

UC TRANSFER PATHWAY CHECKLIST

JUNIOR YEAR - HIGH SCHOOL

*Keep your grades up, take advantage of tutoring and advising services offered at your school, and continue to take A-G courses. All of these things will help you to be better prepared for community college and the University of California.

SENIOR YEAR - HIGH SCHOOL

August - December

- Meet with a counselor to discuss preparation for transferring and the enrollment process for community college.
- Research community colleges and 4-year colleges. (Get information on tuition and fees, courses, majors and major requirements, transfer requirements, application processes).
- Think about your educational and career interests. Deciding early where your interests lie will help you choose courses that will put you on the path to your chosen major.
- Read information on transfer requirements for each of the universities you are interested in attending.
- Become familiar with websites such as www.assist.org, www.uctransfer.org and www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions/undergrad_adm/paths_to_adm/transfer.html (UCOP's transfer admission website).
- Start researching and applying for scholarships.

January - February

- Apply for federal financial aid
 - Submit GPA verification form for Cal Grants.
 - Mark your calendars for participation in community college high school visit and admit days, which usually take place in March, April, or May.
 - In February, you will receive a Student Aid Report (SAR) confirming receipt of FAFSA; immediately reply to any requests for additional information.

March - April

- Take tours of both community colleges and 4-year universities. Participate in community college high school visit and/or admit days.
- Apply for admission to the California community college (CCC) of your choice.
- Schedule an assessment exam in English and Math following your admission to community college. These assessment exams will allow the college to determine your skill levels in English and math and help with course selection. Check with your specific college to see if you are exempt from taking the assessment exam.
- Attend an orientation session at your college. Orientation provides students with important information on academic requirements, registration procedures & campus support services to help facilitate the transition into college and is designed to address new students' questions and concerns.
- Meet with a counselor and inform he/she of your plans to transfer to a UC. Inquire about UC general education requirements and the lower-division courses required for your major. Develop your student education plan with your counselor and select appropriate courses based on your objectives and assessment evaluation. Note that UC puts more emphasis on preparation for your major over general education requirements.

- Review options for completing a general education pattern: Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) or a campus specific UC General Education pattern.
- Sign up to participate in any on-campus student support services from which you may benefit.

May - July

- Register for classes at community college. Make sure to refer to your community college catalog and www.assist.org to determine which courses are transferable to a UC.
- If your community college offers a bridge program, you should sign up if your assessment exam indicates that you will have to take remedial courses in math and/or English. These programs offer remedial courses over the summer that will better prepare you for your courses in the fall semester and put you on track for college-level courses.
- Inquire about the Board of Governor's Fee Waiver at your college and apply if you are eligible.

FIRST YEAR - COMMUNITY COLLEGE

August

- Begin fall classes.
- Print out an academic calendar to keep track of important deadlines.
- Take advantage of student support services, such as tutoring and advising, provided by your college.
- Visit your community college's transfer center to learn about any events, activities, and services that they offer during the year and schedule an appointment with a transfer center counselor.
- Get in contact with any UC transfer preparation programs on your campus.

September- December

- Attend transfer events and activities at your community college.
- Attend any preview days taking place at the UC to which you are planning on transferring.
- Meet with a counselor to plan spring courses. Make sure you are on track for transfer.
- Complete 30 transferable units by the end of summer. Plan your choice of transfer major.

January - February

- Begin spring classes at your community college.
- Reapply for financial aid at your community college.
- Participate in extracurricular activities and obtain work experience in your area of interest.

March - August

- Meet with a counselor to plan your summer and fall schedules; register for classes
- Research and apply to the UC Transfer Admission Guarantee Programs offered at the various UC campuses. Note that each UC may have a different filing period.
- Determine your intended major at the UC campus to which you are applying and ensure that you complete the necessary admission and selection requirements. Plan to complete 60 transferable semester (90 quarter) units by the end of the next spring term.

- Visit the UC campuses that you are interested in transferring to after you complete your transfer admission requirements.

THE SECOND YEAR - COMMUNITY COLLEGE

August

- Begin fall classes at your community college

September - October

- If you applied to a TAG program during the spring semester, you may receive a response during this time period.
- Attend transfer events and activities at your community college.

November 1- 30

- Make sure to have a staff member from one of the UC transfer preparation programs review your UC application prior to submission and seek out assistance with your application from your on-campus transfer center.
- Complete and submit the UC undergraduate application for admission and scholarships at universityofcalifornia.edu/apply.

November - December

- Check UC application status at <https://www.ucapplication.net/ucap>
- Complete fall courses and maintain your GPA.
- Check in with your community college counselor to assist you with planning your schedule for the next semester.

January - February

- Check your UC application status
- Apply for financial aid for the college you are planning on attending between January 1 and March 2. Submit at fafsa.ed.gov.
- Submit GPA verification form for Cal Grants.
- Begin spring classes
- Begin looking for housing (if applicable) at the campus you wish to attend.
- After applying, transfer students are required to update their grades and course records. Complete the transfer application update form at universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions/appupdate (You must provide your final grades from the previous term and list all courses in progress or planned for the term before you expect to enroll. Your updates will ensure the campuses have the most current academic information available).

February

- Receive Student Aid Report (SAR) confirming receipt of FAFSA; immediately reply to any requests for additional information.

March - June 1

- Check your admission status

- If admitted, submit online State of Intent to Register (SIR) by June 1 deadline. Each campus that accepts you for admission will issue you a SIR form or direct you to a Web site where you can declare your intent to register. Use this form or Web site to indicate whether you accept or decline the admission offer. You are strongly encouraged to wait until you hear from each campus you have applied to before you declare your intent to register.
- UC campuses will begin financial aid and admission notification. Make sure to accept your financial aid online.
- Complete spring classes and maintain your GPA. The final, official transcript the University receives from the institution from which you are transferring must indicate that you are in good standing. If you are not in good standing, the offer of admission may be withdrawn.
- Secure housing, if necessary.

Summer

- If you are admitted for the fall term, you must arrange to have final, official transcripts (high school and college transcripts and any AP or IB scores) sent to the Admissions Office at the UC you are planning on attending no later than July 15.
- If you have followed the IGETC pattern of courses, make sure to submit IGETC certification (which you will obtain from your community college) to the UC campus you are attending in the Fall.
- Attend an orientation program at your UC campus.
- Your university will send billing statements in August with financial aid credited for students who have accepted it.

THIRD YEAR - UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

September

- Begin classes at your UC campus.