

Smart Start, Strong Finish

Rethinking the Community College Pathway for International Students



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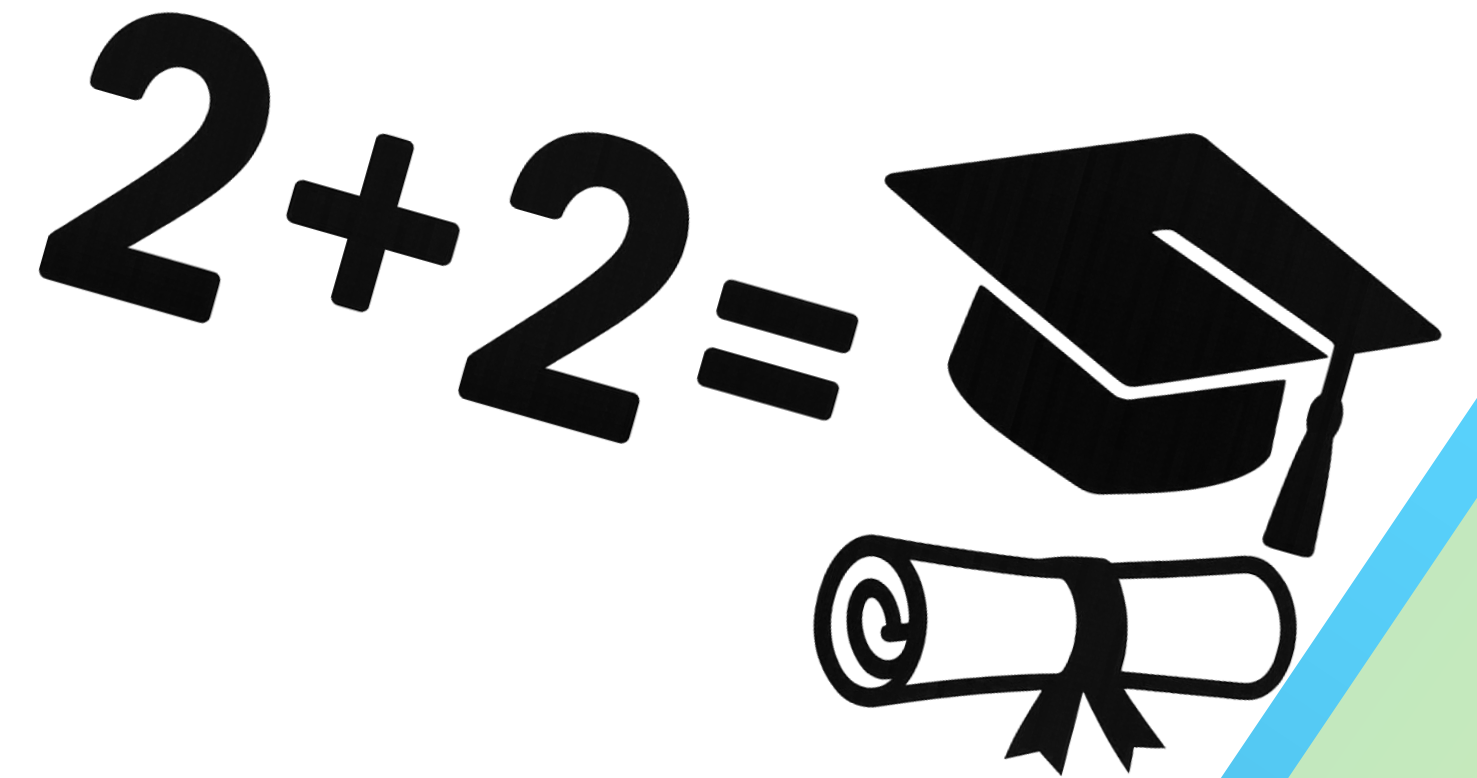
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Session Overview

- Why Community College
- Demystifying the Transfer Process
- How Transfer applicants are evaluated by 4-year Universities
- Data and other Evidence
- Success Stories
- Tools for Counselors



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Who's a “Good Fit” for Community College?

