

Pathways to University of California

Navigating Admissions to UC, Opportunities,
and the California Community College
Transfer Advantage

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First-Year Admissions

What first-year applicants need to know

UC Berkeley



The Basics

- Minimum Requirements:
 - 3.0 Minimum GPA (3.4 for non-CA residents)
 - A-G Core Academic Courses
- One application for all UC campuses
 - \$80 per campus for domestic students (\$95 for international)
- Select the major you are most interested in as your **primary major**
 - Alternative majors may not be considered

Holistic Review

- We consider all achievements, both academic and non-academic
- No single attribute or characteristic guarantees the admission of any applicant to UC Berkeley
- Entire application is read at least twice
- Berkeley is test-free and letters of recommendation are not required

Stand Out in Your Application

- Your **personal insight questions** are a way for us to get to know you.
Tell us your story.
- **Extracurricular activities** show us your passions, your consistent involvement, and your leadership engagement
 - Activities, Awards, Volunteer, Employment, special programs, and non-A-G coursework from 9th–12th grade
- Use the **Additional Comments** section to include any additional context important to understanding you as a student

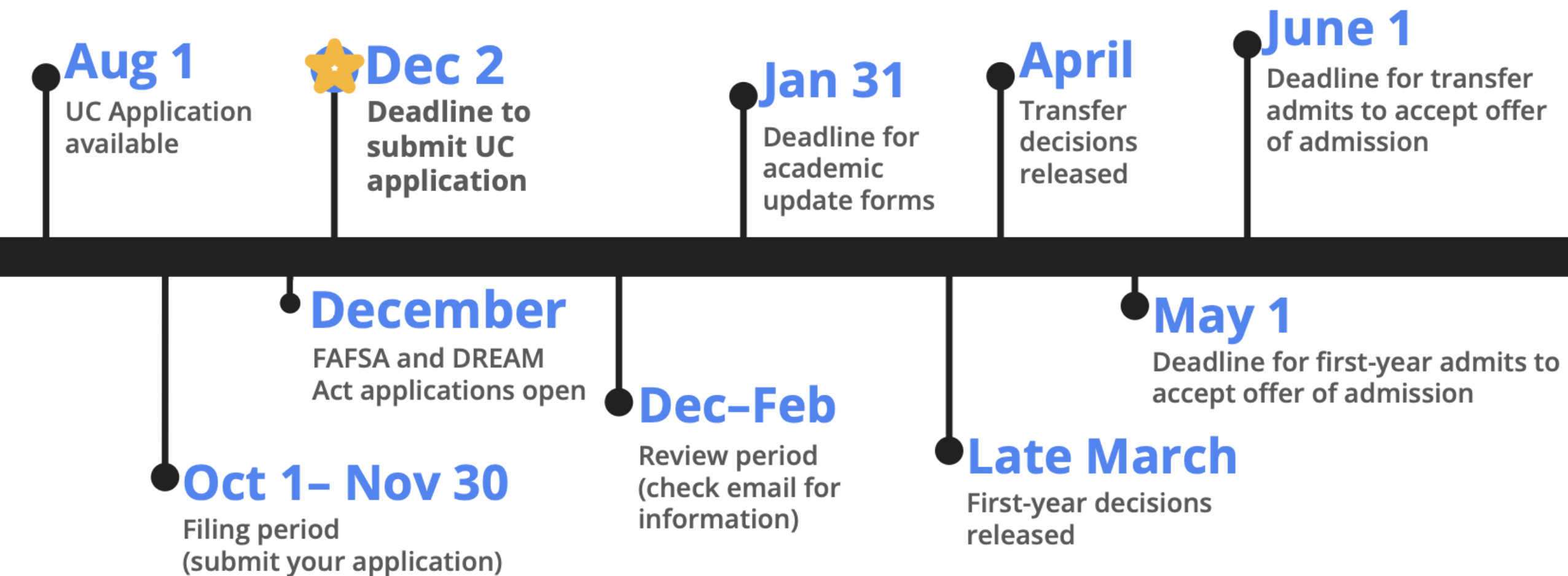
International Admissions

- We have international specialists who ensure you receive a fair review.
- **We require a minimum 3.4 GPA for non-CA residents.**
 - For information on expectations by country, visit:
<https://bit.ly/INTLAdmissionsUC>
- Most international students must demonstrate English Proficiency by earning a required score in one of these exams:
 - **IELTS: 6.5 or higher | TOEFL: 80 or higher | Duolingo: 115 or higher**

