admission requirements plays no direct role within Junior-level transfer admission requirements.

Minimum Units
• 60 sem/90 qtr units.
• Advanced Placement (AP) scores of 3 or higher, and Higher Level International Baccalaureate tests scores of 5 or higher, can be used to satisfy the 7 course pattern course requirements by appropriate exam subjects.
• Completed by the end of Spring prior to the intended Fall term of enrollment at a UC.

Minimum 7 Course Pattern
• Must be completed by end of spring before transfer for students who apply to Fall (A note for a later slide; TAG may require a sooner completion timeline and possibly B grades versus the general C grades required in a 3 sem/4 quarter unit course.)
• Two transferable English courses (UC-E), One transferable Math (UC-M), and Four transferable courses in two different subject areas (UC-B/H/S).

Progress towards completion of major preparation coursework by spring prior to transfer
• May be required or recommended coursework depending on the UC Campus & student’s major interest.

Minimum GPA of 2.4 (2.8 for non-residents)
• Selection gpa is determined by each UC campus individually.
• Campuses may demand a higher gpa for one to be competitive for selection.

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UC Minimum Admission Requirements for Sophomore Transfers (MEETING REQUIREMENTS DOES NOT MEAN YOU WILL BE SELECTED FOR ADMISSION - PRIORITY IS JR LEVEL TRANSFERS)

Range of Units
• Under 60 sem/90 qtr units.
• Completed by the end of Spring prior to the intended Fall term of enrollment at a UC. Or by
Fall term for Spring enrollment opportunities.

**Minimum Preparation -**

- Meet UC freshman admission requirements prior to graduating from high school
- Requires SAT/ACT with Essay taken prior to hs graduation (different from freshman applicants who must take exams by December of their senior year).
- Each UC campus may have required or recommended coursework; encourage engagement with college counselors.

**Minimum UC Transferable GPA of 2.0 (2.8 for non-residents)**

- Uses college courses taken BEFORE and AFTER high school graduation.
- Some campuses admit a limited # of lower-division transfers & may demand higher gpas for selection.
There are multiples reasons why a UC campus might admit any type transfer applicant. Capacity to reach campus enrollment goals, exceptions based on a student’s circumstances, student has a talent the campus in interested in attracting, etc.

UC Campus selection could also take into account the following items:

1. Timeline of 7 course pattern completion; Completed and/or in progress courses taken by Spring. Also, C grades minimum, but B grades may be a selection standard for some Ucs.

2. Particular grades in major prep may be required for selection depending on the UC campus
   i. The grades earned within a specific course and/or multiple major prep courses could matter for selection purposes.

   (1) For example:
   (a) C grades in Calculus could decrease one’s competitiveness into either major depending on the UC campus of interest.
   (b) Physics series (calculus based physics versus trig based physics) and calculus together may need to be a 3.0 gpa or higher in combined major prep for selection into an engineering program at some UC’s.

2. IGETC may be required for some UC’s versus others not requiring, and it may be major specific or not.

3. Involvements in extra-curricular activities that help demonstrate one’s major interest(s), leadership skills, and more.

4. Specific talents that might be considered, especially for lower division applicants: Athletics, Music (UCI) and Dance (UCI and UCLA), etc.

In general, both type applicants should be encouraged to accomplish as much general education and
major preparation as possible when applying to our UC campuses. It helps a student to transition towards achieving UC graduation requirements in a timely manner.

Each UC campus evaluates each application without knowing the status of the same application at another campus. In making admission decisions, campuses do not consider where you’ve applied or your admission status to other campuses. All campuses consider your application simultaneously, yet independently of all other campuses you applied to.

https://accountability.universityofcalifornia.edu/2019/chapters/chapter-1.html#1.1.2

Transfer applications, admits, and enrollees increased in 2018 as the University continued to increase California resident enrollment. Over 41,000 transfer students applied, about 29,000 were admitted, and over 21,000 enrolled in fall 2018, the largest class of transfer entrants in the University’s history. Consistent with UC’s commitment to transfer students from California Community Colleges (CCCs), fall enrollment of new CCC California resident transfers has more than doubled since 1994, from 8,400 to 17,200. The average transfer applicant applies to 3.5 UC campuses, compared to 3.8 for the average freshman applicant.
Apart from you all, students can utilize the CCC Transfer Centers and UC Admissions Advisors for guidance on transfer to UC.

