Transfer Admission

Attending a community college is a great way to save money, transition to a university environment and still get all the benefits of a world-class education. For fall 2018, UC Davis admitted 55.4 percent of transfer applicants, giving highest priority to junior-level transfer applicants from California community colleges.

UC Transfer Admission Requirements

As a junior transfer student, you must fulfill all of the following requirements:

1. Complete 60 semester (90 quarter) units of transferable credit. No more than 14 semester (21 quarter) units may be taken Pass/No Pass.

2. Earn an overall 2.40 GPA or higher in all UC-transferable college coursework (2.80 GPA required for residents outside of California).

3. Complete the following seven transferable college courses, earning a grade of C or better in each course:
   - Two courses in English composition
   - One course in mathematical concepts and quantitative reasoning
   - Four courses chosen from at least two of these subject areas: arts and humanities; social and behavioral sciences; and physical and biological sciences

Students admitted to UC Davis typically exceed UC transfer admission requirements.

UC Davis Selection Criteria

Transfer admission to UC Davis is based primarily on an applicant’s academic preparation. To be a competitive applicant, you must be well prepared with coursework in your intended major and maintain a GPA of 2.80 or higher; applicants to the College of Engineering should maintain a GPA of 3.10 or higher. For the best transition and reduced time to degree, students should consider completing all lower-division preparatory coursework listed at assist.org.

Fall 2018 Admitted Transfer Student Profile

Admit Rate 55.4%
GPA 3.34–3.81

Range represents the middle 50 percent of admitted students, so 25 percent of all admitted transfer students fall above or below the range shown.

Deadline for Completion of Requirements

All applicants must complete UC transfer admission requirements and UC Davis selection criteria by the end of spring term before fall enrollment. However, Transfer Admission Guarantee (TAG) applicants must complete UC transfer requirements in English and mathematics by the end of fall term, prior to enrollment. We strongly recommend that non-TAG applicants meet these same English and mathematics deadlines in order to receive priority consideration.

Selecting a General Education Pattern

The general education (GE) pattern you choose to follow is not an admission requirement, but it is another important consideration as you plan your transfer. You should place the highest priority on completing transferable courses for your UC Davis major. Visit ucdavis.edu/transfer-planning to learn more about selecting a GE pattern: either UC Davis GE or the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC).

How to Calculate Your GPA

UC Davis calculates your GPA based upon UC-transferable coursework. California community college students should visit assist.org to identify transferable courses.

UC Transfer Admission Planner (TAP)

Simplify your transfer with the UC TAP. This online tool will help you plan and track your progress toward a University of California transfer. The UC TAP allows UC admission officers and your community college counselor to support you as you work toward your transfer admission requirements. uctap.universityofcalifornia.edu

Transfer Admission Guarantee (TAG)

The UC Davis TAG program offers transfer students from California community colleges a guarantee of admission to UC Davis. To be eligible, you must meet or exceed the minimum overall GPA of 3.20 (3.30 for the College of Engineering) from the time your TAG application is submitted until the time of enrollment. Courses from selective major course groups that you have completed before submitting the UC TAG application must also meet or exceed minimum required GPAs. ucdavis.edu/tag

Transfer Opportunity Program (TOP)

Students attending participating Northern California community colleges have a dedicated UC Davis Undergraduate Admissions advisor that they can work with to plan their transfer to a four-year college. UC Davis Undergraduate Admissions TOP coordinators regularly visit participating colleges to advise students about UC Davis admission and selection, major preparation, general education, financial aid, housing and many other important student services. ucdavis.edu/top

Submit your TAG application September 1–30, 2018 ucdavis.edu/tag
Selective Majors
ucdavis.edu/selective-requirements

Students applying for transfer admission to selective majors must meet additional course and GPA requirements. All courses must be taken for a letter grade with no grade less than C, or be satisfied by either Advanced Placement (AP) or International Baccalaureate (IB) Higher Level examination score equivalencies. All major preparatory course requirements must be completed by the end of spring term before fall enrollment. All UC transfer applicants are required to complete and submit a transfer academic update after applying, by the January 31 priority deadline.