For more details:



Admissions Timeline



CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES

“
LARGEST SYSTEM OF HIGHER
EDUCATION IN THE WORLD
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116 Campuses

400K courses

2.5M students

\$14B annual state budget

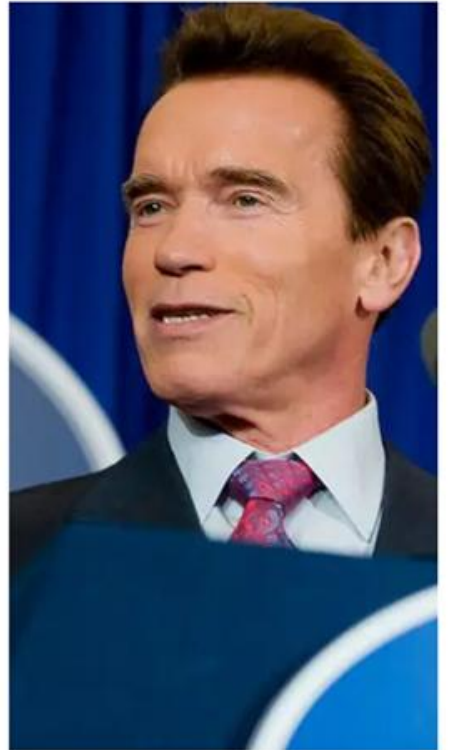
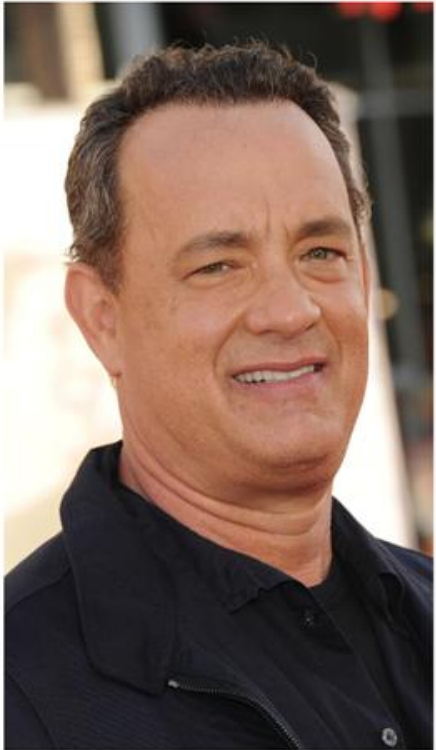


