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# Introductions



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# The University of California: Our Commitment to California's Transfer Students



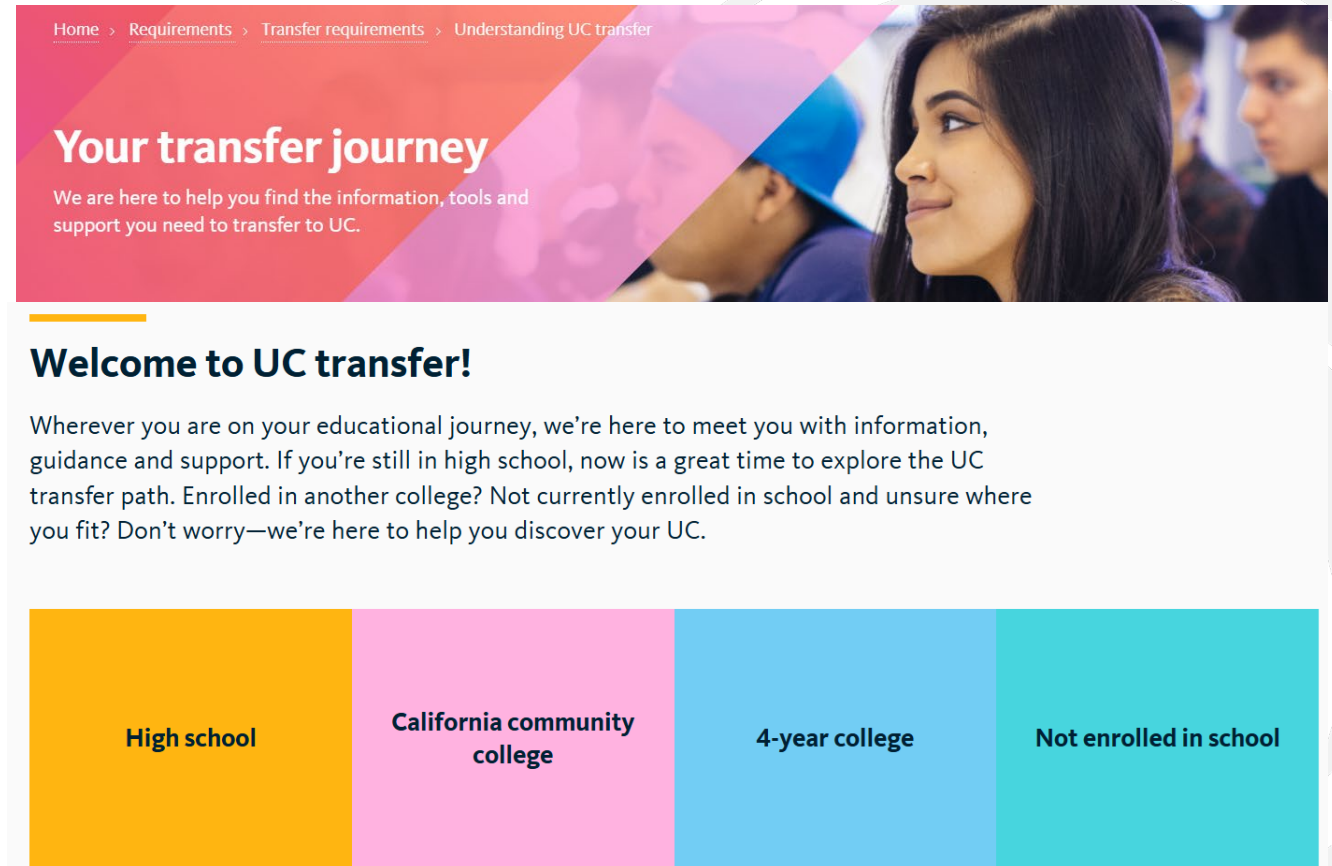
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# What the University of California is doing

- Articulation agreements
- Admission guarantees:
  - Transfer Admission Guarantee
  - Pathways+
  - Dual Admission program
- Outreach and recruitment



The screenshot shows a website titled "Your transfer journey" with a navigation bar: Home > Requirements > Transfer requirements > Understanding UC transfer. The main heading is "Your transfer journey" with a subtext: "We are here to help you find the information, tools and support you need to transfer to UC." Below this is a "Welcome to UC transfer!" section with a paragraph: "Wherever you are on your educational journey, we're here to meet you with information, guidance and support. If you're still in high school, now is a great time to explore the UC transfer path. Enrolled in another college? Not currently enrolled in school and unsure where you fit? Don't worry—we're here to help you discover your UC." At the bottom, there are four colored boxes representing different educational stages: High school (orange), California community college (pink), 4-year college (light blue), and Not enrolled in school (teal).