(Interactive)



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Flipping the Script

- Challenging misconceptions
- Reframing prestige
- Community College as a first-choice strategy
- “Settling” vs. Strategizing



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Advantages of Attending Community College

- Significant Cost Savings
- Improved chance to gain admission to Selective Universities
- Guaranteed Transfer Pathways
- Time to Explore Majors
- Softer landing into studying abroad
- Smaller Class Sizes, access to Faculty
- Campus life and Leadership opportunities
- Honors Programs, Academic Rigor
- Fresh Start after high school
- Double the OPT
- Access to scholarship
- Access to on-campus housing



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How are transfer applications reviewed?

Similarities in reviewing a first-year and a transfer application

- Academic review and GPA calculations
- Mission alignment
- Demonstrated interest

Difference between reviewing a first-year and a transfer application

- Credit evaluation - the number of credits completed at the institution may determine if we need to look at the high school records.
 - Eg. if the student has completed 24 semester credits or 36 quarter credits, we don't need to evaluate their high school records
- Are they in good academic standing?
- Are any courses in progress?

Choice of Major

- Preparation for the major
- Time to degree

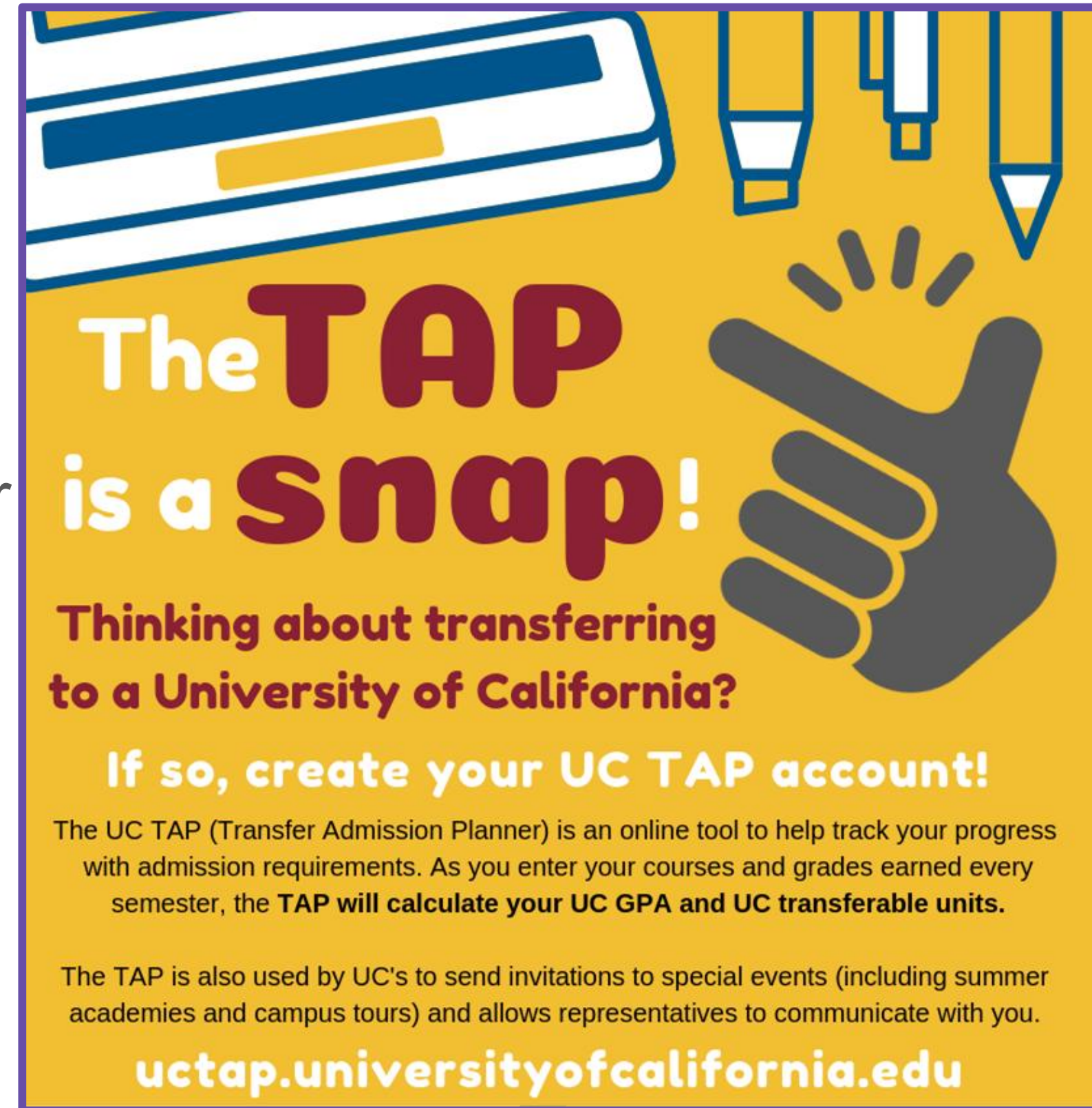


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Plan to succeed

- [Assist.org](https://assist.org)
- California CCC specific
- Plan and prepare for transfer
- [UC TAP](#)
- [UC TAG](#)