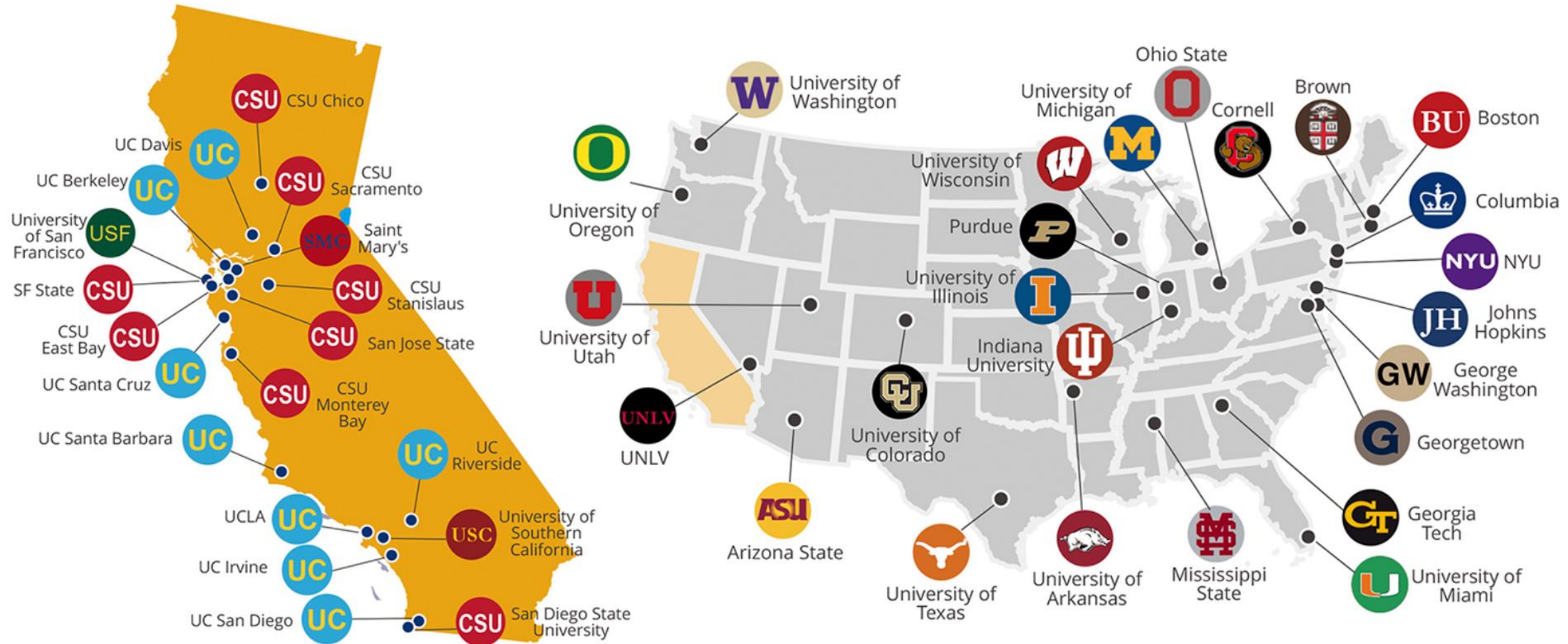


Years 1 & 2 = 60-70% general education courses; 30-40% major courses

ALUMNI

**Leaders in entertainment,
business, tech, government, and
much more**





What kind of student might be a good fit for a California Community College?

- Parents have concerns about financing 4 years of study in the US.
- A student who didn't gain admission into first choice schools
- A student who doesn't have the GPA to get into a UC year one.
- May need remedial classes or have to repeat a course
- Smoother transition into college life. May need more pastoral and individual care
- Not sure what UC- CSU major is the best fit
- Lower English level requirements
- Gap Year – wants a break to explore options or is unsure of what to study

UC Berkeley





CALIFORNIA REPUBLIC

GAP Year in California !

- *Not sure if you want to study an entire Bachelor in the US?* - Come for 1 semester or two semesters.
- *Not sure what you want to study?* - Business, Music, Sports, Acting. Try a course in lots of areas of studies.
- *Want to perfect your English?* - You will return fluent
- *Want a year off?* - Between high school and university?
- *Want to explore the State of California?* - From beach, mountains to desert and Redwood forests.

Transfer Admissions Basics to UC

- UC uses a **comprehensive review process**.
- General education, units, GPA, and major preparation are most important.
- Only **one application** for nine UC campuses.

\$80 per campus for domestic students (\$95 for international)

- Letters of recommendation are **not required/accepted**.
- Your **personal insight questions** are a way for us to get to know you. **Tell us your story.**

Comprehensive Review

- While you can be most competitive by excelling in the academic areas, no single attribute or characteristic guarantees admission.
- We recognize a wide range of talent that may not be reflected in traditional measures of academic achievement.

UC Berkeley



TRANSFER GUARANTEE

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

TRANSFER ADMISSION GUARANTEE

TAG program guarantees admission to a participating UC for meeting a minimum GPA & major course requirements.

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY

ASSOCIATE DEGREE FOR TRANSFER

The ADT guarantees admission to a Cal State campus by completing an associate degree from a California community college.