Home > Requirements > Transfer requirements > Understanding UC transfer

## Your transfer journey

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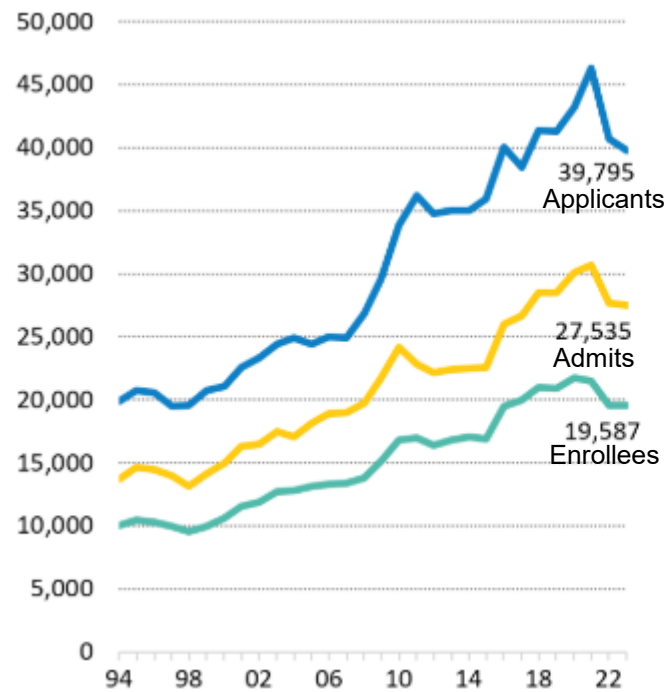
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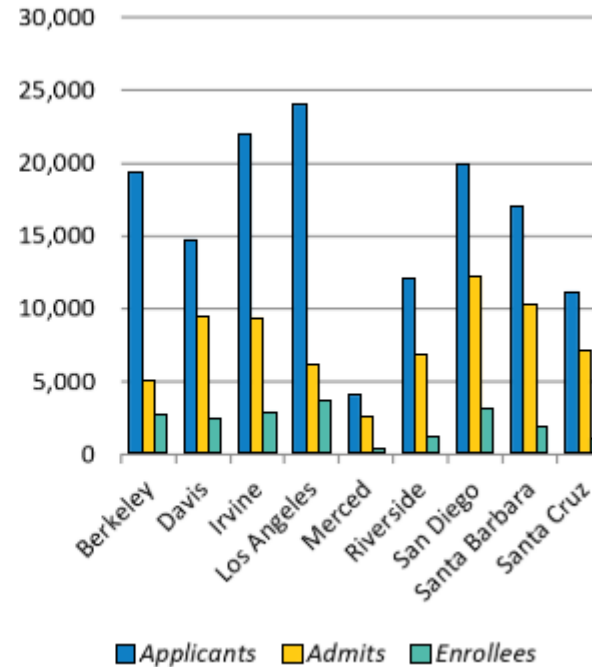
High school	California community college	4-year college	Not enrolled in school
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# Transfer admission & enrollment

## Transfer applicants, admits, and enrollees, Fall 1994 to 2023



Universitywide, unduplicated, 1994 to 2023



By campus, fall 2023



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# Comprehensive Review at UC

## Academic Accomplishments

- Major preparation
- GPA
- Transfer options
  - TAG
  - UC Transfer Pathway
  - Pathways+
  - ADT

## Extra- and Co-Curricular Activities

- Special projects
- Internship/research experience
- Work/volunteer experience
- Participation in UC-sponsored programs
- Leadership
- Special talents, skills or achievements
- Awards and honors

## Additional Information

- Life experiences
- Family responsibilities
- Location of college



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# Academic planning and efforts



# ASSIST

- Official course articulation and transferable course repository
- Official agreements with all community colleges and UC campuses

The screenshot displays the ASSIST website, which is the official course transfer and articulation system for California colleges and universities. The interface is divided into three main sections:

- ASSIST is here to help:** This section includes a disclaimer stating that ASSIST does not replace a counselor and provides links to important notes, 2024-2025 transferable course lists, and frequently asked questions.
- Search below for articulation agreements:** This section allows users to search for major, department, and campus-specific general education agreements. It includes dropdown menus for Academic Year (set to 2024-2025), Institution (with a "Select an institution" prompt), and Agreements with Other Institutions (also with a "Select an institution" prompt). A "View Agreements" button is located at the bottom of this section.
- Search below for transferable courses:** This section allows users to search for courses approved for transfer and general education. It includes a dropdown menu for Academic Year (set to 2024-2025) and a dropdown menu for Community College (with a "Select a Community College" prompt). Below these are radio button options for various course types: 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, and UC Transfer Admission Eligibility Courses. A "View Transferability Lists" button is located at the bottom of this section.



