Welcome to our session! We are very excited to have you!

My UC colleagues have been working hard to put this session together to support your efforts for students seeking to attend the UCs using the Transfer Route—this is an excellent way to get to the UCs and we’ll be discussing this in some detail.

Before we get started, As a father of senior triplets in high school, on behalf of myself, and all my UC colleagues on this session, thank you for what you do to support and motivate your students to help them pursue their new academic journey.

Thanks to your hard work and support, many of your students will be attending four-year universities, and many others will be attending the community college system, and then transfer to the UC system. And that’s what this session is about, the transfer path to the UC universities.

So, thank you, thank you, for what you do for your students.

Let’s get started and Welcome to our session—Community College to UC—The Transfer Path.
We have an exciting agenda for you.

- Overview of UC
- Data on Transfer Admissions
- Transfer Requirements
- Reasons to Transfer
- Transfer Programs & Resources
- Transfer Student Panel
- Q&A
- List of UC Resources
The University of California system offers well over 700 majors. This means there are plenty of opportunities for students to find their passion for a major within the UC system. Majors: https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/campuses-majors/

The UCs are some of the best top research universities in the US, and each are well respected around the world. UC students have opportunities to work with top faculty who are world-renowned and are experts in their field, and many students go into careers in their field of study.

Some of the UCs are designated as Hispanic Serving Institutions (HSI) and receive additional federal funding, which the universities use to bring additional services to students. HSI UC universities: https://www.ucop.edu/hsi-initiative/

The UC system as a whole, and under the guidance of our Board of Admissions & Relations with Schools (BOARS), is committed to a 2:1 transfer ratio. This means for every 2 HS students, we admit at least 1 CCC student. Thus, this creates admissions opportunities for transfer students.

There are 116 CCCs in CA and we have partnerships with the CCCs and articulation agreements—and these are specific courses at specific community colleges taken at a specific term and they are approved to fulfill UC course requirements. California
Community College (find a college): https://www.cccco.edu/Students/Find-a-College
This data shows an interest in transfer admissions, and it has grown steadily over the last five years and applications from CA community college students have increased.

As we can see from the chart, over the last five years, the UC universities have admitted more transfer students and more of them are seeing the value of a UC university by choosing to enroll. [https://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/infocenter/admissions-residency-and-ethnicity](https://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/infocenter/admissions-residency-and-ethnicity)

INTERESTING, more than 30% of new undergraduates within the UCs ARE TRANSFER STUDENTS.

More recently, and to share, some Preliminary data for 2021 captured on June 15, data reflects a 7.5% increase in applications, and UC ADMIITTED THE LARGE class of California community college transfers in the history of the University—This was OVER 28,400 students.

[https://www.ucop.edu/institutional-research-academic-planning/content-analysis/ug-admissions/ug-data.html](https://www.ucop.edu/institutional-research-academic-planning/content-analysis/ug-admissions/ug-data.html)
It’s important to share with you the definition of what the UC universities determine is a TANSFER student. The UCs define a Transfer student as a student, not who took college courses while still in high school, and not who took college courses in the summer after graduating from high school. BUT RATHER, as a student to took at least one course in a regular term (Fall, Spring, Winter) following graduation. Transfer Student: https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/counselors/transfer/

There are three main steps that the UC’s take when reviewing a transfer application. The first thing we review is to see if a student has overall eligibility.

To be eligible to apply to the UCs, we look at whether or not the student has at least UC transferable 60 semester units (or 90 quarter units), a minimum GPA of at least 2.4 in their college coursework (2.8 for out of state students), and passing grades in what we call the “seven course pattern”.

Transfer Requirements/The UC 7 course pattern: https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/admission-requirements/transfer-
requirements/preparing-to-transfer/basic-requirements.html
The next thing we take into consideration are any required courses for the student’s major. No matter what a student will eventually study, for the most part all majors have some kind of preparatory coursework.

Some of these courses are REQUIRED, and some are RECOMMENDED Thus it is important to know if a particular major at a UC campus has major PRE-REQUITE courses prior to transferring.

**Some majors that require specific coursework and GPA to be completed prior to admission.** Business Administration and Computer science are two examples that REQUIRE MAJOR PRE-REQUISITES with certain letter grade.

Other majors may not require specific coursework, but still RECOMMEND certain major prep courses which will help students once they enter their UC campus. Each UC campus may have different requirements for their majors.

UC Transfer:
https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/counselors/transfer/advising/
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Other Considerations that will help your student’s application stand out.

AP exam scores of 3, 4, or 5, or IB exams of 5, 6, & 7 may be used in appropriate subject areas in both the seven course pattern and in required MAJOR PREP coursework, and will be used to satisfy the required 60 semester units.

UC AP Credit Link: https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/admission-requirements/ap-exam-credits/ap-credits/
UC IB Credit Link: https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/admission-requirements/ap-exam-credits/ib-credits.html

Dual enrollment credit is college credit if the college courses are UC transferable; students who opt for the transfer route after high school can apply their transferable dual enrollment credits toward meeting the minimum 60 units required for transfer admission.
Students taking community college courses while still in HS must apply as a Freshmen. Once enrolled, the student will receive credit for the transferable credits, and this could give them sophomore or junior standing very quickly, even though they entered as freshmen.