College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences
• Biotechnology
• Landscape Architecture, Pre-
• Viticulture and Enology
• Beginning fall 2021: Managerial Economics

College of Biological Sciences
• Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
• Biological Sciences
• Cell Biology
• Evolution, Ecology and Biodiversity
• Genetics and Genomics
• Marine and Coastal Science
• Microbiology
• Neurobiology, Physiology and Behavior
• Plant Biology

College of Engineering
• Aerospace Science and Engineering
• Biochemical Engineering
• Biological Systems Engineering
• Biomedical Engineering
• Chemical Engineering
• Civil Engineering
• Computer Engineering
• Electrical Engineering
• Environmental Engineering
• Materials Science and Engineering
• Mechanical Engineering
• Computer Science and Engineering

College of Letters and Science
• Computer Science
• Psychology
• Beginning fall 2020: Applied Physics, Mathematics, Pharmaceutical Chemistry and Physics
• Beginning fall 2021: Economics

Miriam Orozco-Ramirez ’18
Human Development Major
Chicana/Chicano Studies Minor
San Luis Obispo, California
Cuesta College Transfer

“When I stepped foot on campus, the support and mentors were already here for me. I was aware of resources for jobs, careers and grad schools, as well as the importance of getting involved quickly. And once I started working in Public Advising on campus that gave me the confidence to help other transfer students, get better organized and build my network. By taking on leadership roles, I am able to act as a role model to others in my Latinx campus community”
Transfer Selection Policy

College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences
To be a competitive applicant for admission to selective majors in this college, you must have an overall GPA of 2.80 or higher.

For fall 2021 applicants, the Managerial Economics major will become selective and require preparatory coursework for admission.

Biotechnology
Applicants must complete coursework comparable to the following UC Davis courses with a GPA of at least 2.50 for each series. Additionally, applicants must have already achieved required GPAs in any of these courses that have been completed at the time the transfer academic update is submitted:
- Mathematics 16A/B or 17A/B or 21A/B
- Chemistry 2A/B/C
- Biological Sciences 2A or 2B or 2C

A minimum of one course comparable to a UC Davis Biological Sciences 2 series course must be completed with a B grade or better for admission. If multiple courses are required to satisfy one UC Davis Biological Sciences 2 course, each of those courses must be completed and the GPA for those courses must be 3.00 or higher. If courses comparable to two UC Davis Biological Sciences 2 series courses or the entire Biological Sciences 2 series are completed, a group GPA of 2.50 or higher is required.

We strongly encourage you to complete the entire Biological Sciences 2A/B/C and Organic Chemistry 8A/B or 118A/B/C series before matriculating to UC Davis, as these series are prerequisites for many upper-division courses.

Landscape Architecture, Pre-
Students who wish to major in landscape architecture must apply to “Landscape Architecture, Pre-.” Admission to UC Davis in Landscape Architecture, Pre- does not guarantee admission to the landscape architecture major. After enrolling, students must submit a portfolio application to the landscape architecture program in February for formal acceptance to the major. Contact the Landscape Architecture Advising Office at 530-754-8628 or visit humanecology.ucdavis.edu/lda for details.

Viticulture and Enology
Applicants must complete coursework comparable to the following UC Davis courses with a GPA of at least 3.00 for the course group. Additionally, applicants must have already achieved required GPAs in any of these courses that have been completed at the time the transfer academic update is submitted:
- General Chemistry 2A/B/C
- Organic Chemistry 8A
- Mathematics 16A
- Physics 1A/B or 7A
- Biological Sciences 2A

It is strongly recommended that students complete courses comparable to the following UC Davis courses; courses must be taken for a letter grade, with no grade less than C, and a GPA of at least 3.00 must be achieved for the entire group of courses listed above and below:
- Organic Chemistry 8B
- Mathematics 16B
- Plant Sciences 2

College of Biological Sciences
All majors in the College of Biological Sciences are selective. To be a competitive applicant, you must have an overall GPA of 2.80 or higher.

Complete courses comparable to the following UC Davis courses with a GPA of at least 2.50 for each series. It is recommended that applicants achieve minimum required GPAs for courses in the groups below that have been completed at the time of application, and applicants should maintain those GPAs through the transfer academic update filing period:
- Mathematics 17A/B/C or 21A/B
- Chemistry 2A/B/C
- Biological Sciences 2A/B/C

It is strongly recommended that students complete courses comparable to the following UC Davis courses prior to transfer:
- Organic Chemistry 8A/B* or 118A/B/C
- Physics 7A/B/C or the physics series cited on assist.org for your intended major. Completion of the physics series is especially useful for students applying to the Neurobiology, Physiology and Behavior major.

*Students preparing for the Biochemistry and Molecular Biology major should complete Organic Chemistry 118A/B/C rather than 8A/B

College of Engineering
All majors in the College of Engineering are selective and require preparatory coursework for admission. To be a competitive applicant for admission, you must have an overall GPA of 3.10 or higher.

