UCLA Admissions

Information, Tips, & Strategies for Successful Transfer

SANTA BARBARA CITY COLLEGE
Transfer Center
Start with the Minimum

- **UC Minimum Eligibility Requirements**
  - Complete 60 UC-transferable semester (90 quarter) units of college credit.
  - Earn 2.4 GPA in UC-transferable courses
  - Complete required 7-course pattern with grade of C or better in each course.
    - 2 in English composition (ENG 110 & ENG 111 or PHIL 111)
    - 1 in mathematical concepts and quantitative reasoning (Math 117, 120 or higher)
    - 4 in at least 2 of the following areas:
      - Arts and humanities
      - Social and behavioral sciences
      - Physical and biological sciences
    - Each course must be at least 3 semester/4 quarter units.
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- Only accepts junior-level transfers, no lower-division transfers (less than 60 UC transferable units).

- Only accepts applications for Fall transfer.

- Application filing period for Fall term transfer is the previous November (all campuses).

- Admission is highly selective.
In evaluating applications, UCLA places the highest importance on academic achievement.

All admission requirements must be completed by the end of Spring semester prior to transfer in the Fall - no admission requirements completed in summer session.

- For the majority of majors, will not accept senior-level students or students who already have a Bachelor’s degree.

- Admissions Notifications for Fall term are available on the UCLA Admissions website Mid April to May 1st
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Does a Comprehensive Review for all transfer applicants that takes into consideration the following factors:

- Completion of major- preparation courses (available at [www.assist.org](http://www.assist.org))

- Completion of breadth/ GE requirements (available at [www.assist.org](http://www.assist.org))

- GPA in all transferable courses
Comprehensive Review Factors, Part 2

- Honors courses/programs
- Talents, achievements, awards
- Special college projects (i.e. research projects, internships, inventions, etc).
- Accomplishments in light of life experiences
- Location of college or home
- Information provided in the Personal Statement responses
More About GPAs

In addition to your cumulative, transferable GPA, UCLA also takes into consideration:

- Individual grades in major prep courses and your total GPA.

- GPA trends - Has your GPA increased? Decreased? Did you have one bad semester?

- Not all GPA’s are the same.
  - 2 students who have a 3.3 GPA can be very different.
  - Student who does not work, has no family responsibilities, only goes to class, and has no extra-curricular involvement does not have as strong of a GPA as a student who works 25-40 hours a week, is a single parent, is very active in leadership roles, etc.
What’s a Competitive GPA for Admission?

- The average GPA of transfer applicants who are admitted to UCLA is 3.50.
- Profile of Admitted Transfer Students provides average GPA of admitted students by major at [http://www.admissions.ucla.edu/prospect/Adm_tr/Tr_Prof08.htm](http://www.admissions.ucla.edu/prospect/Adm_tr/Tr_Prof08.htm)
Transfer Selection: The transfer selection review considers the following:

**Academic Criteria**

- Junior-level standing (60 semester/90 quarter transferable units completed) by the end of the spring term before you transfer.
- GPA of 3.20 or higher earned in transferable courses.
- Progress towards completion of major preparation requirements by spring prior to transfer. Most students who are admitted have completed most or all of the preparatory coursework for their majors.
- There may be additional lower division requirements that students may complete—either at their current institutions or at UCLA. Should a major not have specific prerequisites, we expect students to demonstrate interest in academic study by completing coursework related to the major.
- Completion of the UC English composition, mathematics, and additional subject requirements by spring prior to transfer.
UCLA Academic Criteria, continued

- Completion of the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC), UCLA general education requirements, or another UC campus's breadth requirements is highly recommended for applicants to the College of Letters and Science and the School of Arts and Architecture.

- Applicants to the School of Theater, Film, and Television must complete one of the aforementioned general education paths.

- Applicants to the School of Nursing and the Henry Samueli School of Engineering and Applied Science are strongly encouraged to work towards the respective school's curriculum requirements.
The Undergraduate Admissions Office reviews applicants to the **College of Letters and Science**.

Applications to the **School of the Arts and Architecture**; the Henry Samueli **School of Engineering and Applied Science**; the **School of Nursing**; and the **School of Theater, Film, and Television** are reviewed by faculty members within the schools themselves. If you have additional questions regarding these programs, you should contact the schools directly.
UCLA Personal Criteria

- Employment while attending school
- Family responsibility
- Returning to school where early grades are not indicative of strong academic performance
- Ongoing involvement in campus organizations, student government, community service, or clubs
- Circumstances that may have prevented students from achieving their highest overall academic performance
- Military service
Transfer Alliance Program

- The UCLA Transfer Alliance Program (TAP) gives you the opportunity to enhance your ability to transfer to UCLA at the junior level from a California community college.

- Students are certified after completing the honors/scholars program (6 honors courses) at SBCC and given priority consideration for admission to UCLA College of Letters and Science.