Transfer Centers
The Transfer Center provides a variety of services to assist students interested in transferring to four-year colleges and universities. Services include but not limited to:

- Assisting students with career exploration and decision-making process when selecting a major
- Guidance in researching and selecting a transfer institution
- Understanding the admissions requirements for various 4-year campuses
- Fill out college applications
- Assistance with reviewing admissions essays and providing feedback
- Support with completion of Admissions Guarantee applications
- Help with the admissions process once admitted to a university
- Provide workshops related to transfer

UC Admission Advisors
Each UC Campus has representatives who are available to advise students on undergraduate admissions. Some UC reps also partner with community colleges and are available for appointments with students. Contact each UC for more information on how you can receive advising for your academic goals.
**Support Programs**

Many students receive transfer counseling or have access to general advising through programs like:

- MESA
- Puente
- Veterans Center
- EOPS
- DSPS
- CalWorks
- Dream Center
Assist.org - Dual enrollment course transferability as well as JR level transferability


Transfer Admission Planner - This online tool is designed to help prospective UC students transferring from California community colleges track and plan their course work, including those students who are seeking a Transfer Admission Guarantee (TAG) with one of the six participating UC campuses.

TAP is also the best way to receive updates and invitations from each campus that you've indicated interest in potentially attending.
All students have an opportunity to qualify for transfer-level math and English using a new placement tool: high school records. Research shows that a high school grade point average is the strongest predictor of performance in college-level coursework.

https://assessment.cccco.edu/

AB 705 is a bill signed by the Governor on October 13, 2017 that took effect on January 1, 2018. The bill requires that a community college district or college maximize the probability that a student will enter and complete transfer-level coursework in English and math within a one year timeframe and use, in the placement of students into English and math courses, one or more of the following: high school coursework, high school grades, and high school grade point average.

The bill also authorizes the Board of Governors to establish regulations governing the use of measures, instruments and placement models to ensure that these measures, instruments and placement models achieve the goal of maximizing the probability that a student will enter and complete transfer-level coursework in English and math.
UC Pathways

- A single set of courses that prospective transfer students can take to prepare for their major in ANY of our nine undergraduate campuses.

- Covers 21 of our most popular majors.
By participating in TAG, you may receive early review of your academic records, early admission notification and specific guidance about major preparation and general education coursework.

Guarantee in their major to ONE campus.

Reminder: TAG is not a binding agreement and students may only receive a guarantee for one campus.
Pathways+
- Combines the most appealing aspects of Transfer Pathways and TAG: major preparation and a guarantee.
  - Common major prep recognized by all 9 campuses via a Transfer Pathway
  - Security of a guarantee to the TAG campus where the student submitted the TAG application
  - The guarantee is with the TAG, but completing the lower-division Pathway course requirements can make the student competitive for admission at many of the campuses offering the Pathways major.
  - Note: Pathways+ specifically applies to students in a Pathways major and who submit a TAG.
- Although TAG offers dozens more majors than what is available via a Pathway, we know that many students select from a few common majors (i.e., the Pathways majors).
- While students must earn at least the minimum GPA required for their TAG campus and major (https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/admission-requirements/transfer-requirements/transfer-admission-guarantee-tag.html), the higher the GPA, the more campus options the student will have.
- TAG students already tend to be more competitive for admission overall; completing a Pathway should give TAG students an extra edge in admission as well as reduce their time to degree at UC.
Step 1: Students follow the transfer pathways major of their choice.
Step 2: Students maintain the GPA required for TAG. Keep in mind, the stronger the GPA, the more competitive a student will be.
Step 3: Submit a TAG in September to 1 of the 6 participating campuses.
Step 4: Submit a UC admission application in the month of November.
How to Prepare in High School
AP/IB exams may qualify for college credit.

Tips for Students

- High School preparation is very important
- Solid foundation in English and math
- Take advanced courses
- Dual enrollment opportunities
- Extracurriculars and developing interests
Create a TAP early - best way to receive advising from UC reps, plan out coursework and get invitations to special programs or events from uc’s.
Advisors should help students choose activities that accentuate their coursework and individualize their education. Students who choose biology as their major should be encouraged to apply to become a Biology department student worker, to get involved in the Science Club, or to find a business where they can job shadow. The information gained from such experiences can be extremely valuable in ultimately deciding their career path. Plus, combined with a degree, these experiences will help students build a resume to land that first (or next) job.

Students can pursue a variety of majors to reach a specific career (ex. Not all students interested in Med School need to have a biology degree).

CCC is a great option for students and a great route to get to UC (see previous slides for advantages)

Advanced coursework - Dual Enrollment, AP/IB, college success class - These can all speed up the time it takes to transfer.
Questions?
THANK YOU