Applicants must complete all lower-division courses required for their specific major. Complete courses comparable to those cited on the most recent articulation agreement available on assist.org. The required course group must be completed with a GPA of at least 3.20 at the time the transfer academic update is submitted.
The following UC Davis courses are common to all engineering majors:

- Chemistry 2A
- Mathematics 21A/B/C/D
- Mathematics 22A/B
- Physics 9A/B
- Physics 9C (except Environmental Engineering)

Applicants referencing 2016–17 ASSIST articulation agreements should note the following exceptions:

A new UC Davis engineering computer science series (ENG CS/ECS 36A/36B/36C) will be replacing ENG CS/ECS 30, 40 and 60 courses, and ENG CS 10 will be replaced by a new course, ENG CS 32A respectively, beginning with the 2018 academic year. Courses offered at California community colleges with existing articulation to ENG CS/ECS 30, 40 and 60 will be honored for the next three academic years (2018–19, 2019–20 and 2020–21). View College of Engineering Transfer Credit Agreements (engineering grid) for California community colleges at engineering.ucdavis.edu/transfer-credit-agreements

College of Letters and Science

Computer Science and Psychology are selective majors in the College of Letters and Science with additional transfer requirements. To be a competitive applicant, you must have an overall GPA of 2.80 or higher.

For fall 2021 applicants, the Economics major will become selective and require preparatory coursework for admission.

Computer Science

Applicants must complete courses comparable to the following UC Davis courses with a GPA of at least 3.40 for each series. Additionally, applicants must have already achieved required GPAs in any of these courses that have been completed at the time the transfer academic update is submitted:

- Mathematics 21A/B/C
- Engineering Computer Science (ENG CS) 20, 30, 50, 60

Applicants referencing 2016–17 ASSIST articulation agreements should note the following exceptions:

A new UC Davis engineering computer science series—ENG CS/ECS 36A/36B/36C—will be replacing ENG CS/ECS 30, 40 and 60 courses, respectively, beginning with the 2018 academic year. Courses offered at California community colleges with existing articulation to ENG CS/ECS 30, 40 and 60 will be honored for the next three academic years (2018–19, 2019–20 and 2020–21). Applicants for fall 2021 will need to complete courses artculated to the new ENG CS/ECS 36A/36B/36C series and continue to complete ENG CS/ECS 20 and 50 with the 3.40 technical GPA currently required.

Psychology

Applicants must complete courses comparable to the following UC Davis courses with a GPA of at least 2.90 for the course group. Additionally, applicants must have already achieved required GPAs in any of these courses that have been completed at the time the transfer academic update is submitted:

- Psychology 1
- Statistics 13
- One of these two options:
  1. Biological Sciences 2A or 2B, Biological Sciences 10 and one course from:
    - Anthropology 1
    - Molecular and Cellular Biology 10 or Neurobiology, Physiology and Behavior 10

Although only one biological sciences course is required for admission, students interested in pursuing a bachelor of science degree with an emphasis in biology are encouraged to complete the recommended courses shown at assist.org.

Mathematics (fall 2020 applicants and later)

Applicants must complete courses comparable to the following UC Davis courses with a GPA of at least 3.00 for each course group. Additionally, applicants must have already achieved required GPAs in any of these courses that have been completed at the time the transfer academic update is submitted:

- Mathematics 21A/B/C/D
- Mathematics 22A or Math 67
- Mathematics 22B

Pharmaceutical Chemistry (fall 2020 applicants and later)

Applicants must complete courses comparable to the following UC Davis courses with a GPA of at least 3.00 for each course group. Additionally, applicants must have already achieved required GPAs in any of these courses that have been completed at the time the transfer academic update is submitted:

- Chemistry 2A/B/C or Chemistry 2AH/BH/CH
- Chemistry 118A/B/C or Chemistry 128A/B/C, 129A/B/C
- Mathematics 16A/B/C or Mathematics 17A/B/C or Mathematics 21A/B/C

We strongly recommend that Pharmaceutical Chemistry applicants also complete courses comparable to the following UC Davis courses with C or better grades before matriculating to UC Davis:

- Physics 7A/B/C or Physics 9A/B/C
- Biological Sciences 2A
- Biological Sciences 2B or 2C
- Statistics 13 or 32

Physics (fall 2020 applicants and later)

Applied Physics (fall 2020 applicants and later)

Applicants must complete courses comparable to the following UC Davis courses with a GPA of at least 3.00 for each course group. Additionally, applicants must have already achieved required GPAs in any of these courses that have been completed at the time the transfer academic update is submitted:

- Physics 9A/B/C/D or Physics 9A/HB/HC/HD/HE
- Mathematics 21A/B/C/D
- Mathematics 22A/B

Jacob Wilson ’19

Native American Studies Minor

Ewa Beach, Oahu

Shasta College Transfer

“The environmental science program is one of the best in the nation—that’s what brought me here. When I came here and saw the campus and met the people, it helped me to know that I was going to be going to the right place. And the longer I’m here, the more I learn about the interdisciplinary aspect of environmental science. Discovering how so many topics come together gives me a much higher level of understanding than I ever imagined when I applied.”
Apply for Admission November 1–30, 2018

1. Check our application basics
ucdavis.edu/apply/undergraduate

2. Review our Personal Insight Question tips
ucdavis.edu/apply/personal-insight-tips

3. Start your UC application online as early as August 1
universityofcalifornia.edu/apply
- Select your major and an alternate major.
- If you are applying for scholarships, be sure to check the “release authorization” box.

