

UC-CCC Data Sharing Program

The UC-CCC Data Sharing Program is a collaborative effort between the University of California and the California Community Colleges (CCCs) to increase the number of community college transfer students to UC. Since 2008, all California community colleges have been invited to participate in the UC-CCC Data Sharing Program.

Under the program, the UC Office of the President (UCOP) provides community colleges with a roster of transfer applicants to UC from their CCC. Colleges use the rosters as tools to reach out to their students to follow-up with advice regarding UC admission processes, deadlines, course requirements and campus selection.

PROGRAM LOGISTICS

Invitations for the program are sent out in December to the Transfer Center Director (or equivalent) at each community college, using a list of contacts provided by the California Community College Chancellor's Office. In order to ensure the community college contact is correct before data is sent, the Transfer Center Director must reply to opt into the program. New contacts must also return a signed form ensuring their compliance with relevant privacy guidelines (e.g. FERPA) at their college.

After the UC application submission window closes, UCOP prepares the data files. Each participating college's data file is sent to the Transfer Center Director (or designee) via UCOP's secure email transfer service.

The data file includes a roster of all applicants from the community college, as well as student contact information, the campus(es) and major(s) to which they applied, and an academic profile. Information is provided as submitted in the applicant's original application to UC. Only students who have consented to have their information shared on the application are included in the file. (The vast majority of students do agree.)

The academic profile summary includes:

- The number of CCC units completed
- The student's grade point average
- IGETC completion status
- Which parts of UC's seven-course pattern the student has met

Note: the CCC units completed and GPA information includes self-reported values and, for students who reported transferable coursework using the ASSIST-generated list within the UC application, system-calculated values.

HOW COMMUNITY COLLEGES USE THE DATA

Community college use the data in a variety of ways. Most colleges use the applicant list to reach out to students to follow up with them about deadlines after their application has been submitted, including the Transfer Academic Update priority deadline, financial aid deadlines, and, should the student be admitted, Statement of Intent to Register deadline and other post-enrollment tasks. Staff may also invite students to counseling sessions and special events, including those held at UC campuses. Since the data files also include academic profile information, Transfer Center Directors and their staff may choose to follow up with students about potential problems with their application.