



UC TRANSFER BASICS

CUESTA COLLEGE TRANSFER CENTER

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA (UC) TRANSFER

The 9 UC undergraduate campuses, including UC Santa Barbara, are located throughout California. The UC system is the most prestigious and competitive of the public higher educational systems. As a California Community College transfer student, you will receive priority consideration for admission to UC, even above transfer students from all other colleges and universities, including students already enrolled at CSU and UC campuses. During your first semester, meet with a counselor to discuss requirements for the transfer university you want to attend.

WHAT DO I NEED TO TRANSFER TO A UC?

1. Complete the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) or the UC minimum transfer admission requirements, also called the “7-course pattern” (see right column for details).
2. Complete the required Major Preparation classes.
3. Earn 60 UC transferable credits (minimum).
4. Maintain at least a 2.4 GPA in UC-transferable courses (2.8 GPA if you are a nonresident). Most majors require a higher GPA for admission.

HOW DO I KNOW WHICH CLASSES TO TAKE?

- Use UC campus websites and assist.org to find transfer information by individual campus and major.
- Use the UC Transfer Admission Planner (UC TAP) at uctap.universityofcalifornia.edu to plan and organize courses for your chosen transfer path and track your progress towards meeting UC requirements as you update your earned grades each term.
- See a Cuesta [academic counselor](#) to develop a Student Education Plan.

WHAT IS A TRANSFER ADMISSION GUARANTEE (TAG) FOR UC CAMPUSES?

A UC TAG is an agreement between you and the UC that guarantees you admission to one UC campus for a specific term. Learn the requirements for a UC TAG [here](#). Apply for UC TAG in September of the year before transfer.

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

[Apply online](#) from **October 1st** to **November 30th** to transfer the following Fall term:

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INTERSEGMENTAL GENERAL EDUCATION TRANSFER CURRICULUM (IGETC)

IGETC is not an admissions requirement for the UC system. For certain majors, completion of IGETC can improve your chances of admission as a transfer student.

7-COURSE PATTERN

7-course pattern requires two transferable courses in English Composition, one transferable Math course, and four transferable college courses chosen from at least two of the following areas: Arts & Humanities, Social & Behavioral Sciences, Physical & Biological Sciences (recommended for most Science, Engineering & Computer Science majors).

UC BLUE AND GOLD PROGRAM & MIDDLE CLASS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

- If you are a California resident whose total family income is less than \$80,000 a year, and you qualify for financial aid, the UC's Blue and Gold Opportunity Plan can ensure that you will not have to pay UC's system-wide tuition and fees out of your own pocket. [Click here](#) for more information.
- If your parents make less than \$150,000 per year, the UC system may cover 40% of the system-wide tuition and fees. Please [click here](#) for more information about grants and scholarships.

CAN I TRANSFER IN TWO YEARS?

Transferring to a UC in two years is possible for students who have placed into transfer level Math and English courses AND who can manage 15 transferable credits or more each term. Most transfer students take more than two years to complete required coursework, and this is okay too!

Sample Two-Year Transfer Plan:

1ST TERM: 15 UC credits

2ND TERM: 15 UC credits

SUMMER TERM: optional—credits can be used towards the 60 credits

3RD TERM: 15 UC credits—see universityofcalifornia.edu about applying to UC

4TH TERM: 15 UC credits (60 transferable credits must be completed)

SUMMER TERM: credits *cannot* be used towards the 60 credits for most campuses

Sample Three-Year Transfer Plan:

1ST TERM: 6 to 9 UC credits

2ND TERM: 6 to 9 UC credits

SUMMER TERM: optional—credits can be used towards the 60 credits

3RD TERM: 9 to 12 UC credits

4TH TERM: 9 to 12 UC credits

SUMMER TERM: optional—credits can be used towards the 60 credits

5TH TERM: 12 UC credits—see universityofcalifornia.edu about applying to UC

6TH TERM: 12 UC credits (60 transferable credits must be completed)

SUMMER TERM: credits *cannot* be used towards the 60 credits

QUESTIONS?

Transfer process can be overwhelming, but we're here to help! Call us at 805-546-3162, email transfer@cuesta.edu, or stop by the University Transfer/Career Center on the SLO campus, Building 3100, Room 3131.