A graphic with a yellow background. At the top left are three stacked books (blue, white, blue) with a yellow highlighter on the middle one. At the top right are three drawing tools: a white eraser, a white marker, and a blue pencil. On the right side is a large grey hand with a yellow outline, showing the 'rock' hand gesture. The text 'The TAP is a Snap!' is in large, bold, maroon letters. Below it, in smaller maroon letters, is 'Thinking about transferring to a University of California?'. Then, in white bold letters, is 'If so, create your UC TAP account!'. Below that, in small black text, is 'The UC TAP (Transfer Admission Planner) is an online tool to help track your progress with admission requirements. As you enter your courses and grades earned every semester, the TAP will calculate your UC GPA and UC transferable units.' Then, in small black text, is 'The TAP is also used by UC's to send invitations to special events (including summer academies and campus tours) and allows representatives to communicate with you.' At the bottom, in white bold letters, is the URL 'uctap.universityofcalifornia.edu'.

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Let's Look at De Anza to UC Berkeley...Computer Science



The official course transfer and articulation system for California colleges and universities

ASSIST is here to help

ASSIST does not take the place of a counselor on your campus. 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 California university.

Important Notes from ASSIST

New! 2025-2026 Transferable Course Lists and Articulation Agreements
Transferable course lists for 2025-2026 are available, and articulation agreements for 2025-2026 are currently being published. Please view the ASSIST [Frequently Asked Questions](#) for more details about transferability lists and availability of articulation agreements.

The Agreement Comparison tool is now available!
Click the link below for more information and video tutorial.
[Agreement Comparison Overview](#)

Articulation agreements with Independent

[ASSIST Feedback Survey](#)

[Frequently Asked Questions](#)

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Search below for articulation agreements
Major, department, and campus-specific general education agreements

Academic Year
2025-2026

Institution
De Anza College
CCC, CSU, UC, or Independent

Agreements with Other Institutions
To: University of California, Berkeley

The 2025-2026 agreement is not available. The 2024-2025 agreement will be shown instead.

[View Agreements](#)

Step 1: Go to Assist.org

[Compare with another agreement](#)

[Open list in new tab](#)

Major Articulation Agreement

Electrical Engineering & Computer Sciences, B.S.

Effective during the 2024-2025 academic year

To: University of California, Berkeley
2024-2025 General Catalog, Semester

From: De Anza College
2024-2025 General Catalog, Quarter

REQUIRED COURSES FOR ADMISSION

1 Complete A and B

MATH 1A Calculus 4.00	MATH 1A Calculus I 5.00
	AND
	MATH 1B Calculus II 5.00
	L Regular and honors courses may be combined to complete this series
	OR
	MATH 1AH Calculus I - HONORS 5.00
	AND
	MATH 1BH Calculus II - HONORS 5.00
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MATH 1B Calculus 4.00	MATH 1B Calculus II 5.00
	AND
	MATH 1C Calculus III 5.00