4. Submit your application by November 30, along with the application fee for each campus: $70 for domestic applicants, $80 for international applicants. Find out if you are eligible for fee waivers at ucdavis.edu/apply/fee-waiver.

Personal Insight Questions
Your responses to four personal insight questions are an important component of your application for admission and scholarships.

Transfer applicants must respond to four short-answer prompts—one mandatory prompt and their choice of three from seven options. Each response is limited to a maximum of 350 words; there is no advantage or disadvantage in choosing certain optional prompts. See a list of personal insight questions and response tips at ucdavis.edu/application-questions.

Majors ucdavis.edu/majors

College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences
- Agricultural and Environmental Education
- Animal Biology
- Animal Science
- Animal Science and Management
- Atmospheric Science
- Biotechnology
- Clinical Nutrition
- Community and Regional Development
- Ecological Management and Restoration
- Entomology
- Environmental Horticulture and Urban Forestry
- Environmental Policy Analysis and Planning
- Environmental Science and Management
- Environmental Toxicology
- Fiber and Polymer Science (suspended 2017-20)
- Food Science
- Global Disease Biology
- Human Development
- Hydrology
- International Agricultural Development
- Landscape Architecture
- Managerial Economics
- Marine and Coastal Science
- Marine and Coastal Science—Oceans and the Earth System
- Mathematical and Scientific Computation
- Mathematical and Scientific Computation
- Medieval and Early Modern Studies
- Middle East/South Asia Studies
- Music
- Native American Studies
- Pharmaceutical Chemistry
- Philosophy
- Physics
- Political Science
- Political Science – Public Service
- Psychology
- Religious Studies
- Russian
- Science and Technology Studies
- Sociology
- Sociology—Organizational Studies
- Spanish
- Statistics
- Theatre and Dance
- Undeclared—Fine Arts
- Undeclared—Humanities
- Undeclared—Physical Sciences
- Undeclared—Social Sciences

College of Engineering
- Aerospace Science and Engineering
- Biochemical Engineering
- Biological Systems Engineering
- Biomedical Engineering
- Chemical Engineering
- Civil Engineering
- Computer Engineering
- Computer Science and Engineering
- Electrical Engineering
- Environmental Engineering
- Materials Science and Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering

College of Letters and Science
- African American and African Studies
- American Studies
- Anthropology
- Applied Mathematics
- Applied Physics
- Art History
- Art Studio
- Asian American Studies
- Chemical Physics
- Chemistry
- Chicano Chicano Studies
- Chinese
- Cinema and Digital Media
- Classical Civilization
- Cognitive Science
- Communication
- Comparative Literature
- Computer Science
- Design
- East Asian Studies
- Economics
- English
- French
- Gender, Sexuality and Women’s Studies
- Geology
- German
- History
- International Relations
- Italian
- Japanese

- Linguistics
- Marine and Coastal Science—Oceans and the Earth System
- Mathematical Analytics and Operations Research
- Mathematical and Scientific Computation
- Mathematics
- Medieval and Early Modern Studies
- Middle East/South Asia Studies
- Music
- Native American Studies
- Pharmaceutical Chemistry
- Philosophy
- Physics
- Political Science
- Political Science – Public Service
- Psychology
- Religious Studies
- Russian
- Science and Technology Studies
- Sociology
- Sociology—Organizational Studies
- Spanish
- Statistics
- Theatre and Dance
- Undeclared—Fine Arts
- Undeclared—Humanities
- Undeclared—Physical Sciences
- Undeclared—Social Sciences

*Approximate cost of living in on-campus housing

All tuition and fee amounts are subject to change without prior notice. Students who have comparable health insurance can waive the campus-provided health insurance.

Undergraduate Admissions
ucdavis.edu/admissions
530-752-2971
Ask an Advisor
ucdavis.askadmissions.net/ask.aspx
Campus Tours
visit.ucdavis.edu
Financial Aid and Scholarships
ucdavis.edu/financial-aid-scholarships
Student Wellness and Safety
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UC Davis Transfer Admission
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UC Davis Transfer Admission Checklist
ucdavis.edu/transfer-checklist

Estimated Costs for 2018–19
- Resident tuition and fees $14,463
- Books and supplies $1,136
- Room and board $15,765
- Personal expenses $1,316
- Transportation $392
- Health insurance $2,289
- Total estimated cost $33,361

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