

The Transfer Transition

Moving on to the university is an exciting step! It also means a number of changes that you can anticipate and plan for:

- Attend the orientation for transfer students offered by the university. You will get valuable information there about the new system you are entering. Many universities offer registration at orientation or grant registration priority to students who attend.
- Consider the logistics of relocation.
 - Start working early on housing arrangements and move as soon as possible.
 - In the meantime, visit the campus and the surrounding area a few times to become familiar with “the lay of land”.
 - If you have children, find out about local schools and child care resources.
 - Look at transportation systems - it may be better not to use a car every day.
- Take care of financial arrangements.
 - Make sure that there is a branch of your bank near your university; if not, consider a switch.
 - If you are eligible for financial aid or scholarships, contact the appropriate offices to find out when and how you will receive funds.
 - If you need to work, inquire about jobs on campus or find something close by.
- Be sure to make use of services that the university provides for transfer students. They can ease your adjustment to your new life.
 - Admissions Office
 - Educational Opportunity Program
 - Financial Aid
 - International Admission Specialist
 - Registrar
 - Scholarship Office
 - Student Disability Services
 - Student Housing
 - Transfer Student Services
- Explore and join your new academic community.
 - Join a club, student government, or other student organization.
 - Study on campus as much as possible, especially as part of a study group.
 - Keep your eyes open for a professor or graduate assistant who might become a mentor.
 - Look for opportunities to become an undergraduate research assistant.
- Be prepared for the “residential “ nature of universities, especially the UC. For upper division students in particular, there is an expectation that you will spend a lot of time on campus - at the library, in study groups, attending additional lectures and activities.

Bon Voyage!