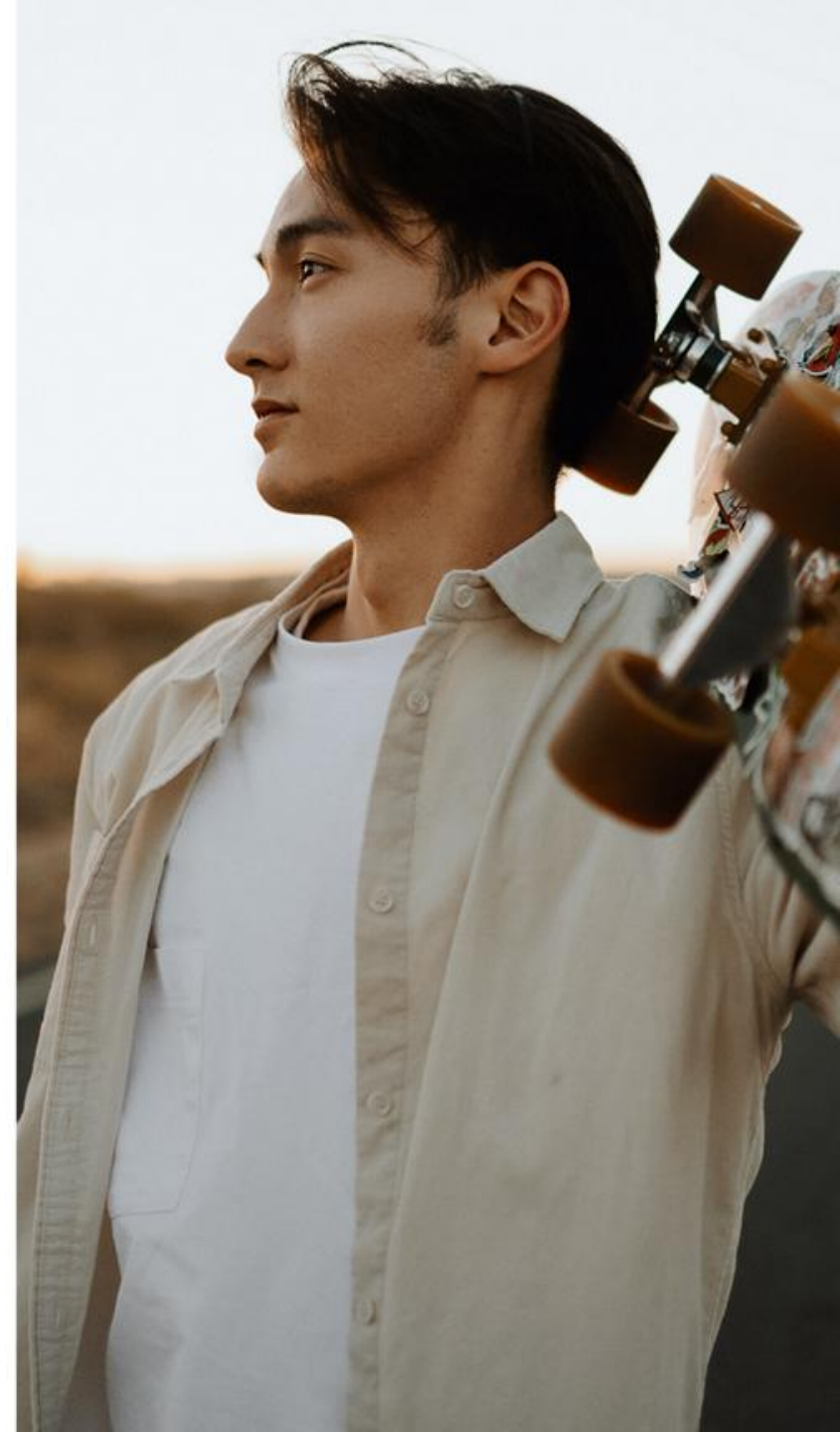
As a result of an AB 1440 passed by the State of California in 2010

NORMALIZING TRANSFER

30% and 40% of UC and Cal State enrollment are transfers, majority coming from California CC's

California law requires UC to guarantee transfer credit from California Community Colleges through articulation agreements, IGETC, and senate bills, ensuring a clear pathway for transfer students.