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# ASSIST – Transfer Course Agreements

- Courses transferable for unit credit at all UC campuses
- Courses meeting the 7-course pattern (UC Areas)

Biology					
Course		Title	IGETC Areas	Semester Units	UC Areas
Biology					
*	BIOLOGY 003 (W/Lab)	Introduction to Biology	5B, 5C	4.00	UC-S
	BIOLOGY 005 (W/Lab)	Introduction to Human Biology	5B, 5C	4.00	
	BIOLOGY 006 (W/Lab)	General Biology I	5B, 5C	5.00	UC-S
	BIOLOGY 007 (W/Lab)	General Biology II	5B, 5C	5.00	UC-S
* No credit for BIOLOGY 003 if taken after BIOLOGY 006 or BIOLOGY 007					
Biotechnology					
	BIOTECH 002	BIOTECHNOLOGY I	5B, 5C	4.00	UC-S



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# ASSIST – Articulation Agreements

- Important for major preparation
- Courses available at a CCC that will meet major prep

Major Articulation Agreement

## Economics, B.A.

Effective during the 2024-2025 academic year



**To: University of California, Irvine**  
2024-2025 General Catalog, Quarter

**From: Bakersfield College**  
2024-2025 General Catalog, Semester

### MAJOR PREPARATION COURSES REQUIRED FOR TRANSFER

1			
<b>ECON 20A</b>	Basic Economics I	4.00	← <b>ECON B1</b> Principles of Economics - Micro 3.00
<b>ECON 20B</b>	Basic Economics II	4.00	← <b>ECON B2</b> Principles of Economics - Macro 3.00



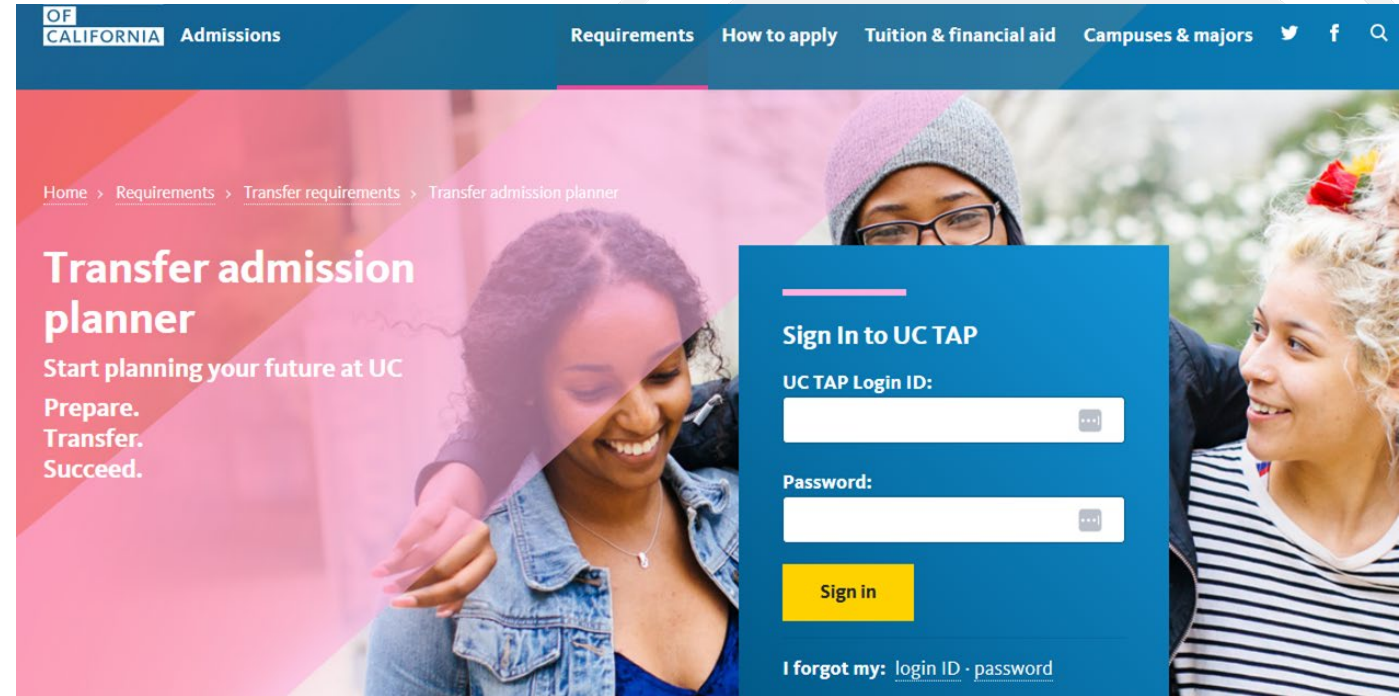
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# UC Transfer Admission Planner (UC TAP)

- Created in 2010
- Online course planning and transfer support program



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# UC TAP – Students

- Connect to support
- Academic planning
  - Uses information to review units, 7-course pattern completion and UC-transferable GPA
- Transfer Admission Guarantee
- Import to the UC Application

The screenshot displays the UC TAP student interface. At the top is a blue navigation bar with the University of California Admissions logo and links for Home, About me, My academic history (highlighted), My transfer plan, Sign out, and TRANSFER ADMISSION PLANNING. The main content area is titled 'Coursework' and includes instructions on how to add college and university courses. Below this is a table for 'Summer Term 2012' showing a course from Allan Hancock College.