As shared, the 7 course pattern is general education coursework at the community college. In CA, students seeking to transfer to the UCs or the CSUs, may follow the IGETC pattern of courses. IN GENERAL, IGETC satisfies the general education requirements with the 9 UC universities.

IGETC: https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/admission-requirements/transfer-requirements/preparing-to-transfer/general-education-igetc/igetc/

However, we ask students to check with the UC campus as a UC campus may have 1 or 2 courses required for a specific major. Such as engineering, for example.

Contrary to popular belief, completing IGETC for the public university system of schools (UCs or CSUs), IGETC it is not a UC transfer admission requirement; for example, students can choose to complete the 7 course pattern.

Note that some campuses and programs may not accept partial IGETC for selection, and may recommend or require IGETC certification for selection. We ask for CA community college transfer students to check with the campus for current information.

PIQs

To share with all of you, especially if you are not a CA counselor, when applying for admissions, the UCs do not have the standard college essays. Instead, we have our own questions, known as PIQs. These questions provide us additional context on the student.

For Transfer students, some UCs may use PIQs responses for scholarship selection rather than for admission. Transfer students are required to answer a total of four
Personal Insight Questions.

Transfer PIQs: https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/how-to-apply/applying-as-a-transfer/personal-insight-questions.html
Transferring to the UC is a cost effective way to obtain a bachelor’s degree.

In fact, since students pay a much lower tuition the first two years while at the community college, some argue that it provides the highest return on investment since they are only paying for 2 years (junior & senior) once they graduate from the UC system.

The economic value of a UC education helps students gain financial stability and move forward with career goals after graduation.

HERE, we can see that the average starting salary for a UC graduate is $40,000
$81,000 by 11 yrs
AND $107,000 by 17 years after graduation

UCI Alumni at work (salaries): https://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/infocenter/uc-alumni-work

Financial aid and scholarships are available to students in different forms. UC’s Blue and Gold Opportunity Plan will ensure that students will not have to pay UC’s systemwide tuition and fees out-of-pocket if they are a California resident and their family income is less than $80,000 a year, the student must qualify for financial aid.
To receive Blue & Gold, or any financial aid, all students need to complete the FAFSA/CA Dream Act application.

**UC Financial Aid:** https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/tuition-financial-aid/apply-for-financial-aid/

**UC Blue and Gold Program:** https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/tuition-financial-aid/types-of-aid/blue-and-gold-opportunity-plan.html

**CA Dream Act Application:** https://dream.csac.ca.gov/landing

There are also specific campus scholarships available. **We encourage students to visit the UC campus website for more information.**
The transition from high school to community college is a smooth transition and students are able to live at home, or close to home, have the support of their family.

Studying the first two years at a community college allows them to explore careers and majors.

Attending a community college gives students time to build their academic skills and work on their study habits.
The Transfer Pathways were introduced in 2015, providing a roadmap for major preparation that is accepted across all 9 campuses that offer the major. Transfer Pathways are especially helpful when students know their major but want to keep their campus options open or aren’t quite sure which campus they want to attend. A UC Transfer Pathway could be the route for that student.

Transfer Pathways give students a roadmap to prepare for their major and graduate on time from any UC campus. Student can find out which community college courses they need to complete for a specific Transfer Pathway with UC's Transfer Pathways Guide.

TAG has existed for many years. It is an agreement between a student and a specific TAG campus that guarantees admission to that campus and the specific major chosen. Note that TAG requirements vary by campus and major; some campuses and/or majors may not require extensive major preparation to qualify for a TAG. The six TAG campuses are Davis, Irvine, Merced, Riverside, Santa Barbara, and Santa Cruz.

Pathways+ combines the benefits of Transfer Pathways and TAG, i.e. solid preparation for academic success at UC and the assurance of a guarantee to a UC campus. It means students can apply for a Transfer Admission Guarantee (TAG) at one campus, while also preparing for other campuses. Giving them even more paths to UC!
**UC Transfer Pathways**: https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/admission-requirements/transfer-requirements/uc-transfer-programs/transfer-pathways/

**UC TAG**: https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/admission-requirements/transfer-requirements/transfer-admission-guarantee-tag.html

**Pathways+**: https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/admission-requirements/transfer-requirements/uc-transfer-programs/pathways-plus.html
The **UC Transfer Admissions Planner (UC TAP)** is an online tool that can help prospective UC transfer students track and plan their coursework.

Students can use the Transfer Admission Planner to enter their coursework (completed and planned) from the beginning of their college career to whenever they decide to transfer to a UC campus. Students can also track their exam scores and dual enrollment courses, if applicable, to be used for admission requirements.

The planner will help students track their progress toward meeting UC's minimum requirements, and allows UC staff to communicate with students about important transfer process information.

UC campuses may communicate with TAP students directly to tell them about upcoming events and visits from campus admission representatives to their school.

The UC TAP tool can also help if students are seeking a **Transfer Admission Guarantee (TAG)** with one of the six participating UC campuses.