Transfer Support: Transfer Center, transfer fairs, application workshops, transfer tracking portals



UC Admit Rates by Campus

Campus	1st Year	Transfer
Berkeley	11.4%	27%
Davis	37.5%	59%
Irvine	21%	41%
Los Angeles	8.6%	23%
Merced	90.4%	63%
Riverside	68.1%	61%
San Diego	23.7%	58%
Santa Barbara	25.9%	58%

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Minimum Transfer Requirements

- 60 semester/90 quarter UC-transferable units
- The UC minimum GPA is 2.4, UC Berkeley requires 3.0 minimum GPA in all UC-transferable coursework
- IGETC and 7 course pattern

UC Berkeley



Minimally Competitive

- 3.00 UC-transferable GPA in all UC-transferable coursework
- 60 UC-transferable semester (90 quarter) units
- ALL General Education/Breadth requirements and most major prerequisites completed

Highly Competitive

- Strong GPA
- Sustained academic achievement or upward grade trend
- ALL major prerequisites completed
- Strong major prerequisite GPA
- Strong responses to PIQ
- Activities, employment, volunteer service, awards

Also

- Letters of Recommendation are **not required**.
- Berkeley is test-free and letters of recommendation are **not required**.



CALIFORNIA TRANSFER ADMISSION RESOURCES

Welcome to ASSIST
assist.org



UC Transfer Admission Planner - UC TAP
| UC Admissions
uctap.universityofcalifornia.edu



UC Berkeley

Transfer Admission Planner (TAP)



Admissions

Home

About me

My academic history

My transfer plan

Sign out

TRANSFER ADMISSION PLANNER

Welcome to UC TAP

Getting started

Here are a few tips to help you use the planner:

- As you plan and complete your college coursework, make sure to update the planner with your most current information and be sure to keep your contact information up to date.
- The planner has three main sections for you to complete: About me, My Academic History, and My transfer plan.
- Check the Messages section often: This is where you'll receive important reminders or other communication from either your community college or UC staff.
- At any time, you can click "Record Review" to see all of the information you've entered.

[Transfer Admission Planner](#)

About me

[Personal information](#)

[Demographic information](#)

[Support programs](#)

[Account settings](#)

My academic history

[Schools attended](#)

[Coursework](#)

[Exams](#)

My transfer plan

[Where and when I plan to transfer](#)

[Apply for a Transfer Admission Guarantee \(TAG\)](#)

[Apply for transfer admission](#)

[Messages](#)

Benefits of using TAP

- Facilitates admission advising and tracking of progress
- Can apply directly to the TAG program
- Imports directly into the UC application
- Can indicate areas of interest and participation in UC programs
- Receive communications directly from UC and CCC

Transfer Admission Guarantee (TAG)

What is TAG?

A guarantee of admission to a participating campus and major, so long as all deadlines and requirements are met.

To be eligible, students must:

- ✓ Transfer from a California community college (CCC)
- ✓ Complete over half of their units at the CCC
- ✓ Last attend a CCC before transfer



UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS

ONE SHIELDS AVENUE
DAVIS, CA 95616-8507

Tel (530) 752-2971
admissions.ucdavis.edu

Dear Can Sucu,

We're thrilled that you are considering attending Diablo Valley College (DVC). As a student of DVC, you will have the opportunity to secure guaranteed transfer admission to the University of California, Davis. UC Davis, ranked 9th in the nation among public universities, is a top research university that can offer you many opportunities and prepare you for a career in the United States, your home country or anywhere else in the world.

The Transfer Admission Guarantee (TAG) program offered through DVC is your guaranteed pathway to UC Davis in the major of your choice. It is a formal agreement that outlines the courses you must complete and the grade point average that must be earned before transferring. To be considered for admission to UC Davis as a transfer student under a TAG agreement, you will need to meet the following guidelines:

1. Complete at least 30 UC transferable semester units at the time the TAG is submitted at <https://uctap.universityofcalifornia.edu/students/>
2. Meet the minimum transferable GPA (3.20-3.40 depending upon your major).
3. Be a registered full-time student at the time the TAG is written and during your last semester prior to transfer.
4. Complete all courses required for admission as well as any necessary major preparation classes by the end of spring semester for fall admission.
5. Complete a total of 60 transferable units by the end of spring semester for fall admission.
6. Submit an official UC admission application within the appropriate deadline. For the chosen major of Computer Science.