Course	Units	Grade	Cert <sup>1</sup>	UC Area <sup>2</sup>
DANC 101 Dance Appreciation	3	B	Y	H

On the right side, a sidebar titled 'Melissa's Transfer Admission Planner' contains a list of navigation links. The links 'About me', 'My academic history', and 'My transfer plan' are highlighted with red boxes.



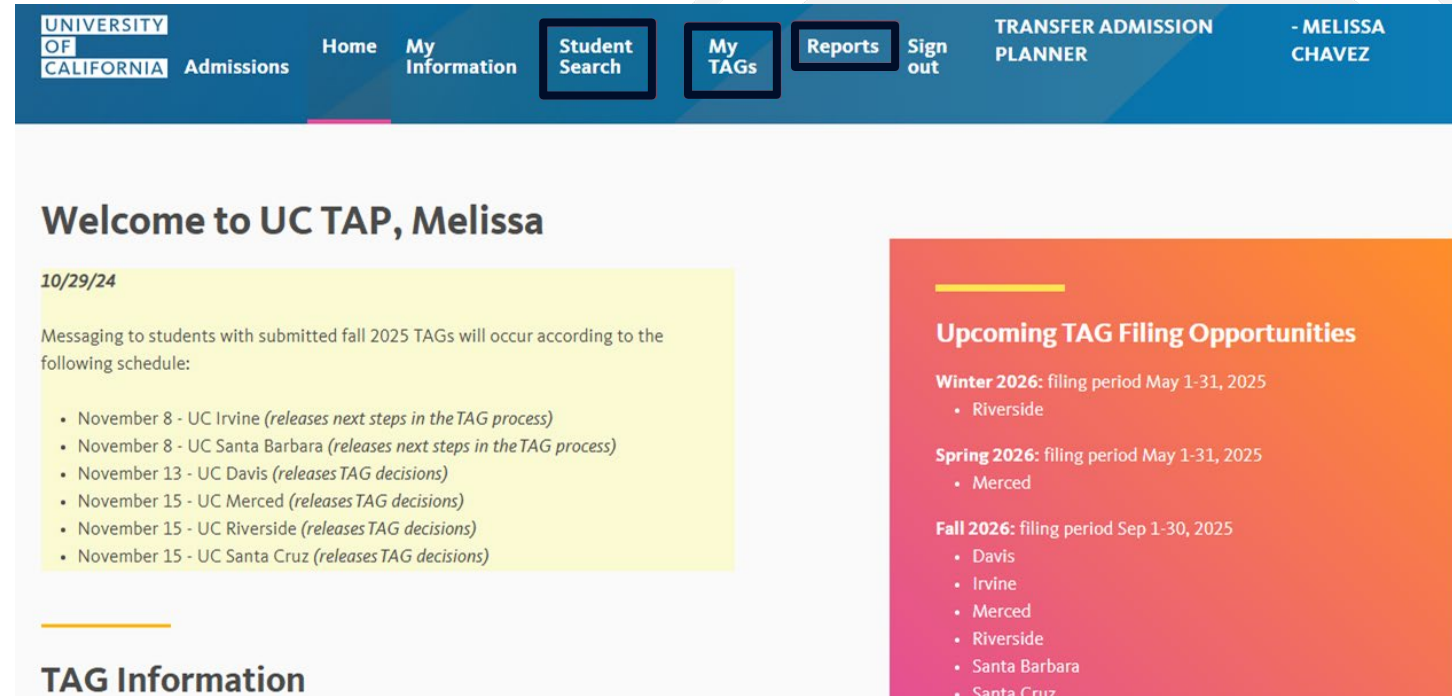
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# UC TAP – Counselors

- Review student academic information
- TAG details and information, including TAG reviews
- Reports



The screenshot shows the UC TAP Counselor interface. At the top is a blue navigation bar with the University of California logo, 'Admissions', and links for 'Home', 'My Information', 'Student Search', 'My TAGs', 'Reports', 'Sign out', 'TRANSFER ADMISSION PLANNER', and the user name '- MELISSA CHAVEZ'. The main content area has a white background. A yellow box contains a 'Welcome to UC TAP, Melissa' message dated 10/29/24, followed by a schedule for fall 2025 TAG releases. A pink box on the right lists 'Upcoming TAG Filing Opportunities' for Winter 2026, Spring 2026, and Fall 2026. The bottom of the page shows a 'TAG Information' section header.

**UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA** Admissions Home My Information **Student Search** **My TAGs** **Reports** Sign out **TRANSFER ADMISSION PLANNER** - MELISSA CHAVEZ

## Welcome to UC TAP, Melissa

10/29/24

Messaging to students with submitted fall 2025 TAGs will occur according to the following schedule:

- November 8 - UC Irvine (*releases next steps in the TAG process*)
- November 8 - UC Santa Barbara (*releases next steps in the TAG process*)
- November 13 - UC Davis (*releases TAG decisions*)
- November 15 - UC Merced (*releases TAG decisions*)
- November 15 - UC Riverside (*releases TAG decisions*)
- November 15 - UC Santa Cruz (*releases TAG decisions*)

### Upcoming TAG Filing Opportunities

**Winter 2026:** filing period May 1-31, 2025

- Riverside

**Spring 2026:** filing period May 1-31, 2025

- Merced

**Fall 2026:** filing period Sep 1-30, 2025

- Davis
- Irvine
- Merced
- Riverside
- Santa Barbara
- Santa Cruz

### TAG Information



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# Ongoing efforts and outcomes



# Transfer Admission Guarantee (TAG)

A guaranteed place at UC for California community college students.

- 6 campuses participate
- A wide range of majors available
- Prescribed course and minimum GPA requirements



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# TAG Matrix

A helpful resource for counselors and students.

- Shared TAG criteria
- TAG eligibility information
- Campus-specific information
- Summary of changes (*New!*)

**View the 2025-26 TAG Matrix  
by scanning this QR code:**



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# TAG interest

- Fall 2025 TAG alignment in shared requirements – showcased in the TAG Matrix
- Increase in total TAG submissions from Fall 2024
- Irvine continues to be the most popular TAG campus

## TAGs submitted

Campus	Fall 2024	Fall 2025	Differential	% Differential
Davis	3790	4106	+316	+8.34%
Irvine	5227	6908	+1681	+32.16%
Merced	164	193	+29	+17.68%
Riverside	1728	1832	+104	+6.02%
Santa Barbara	4047	4112	+65	+1.61%
Santa Cruz	1760	1696	-64	-3.64%
Total	16,716	18,847	+2131	+12.75%



# UC Transfer Pathways

Developed in 2015, the UC Transfer Pathways identified common major preparation for 20 of UC's most sought-after majors.

- Each Transfer Pathway has a set list of course expectations
- Best for students that know what they want to study, but may not have identified a campus or want to apply broadly across the system.
- Applicable majors across the system are identified

**In 2026, UC is introducing 10 new Transfer Pathways, growing to 30 total.**



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# UC Transfer Pathways majors

- Anthropology
- Biochemistry
- Biology
- Business administration
- Cell biology
- Chemistry
- Communication
- Computer science
- Economics
- Electrical engineering
- English
- History
- Mathematics
- Mechanical engineering
- Molecular biology
- Philosophy
- Physics
- Political science
- Psychology
- Sociology

## New majors in 2026:

- Aerospace engineering
- Bioengineering
- Chemical engineering
- Data science
- Earth science/geology
- Environmental engineering
- Materials science & engineering
- Statistics



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# UC Transfer Pathways and ADTs

- UC course expectations and ADT information is available online
- There is often overlap in course work between an ADT and a UC Transfer Pathway in a discipline

## Sociology Transfer Pathway

Taking the following courses will meet all of the transfer admission course requirements for the participating majors listed below.

### Course expectations

- Introduction to sociology 1
- Introduction to sociology 2 (typically "social problems")
- Statistics for sociology majors

Use [ASSIST](#) to find the specific classes offered at your community college that will satisfy the expected coursework at a particular UC campus. In addition to the coursework above, you will need to fulfill [minimum requirements](#) expected of all transfer applicants to UC.

If you're working on an Associate Degree for Transfer (ADT) in sociology at your community college, there's a lot of overlap with UC Transfer Pathway coursework. The difference between what UC expects and what some ADTs require is a course in statistics. Additional courses required for an ADT may be eligible for UC credit at some campuses. Check [ASSIST](#) for details.



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# Pathways+

Implemented in fall 2019, Pathways+ combines full major preparation completion with the benefits of an admission guarantee.

- Academic preparation and guidance thanks to uniform major prep, creates more opportunities for admission at non-TAG campuses.
- Does not replace the original TAG program, as this is limited to UC Transfer Pathways majors.



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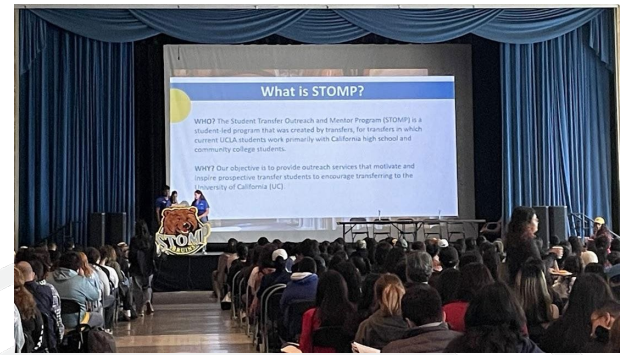


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# Human efforts: Admissions

- Transfer fairs
- Presentations on campus-specific and UC topics
- 1:1 appointments with students
- Summer programs and other special events