Students apply for the TAG within the UC TAP tool and this is the only way to guarantee their spot at one of the 6 participating campuses.

UC TAP: https://uctap.universityofcalifornia.edu/
UC TAG: https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/admission-requirements/transfer-requirements/transfer-admission-guarantee-tag.html
Your students should know that at every single CA community college there are dedicated teams of staff and counselors that are ready to help them on their transfer journey.

While UC staff can help advise on UC requirements and campus-specific things, the counseling team at the community colleges should also be included in the advising relationship. We strongly consider that transfer should be planned in combination with counselors at the community colleges since they can create a comprehensive transfer plan, while campuses will again focus on campus specific information.

**Transfer Centers** are usually staffed with counselors trained in all things transfer. These centers also have support during application season and offer workshops throughout the year, often in collaboration with colleges and universities. These centers will also offer special programming and field trips to visit colleges.

**General Counseling** centers are staffed by full time and part-time counselors trained in all things at the community college, transfer, associate degrees, certificates, general education, etc. These centers can also support students as they are getting ready to transfer.

**Extended Opportunity Programs and Services (EOPS)** is here to make sure students disadvantaged by social, economic, educational or linguistic barriers get the resources they need to enroll and succeed at any California community college. How? By offering comprehensive academic and support counseling, financial aid and a bevy of other services aimed at keeping students from dropping out and helping them reach their educational and career goals.

- EOPS students who are single parents receiving public assistance can also access the CARE program, an acronym for Cooperative Agencies Resources for Education. The CARE program offers additional support services so students can transition from welfare dependency by securing the education, training, and marketable skills needed for self-sufficiency and upward social mobility.
- The **NextUp** program, also known as **Cooperating Agencies Foster Youth Educational Support**, is another EOPS program, a program targeting the nearly 13,000 current or former foster youth enrolled in California’s community colleges. Next Up/Guardian Scholars offers a range of services and resources to help current and former foster youth increase their confidence and ability to become successful, college-educated individuals.

[https://www.cccco.edu/About-Us/Chancellors-Office/Divisions/Educational-Services-and-Support/Student-Service](https://www.cccco.edu/About-Us/Chancellors-Office/Divisions/Educational-Services-and-Support/Student-Service)
The ASSIST tool lets students know which of their community college classes will count toward their UC degree. That helps students take the right courses from the get-go, and transfer as smoothly as possible.

ASSIST is best used in combination with a counselor at the community college. It is intended to help students and counselors work together to establish an appropriate path toward transferring from a public California community college to a public California university.

Information on UC transferable courses, IGETC, UC Transfer Admission Eligibility, and CSU specific information is available. Students will often need to use ASSIST to prepare for their major.

Assist.org
Many of the community colleges also offer specialized support programs for students. Some of which include MESA, Puente, and Umoja. There can also be college specific or region specific programs available, so we encourage all students to search for those resources since they are all focused on student success and transfer.

**MESA**: On the heels of the civil rights movement, a group of concerned educators and community activists in the California Bay Area created MESA. Its goal: provide the academic support, resources and career exploration needed to increase the number of minority students graduating from undergraduate engineering programs. MESA began at the high school level and in 1993 a formal MESA Community College Program was established.

https://mesa.ucop.edu/

**Puente**: The PUENTE Project is a national award-winning program that for more than 30 years has improved the college-going rate of tens of thousands of California's educationally underrepresented students. Its mission is to increase the number of educationally disadvantaged students who enroll in four-year colleges and universities, earn college degrees and return to the community as mentors and
leaders to future generations. The program is interdisciplinary in approach, with writing, counseling and mentoring components.

https://puente.berkeley.edu/about
https://www.cccco.edu/About-Us/Chancellors-Office/Divisions/Educational-Services-and-Support/What-we-do/Curriculum-and-Instruction-Unit/Puente-Project

**Umoja Community:** Umoja promotes student success and improved lifetime outcomes for all students through a curriculum that is responsive to the legacy of the African and African American Diasporas. Umoja is a community of educators and learners committed to the academic success, personal growth and self-actualization of African American and other students. The Umoja Community seeks to educate the whole student–body, mind and spirit. Informed by an ethic of love and its vital power, the Umoja Community will deliberately engage students as full participants in the construction of knowledge and critical thought.

https://umojacommunity.org/

These programs, and many others, are available to support transfer students at the CA community colleges.
The Transfer Prep Program increases opportunities for community college students to transfer to four-year postsecondary institutions.

Each UC has a Transfer Prep program dedicated to supporting transfer students, especially those that are historically underrepresented, income eligible, and/or first-generation college students.

Transfer Prep:
https://k12programs.universityofcalifornia.edu/programs/programs.html#transfer-prep
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Panel Questions
- What advice would you give to new transfer students?
- Who or what was the most helpful resource to you in helping you get to UC?
- What was the most difficult part of transferring?
- Examples of experiences with UC faculty post transfer?
- What is the best part of being a UC transfer student?
- How do you balance work/school/life as a student?
- Were you involved in research in CCC/UC?
- Any advice on what you would have done differently?
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### List of UC Resources

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