Your transfer agreement will help you meet your undergraduate coursework requirements at DVC and ensure your guaranteed admission as a junior-level transfer student to UC Davis. I encourage you to contact a DVC counselor or visit the Undergraduate Admissions website for UC Davis at admissions.ucdavis.edu/tag for more information after you have been admitted to Diablo Valley College. We also look forward to being in touch with you once you arrive in California.

We wish you much success in your preparation to attend Diablo Valley College and look forward to helping you reach your educational goals here in the United States.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mitsuko Leonard".

Mitsuko Leonard
Director, International Admissions
University of California, Davis

Get Tagged!

All three colleges have UC TAG's

CCC

<https://www.contracosta.edu/student-support/transfer-services>

DVC

<https://www.dvc.edu/enrollment/transfer>

LMC

<https://www.losmedanos.edu/transfer>

DVC



Six University of California (UC) campuses offer the Transfer Admission Guarantee (TAG) program to students from DVC!

Davis | Irvine
Merced
Riverside
Santa Barbara
Santa Cruz



- **ENSURE** your admissions to a specific UC Campus.
- **MEET** Campus-specific requirements to qualify.
- **RECEIVE** early review of your academic records, early admission notification and specific guidance about major preparation and general education coursework.

- **UC Transfer Admission Planner (UC TAP)** is a free online tool to help prospective UC transfer students track and plan their coursework for California community college students.

- **Including those transferring from DVC** and seeking a **TAG!**

Get Help!

with
UC Transfer Admission
Planner
(UC TAP)

uctap.universityofcalifornia.edu

For more support and resources,
DVC Career and Transfer Services can assist you with the application process.
Learn more about workshops, meeting with counselors, visiting university representatives and more!
visit our site at www.dvc.edu/enrollment/transfer/

The Basic Requirements to Transfer

Complete 60 semester credits before transfer

- 30 credits per academic year
- or 24 per year + summer school

Complete your General Education requirements

Complete your pre-major requirements

All students must complete 2 semesters of English

- English 123 – composition
- English 126 – literature

GPA to transfer depends on the major and university

- UC Berkeley and UCLA– wants to see close to a 4.0
- UC Davis – around 3.2 or 3.3
- CSU – San Francisco State – 2.0 to 2.3

UC only accepts transfers in the Fall. Many CSUs in the Fall or Spring

Colleges of Contra Costa
CONTRA COSTA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT



IGETC – Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum are the general education courses that California community college students need to complete to fulfill lower division (year 1 and 2 of the Bachelor) at UC or CSU.



IGETC courses - are accepted by most majors at UC and all CSU's



In addition to IGETC courses, you will need to complete your premajor courses also. The Arts, Theatre and Architecture will require a portfolio also.



Remember – general education courses transferable to UC or CSU many vary.

For example.....

UC requires 1 year (2 semester) of a foreign language, CSU does not.

UC will only accept math courses from College Calculus and above, CSU may accept pre-Calculus such as College Algebra and Trigonometry.

Note: The **CSU GE-Breadth** (California State University General Education-Breadth pattern) is a set of courses that California community college students can complete to fulfill the lower-division general education requirements for the **California State University (CSU) system** before they transfer

Assist.org – the UC and CSU Transfer Tool

**Transfer is
easy as
1, 2, 3**

Assist.org is official State of California for all transfer agreements into

all 10 Universities of California

all 23 CSU's and many private California universities in California

You can explore all majors at the UC or CSU's

Once you find a Bachelor you are interested in, you can easily view the Transfer Articulation Agreement with the major at UC or CSU

Easily view all the pre-major courses you need to complete at CCC, DVC or LMC

Assist.org – the UC and CSU Transfer Tool



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

ASSIST is here to help

i 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! The Agreement Comparison tool is now available!

Click the link below for more information and video tutorial.

[Agreement Comparison Overview](#)

Coming Soon! 2025-2026 will be available to search this summer.

Please view the ASSIST

[Frequently Asked Questions](#) for details.