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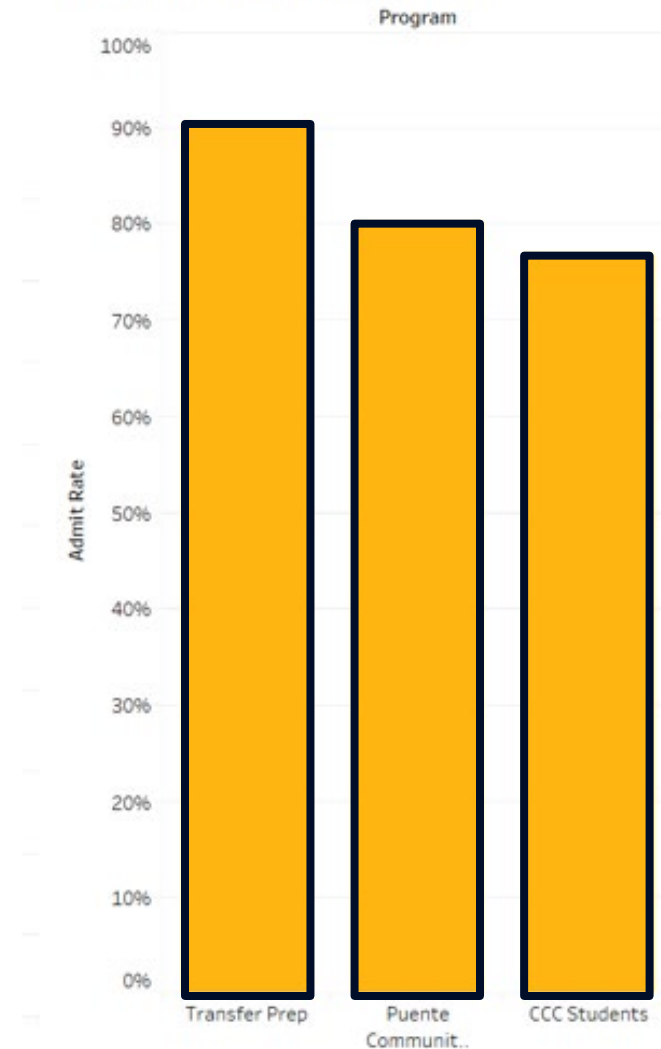
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# Human efforts: Outreach

Student Academic Preparation and Educational Partnership (SAPEP)

- Mathematics, Engineering, Science Achievement (MESA)
- Puente
- Transfer Prep

UC Transfer Admit Rate, Fall 2023



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# Transfer trends and outcomes

**93%** retention rate

**2.36 years** Average time-to-degree

**64.5%** 2-year graduation rate with a 2030 goal of 70%

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This quick glance at Campus Application Data on transfers is intended for use by California community college counselors in advising students to apply. Numbers may change without notice.

Campus	Fall 2022	Fall 2023	Fall 2024	Fall 2024 Admit Rate	GPA of Middle 25% - 75% Fall 2024 admits
Bakersfield	Applications: 15,743	15,297	16,882	30%	3.63 - 4.00
	Admits: 4,274	4,650	5,107		
	Enrolls: 2,484	2,480			
Davis	Applications: 13,618	12,648	13,875	65%	3.46 - 3.82
	Admits: 8,687	8,804	8,958		
	Enrolls: 2,479	2,407			
Irvine	Applications: 18,711	18,619	20,975	45%	3.57 - 3.88
	Admits: 8,790	8,804	8,886		
	Enrolls: 2,486	2,683			
Los Angeles	Applications: 20,270	19,115	21,551	26%	3.76 - 4.00
	Admits: 5,563	5,742	5,623		
	Enrolls: 3,369	3,423			
Merced	Applications: 3,859	3,558	3,343	66%	3.12 - 3.77
	Admits: 2,583	2,445	2,196		
	Enrolls: 201	189			
Riverside	Applications: 11,699	10,781	10,878	61%	3.24 - 3.84
	Admits: 7,484	6,877	6,506		
	Enrolls: 1,351	1,145			
San Diego	Applications: 16,819	16,798	18,345	61%	3.49 - 3.93
	Admits: 10,541	11,094	11,128		
	Enrolls: 2,752	2,789			
Santa Barbara	Applications: 13,344	14,484	15,480	68%	3.48 - 3.93
	Admits: 8,547	9,419	10,484		
	Enrolls: 1,946	1,750			
Santa Cruz	Applications: 10,382	9,799	10,570	70%	3.26 - 3.91
	Admits: 6,728	6,765	7,442		
	Enrolls: 1,147	1,051			