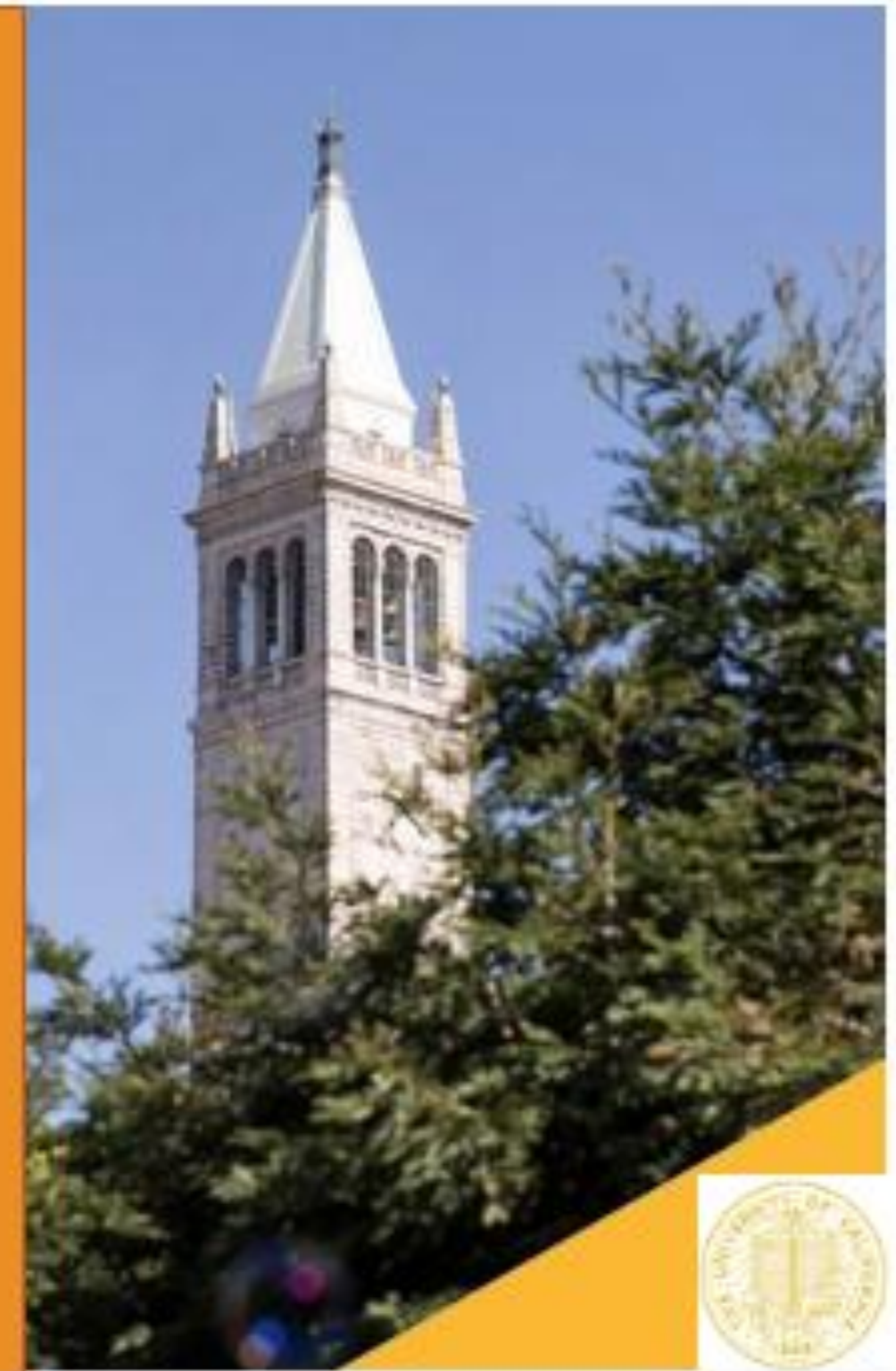
Step 2: Look Up Course Requirements by Major



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UC Admission Rates by Campus

Admission Rates	1st Year	Transfer
Berkeley	11%	25.4%
Davis	41.9%	64.5%
Irvine	28.8%	39.8%
Los Angeles	9%	22.3%
Merced	91.7%	62.2%
Riverside	76.4%	57.3%
San Diego	26.8%	54.7%
Santa Barbara	32.9%	61.8%
Santa Cruz	65%	64.2%



Student Stories

Ted

Myanmar

Computer Science

De Anza College

Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)



Call to Action – What can you do today?



- CC as integral part of your counseling curriculum
- Start talking about CC as serious option *before senior year*
- Include CCs on your wall of college acceptances/matriculations, on school profile, website and parent newsletter
- Celebrate students that choose CC –*they're flexing!*
- Open your doors to more CCs for school visits
- Arrange a Parent Night about CC 2+2 Transfer
- Keep talking about it—the more students/parents hear the message, the more “normal” and embraced it will be—*It's not just what you say, it's how you say it*

Tools for Counselors

- Community College Transfer FAQs sheet –SCAN QR
- UC TAP (<https://uctap.universityofcalifornia.edu/students/>)
- [Assist.org](https://assist.org/) (<https://assist.org/>)
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