Articulation agreements with Independent

[ASSIST Feedback Survey](#)

[Frequently Asked Questions](#)



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Colleges

CSU The California
State University

UNIVERSITY
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Search below for articulation agreements

Major, department, and campus-specific general education agreements

Academic Year

2024-2025

Institution

Diablo Valley College

CCC, CSU, UC, or Independent

Agreements with Other Institutions

To: University of California, Berkeley

[View Agreements](#)

Search below for transferable courses

Courses approved for transfer and general education

Academic Year

2024-2025

Community College

Select a Community College

- ☐ CSU Transferable Courses
- ☐ CSU GE-Breadth Certification Courses
- ☐ CSU US History, Constitution, and American Ideals Courses (CSU AI)
- ☐ IGETC for UC and CSU
- ☐ UC Transferable Courses
- ☐ UC Transfer Admission Eligibility Courses

[View Transferability Lists](#)

Berkeley
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

Pathways to Four-Year Universities is a resource for California community college students who intend to transfer to UC Berkeley or another four-year institution. Interested students can speak to a UC adviser in the international student centers at CCC, DVC, or LMC.

Pathways

to Four-Year Universities
pathways.berkeley.edu

Transfer Scholars Network (DVC only)

DVC is 1 of 18 community colleges in the U.S. (and the only in Northern California) that has been selected to be a part of the Transfer Scholars Network (TSN). The TSN aims to connect talented community college students with dedicated admissions staff from up to 16 highly selective colleges and universities nationwide through a virtual online platform.

Amherst College



Cornell University



Massachusetts
Institute of
Technology



JOHNS HOPKINS
UNIVERSITY

Yale



Northwestern
University



PRINCETON
UNIVERSITY



BROWN

Non-resident tuition for a Bachelor's degree in California

College/University	Years 1 & 2	Years 3 & 4	Total	Savings if you start with us!
California Community College + California State University (CSUs)	\$26,280	\$44,324	\$70,604	\$18,044!
California Community College + University of California (UCs)	\$26,280	\$105,072	\$131,622	\$78,522!
University of California (UCs)	\$105,072	\$105,072	\$210,144	

Tuition is based on 30 units for the 2025-2026 academic year.

2025-2026 Academic Year estimated costs for the F-1

\$10,512	Tuition and fees are based on 12 units per semester (\$438 per unit)
\$11,700	Food and housing (Diablo Valley Homestay)
\$1,854	Books and other educational expenses
\$1,238	Transportation
\$3,030	Miscellaneous and personal
\$1,816	*Mandatory medical insurance (\$756.45 from Aug. 1 - Dec. 31; \$1,059.03 from Jan 1 - July 31)
**\$30,150	I-20 Total

**Medical insurance costs are for 2024-2025. 2025-2026 costs will be known in April 2025.*

***Add \$5,000.00 for each dependent who will be accompanying an F-1.*

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- ✓ NO SAT or ACT for admission to community college
- ✓ NO SAT or ACT needed to transfer to another institution
- *No SAT or ACT score is required for students who have sufficient credits/units to qualify as transfer applicants. This varies by institution.*

1. No Application Fee for most community colleges
2. Evidence of Secondary/High School Graduation (if under 18)
3. Evidence of English Language Proficiency
4. Financial support evidence (approximately \$29,000)
5. Passport copy

EVIDENCE OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY	
TOEFL iBT and iBT Home Edition	61
TOEFL Essentials	6.5
IELTS Academic, IELTS Indicator, and IELTS One Skill Retake	5.5 (minimum band scores of 4.5)
Duolingo English Test	95
CAE	160
iTEP Academic	3.5
PTE Academic / PTE Academic Online	45
GTEC CBT	1100
EIKEN	2A
Oxford ELLT Digital <i>New Offer! Now \$80. Use discount code "USA80"</i>	6
LanguageCert Academic	60
Trinity Integrated Skills in English (ISE)	ISE II (B2)
Kaplan Test of English (KTE) <i>Use code "CCDKRS2S" for a 25% discount</i>	425
Michigan English Test (MET) <i>USD \$25 discount</i>	53
TOEFL ITP*	500

*Only results within the past two years are accepted; Scanned copies of official score reports are accepted; Online results verification (TOEFL, IELTS, GAE); *TOEFL ITP Only accepted for study abroad students (1 to 2 semesters) from partner higher education institutions or for the DVC Academic Bridge Program.*

The Academic Bridge Program

- get a head start with
this intensive academic
preparation program

DVC
International
Student
Office

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS *Academic Bridge Program* 2024-2025

6-8 week intensive program for transferable university credits!