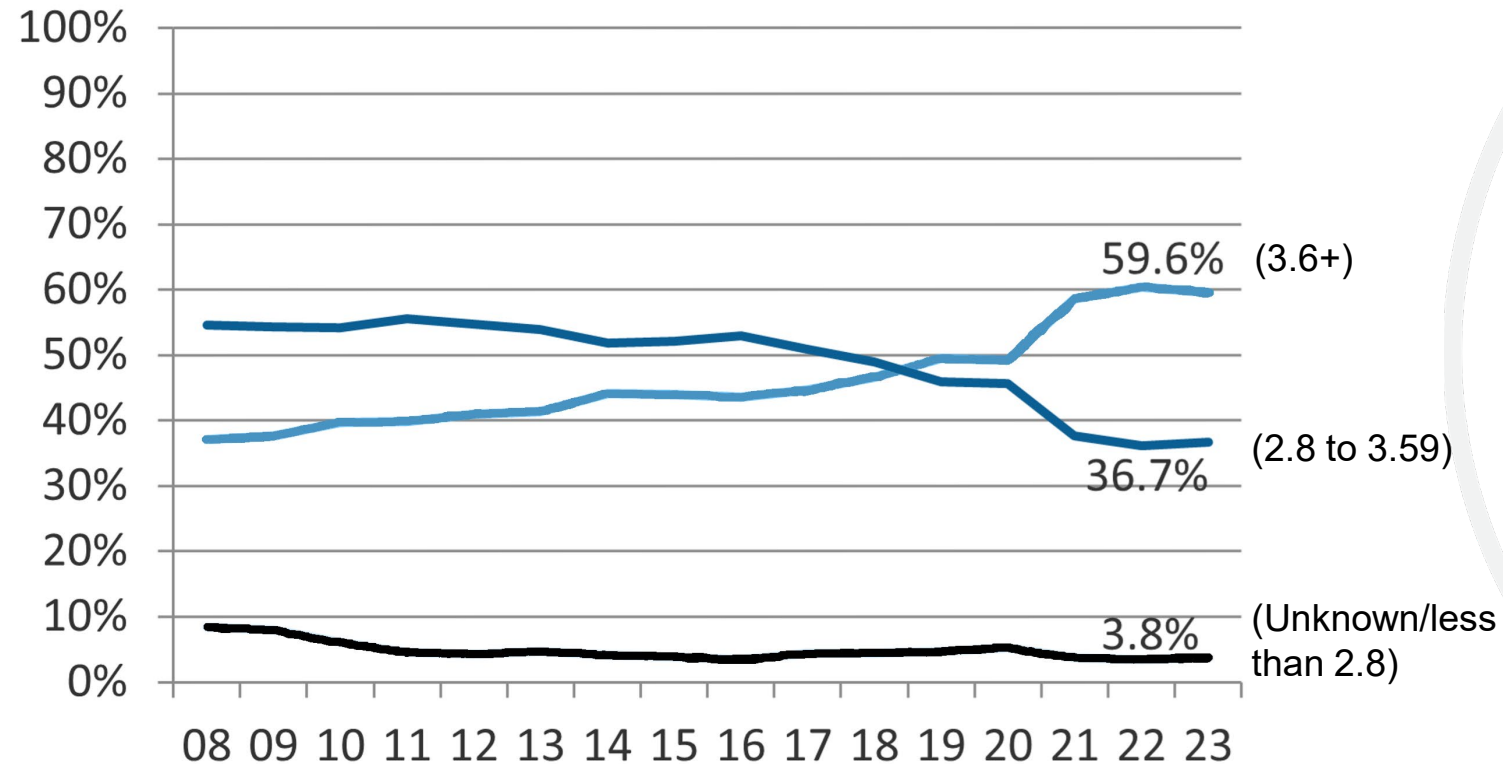
Source: University of California, Office of the President, Information Center, Undergraduate Admissions Summary 2022 and 2023.  
Data for Fall 2024 applications, admits, admit rates, and academic indicators are a snapshot as of 6/26/24.  
Transfer data does not include limited status or 2nd baccalaureate students.





# Preparation outcomes

College GPA of entering transfer students, as share of class, Universitywide, Fall 2008 to 2023



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# Looking forward: New initiatives and support



# UC Dual Admission

Implemented in 2023, a separate transfer admission guarantee program for first-year applicants.

- Builds on existing TAG program
- Centralized support at the systemwide level
- Allows students to enter a TAG agreement as soon as they matriculate at a CCC
- Program expansion in 2024 increased access for students