The International Students Academic Bridge program is a Student Success Learning Community Cohort for new international students who want a HEAD START! Upon completion of the Academic Bridge Program, international students will be integrated into the general international students population at DVC, and continue to receive follow up services such as counseling and tutoring support

Apply Here: <https://www.dvc.edu/future/steps/international.html>



AVAILABLE SESSIONS

- 6-Week Summer (June 10-July 18, 2024)
- 8-week Fall (October 21-December 13, 2024)
- 8-Week Spring (March-May, 2025)

Application Deadlines

- Summer: May 1 (overseas); June 1 (transfers)
- Fall: September 1 (overseas); October 1 (transfers)
- Spring: February 1 (overseas); May 1 (transfers)



COSTS

- \$6,393 (includes Tuition, Health Insurance, Activities, *Homestay and Meals)

**Separate homestay application required*

- \$3,543 (without Homestay and Meals)



CLASSES (7 UNITS)

(UC/CSU Transferable)

- Cultural Anthropology (ANTHR-130) – 3 units
- History of California (HIST-124) - 3 Units
- New Student Success Strategies (COUNS-100) – 1 Unit

Costs and Classes subject to change



STUDENT SUCCESS BENEFITS

- Soft landing/smooth transition to full-time studies
- Priority registration
- Academic support, tutoring and small study sessions
- Dedicated Counseling/Educational Planning Orientation
- Advising from International Student Office
- Workshops, Peer Mentorship, Activities
- Campus Tours/Transfer to 4-Year University Support



Requirements

- Completed DVC Application
- Copy of Passport
- Bank Statement (min. \$28,454)
- Proof of English Proficiency (TOEFL 61 IBT or 500 iTP, IELTS 5.5, Duolingo 95, or ITEP 3.5)
- 18 years of age or 16 with proof of high school completion



iso@dvc.edu
for any additional questions



dvc.edu/international
View our website for more info

The College Prep Program is back! Starts: Summer 2025

DVC
DIABLO VALLEY COLLEGE



College Prep Academies USA

**BUSINESS, ENTREPRENEURSHIP
& COLLEGE SUCCESS**

2-WEEK INTENSIVE

ACADEMIC PREP PROGRAM

IN SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA

FOR INTERNATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Join us for a transformative 2-week program in the heart of the San Francisco Bay Area, designed to prepare high school students in business and college success. Running from July 7-17, 2025, this in-person experience blends academic excellence with real-world exposure, including visits to Silicon Valley, Stanford University, and iconic San Francisco landmarks.

Program Dates

July 7 - 17, 2025 (2 Weeks)

(In-Person)



Description of Curricula:

- Business Communication
- Entrepreneurship
- College Academy Preparation
- Career Exploration for High School Students

Costs: \$2,915 (inclusive of tuition, meals, trips, insurance and homestay; cost and schedule may subject to change)



Requirements :

- Application
- Minor Consent Form
- Proof of English Language Proficiency (TOEFL, IELTS, Duolingo English Test, CAE, Oxford ELLT Digital, etc.)

Application Form



DIABLO VALLEY COLLEGE
321 Golf Club Road, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523



Important Dates

- Arrive to U.S. – Sunday, July 6
- Classes Start – Monday, July 7
- Trip to San Francisco & Golden Gate Bridge – TBA
- Visit Silicon Valley and Stanford University – TBA
- Classes End – Thursday, July 17
- Depart U.S. – Friday, July 18



Program Highlights

- Academic courses in Business Communication and Entrepreneurship Workshops on the Common Application, College Admissions Essays, and UC Applications
- College Success Presentations from professionals in international admissions, counseling, career and transfer center
- Explore the renowned Stanford University and Silicon Valley, home to tech giants like Apple, Google, and Meta
- Discover the iconic city of San Francisco, with visits to Ghirardelli Square, Lombard Street, and the Golden Gate Bridge
- Stay with an American host family and fully immersed in American culture, all meals and transportation will be provided
- Earn certificates in Business and College Success



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