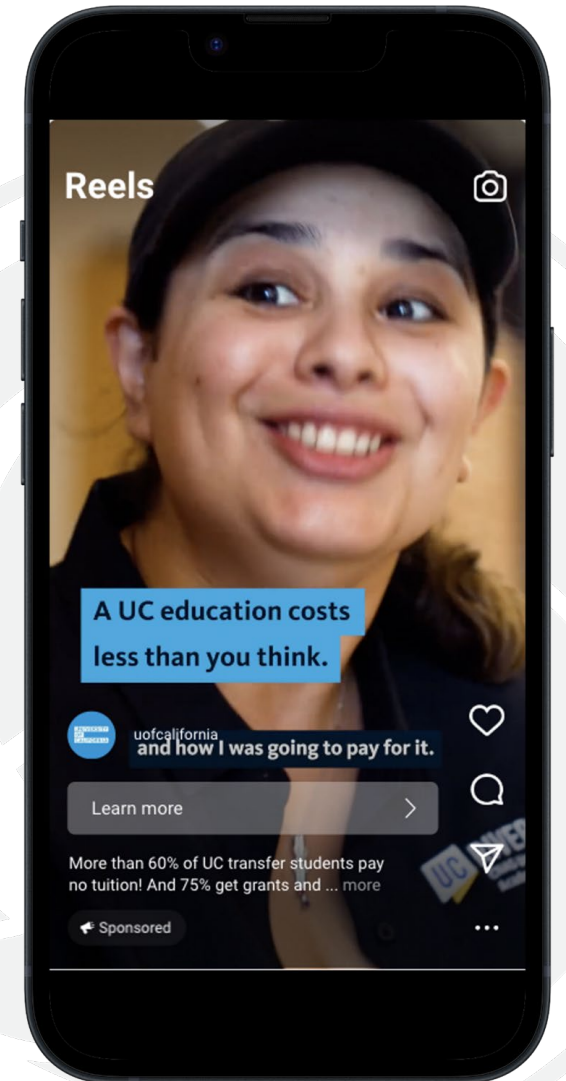
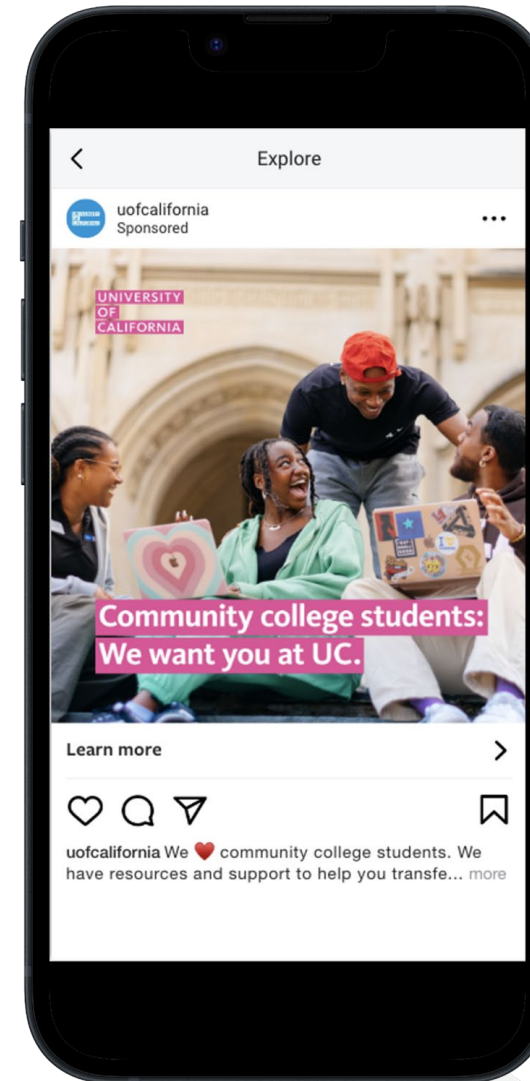
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# Campaign for Transfer Excellence

- Aims to improve awareness of transfer, knowledge of financial aid and academic preparation.
- Transfer Hub
- Transfer journey on the UC admission site



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# Transfer Hub

As part of UC's efforts to support transfer students, this new online hub was launched to help simplify the transfer planning process.

Covers information on:

- Admission
- Financial aid
- Support and more

## You can transfer.

Whether you're a high school student looking at colleges, a current community college student exploring your next steps or a working adult building your career, earning a degree from UC is within your reach.



UC gives California community college students first priority over other transfer applicants.

## Start with a plan.

These are the 3 things you need to do to get started on your transfer path:

### 1. Decide what and where you want to study.

You'll have two important choices to make when you're preparing to transfer: what you want to study (think: major) and where you want to study (think: campus). Don't have a major or campus in mind yet? Browse through course catalogs, read course descriptions, visit a campus and find what sparks your interests.

### 2. Use the tools and resources available.

Figuring out what classes you need to take and when you need to take them can feel overwhelming, but there are lots of resources, from counselors to websites, to help you make sure you're on target to meet your transfer goals.

[Transfer resources](#)

### 3. Follow your progress.

From preparing for your major to taking GE classes to meeting college eligibility requirements— monitoring your progress can help you stay on the transfer track.

[Track progress](#)



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# Resources



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# Questions

Send us an email at [AskUC@ucop.edu](mailto:AskUC@ucop.edu) if we are unable to get to your question today.



## **Today's Presentations and Session Recordings**

All will be accessible in the coming weeks on the CCC Transfer Counselor Website:

<https://ccctransfer.org/>

## **Get involved!**

Join the TRANSFER-COUNSELORS email listserv (scroll to bottom of page):

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## **Are you doing interesting and innovative work?**

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