- For more information about the SBCC Transfer Academy: http://www.sbcc.edu/transferacademy/index.php?sec=462
Selective Majors

- Some majors are highly selective for which, in addition to the above criteria, stronger preparation and completion of most prep courses for the major need to be completed before transferring. A significant number of courses should be completed at the time of application.
  - Biochemistry
  - Business Economics, Economics, and Economics/ International Area Studies
    - To be considered for this major, all of the preparatory courses listed must be completed by the Spring term before transfer.
    - You will need SBCC’s Math 150 & Math 160 to satisfy the calculus requirement.
    - You must be admitted directly into this major; you will not be able to change to this major after admission to UCLA. Students are classified as pre-business economics until they complete the preparation courses.
UCLA Selective Majors in L&S, continued

- Communication Studies – minimum 3.5 GPA to be considered for the major
- English
- History
- International Development Studies
- **All Life Science Majors**, including Biology; Ecology, Behavior, and Evolution; Marine Biology; Microbiology, Immunology, and Molecular Genetics; Molecular, Cell, and Developmental Biology; Neuroscience; Physiological Science; Plant Biology; Plant Biotechnology; Psychobiology
  - Because these majors require the completion of extensive preparatory coursework prior to transfer, you must be admitted directly into a life science major; you will not be able to change from a non-life science major after admission to UCLA.
UCLA Selective Majors in L&S, continued

- **Political Science**
  - You must be admitted directly into the major; you will not be able to change into this major after admission to UCLA.

- **Psychology**
  - You must be admitted directly into the major; you will not be able to change into this major after admission to UCLA.

- **Sociology**

- **For more info:**
  [http://www.admissions.ucla.edu/prospect/Adm_tr/lsmajors.htm](http://www.admissions.ucla.edu/prospect/Adm_tr/lsmajors.htm)
UCLA School of the Arts and Architecture

Majors

- **Architectural Studies**
- **Art**
- **Design | Media Arts**
- **Ethnomusicology**
  (jazz studies, world music)
- **Music**
- **World Arts and Cultures**
  (cultural studies, dance)
Applicants are considered on the basis of academic achievement as well as departmental screening requirements.

- **California community college** students are strongly encouraged to complete **IGETC**.

In addition to the **UC Application**, applicants are required to submit supplemental application material (e.g., questionnaire, portfolio, or audition information). Specific requirements, deadlines, and procedures for submission must be obtained from each department's Web site (see links above).

Applicants should begin working on the department's supplemental application shortly after submitting the UC Application, as deadlines are strictly enforced.

- Rarely, if ever allows students to switch into the major after transfer to UCLA.

- For more info: [http://www.admissions.ucla.edu/prospect/Adm_tr/artsmajs.htm](http://www.admissions.ucla.edu/prospect/Adm_tr/artsmajs.htm)
UCLA School of Theater, Film, and Television

- **Majors**
  - Film and Television
  - Theater

- **General admission requirements**
  - Rarely, if ever allows students to switch into the major after transfer to UCLA.
  - Applicants to the school must have a minimum 3.0 GPA at the time of application.
  - By the time of entrance applicants must have:
    - attained junior standing (60 semester/90 quarter units)
    - have completed their general education coursework—**IGETC** at a [California community college](http://www.calcolleges.edu).
Film and Television

- Additional admission requirements
  - personal essay
  - critical essay
  - creative writing sample
  - two letters of recommendation
  - Films, videotapes are not accepted, nor is prior experience required.

- Students who have applied for admission should visit the School of Theater, Film, and Television site for information on how and when to submit these supplemental materials.
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Theater

- Additional admission requirements
  - personal essay
  - audition/interview
  - When they apply, applicants must choose an area of interest (for admission purposes only): acting, design/production/stage management, educational outreach, history and criticism, musical theater, or theater studies.
  - Theater students will not be able to change into the Film and Television major after transfer.

- Students who have applied for admission should visit the School of Theater, Film, and Television site for information on how and when to submit these supplemental materials.

- For more info: http://www.admissions.ucla.edu/prospect/Adm_tr/tftv.htm
UCLA School of Engineering and Applied Science

Majors

- Aerospace Engineering
- Bioengineering
- Chemical Engineering
- Civil Engineering
- Computer Science
- Computer Science and Engineering
- Electrical Engineering
- Materials Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering
Applicants to the School of Engineering and Applied Science must have a minimum 3.2 GPA at the time of application to be considered for admission.

By the time of entrance, applicants must have:
- Attained junior standing (60 semester/90 quarter units).
- Have completed preparation coursework for the selected major.

For more info:
http://www.admissions.ucla.edu/prospect/Adm_tr/seasmajs.htm

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UCLA School of Nursing

Majors

- **Nursing - Generic/Prelicensure**
  The pre-licensure major (not for registered nurses) is open to a limited number of junior transfer applicants.

- **Nursing - RN to BS/Post Licensure**
  The post licensure major (for registered nurses) is open to junior/senior transfers and 2nd baccalaureate applicants only.

- Applicants to either nursing program must fill out the general UC application for admission and a supplementary application with the school. For more information, contact the School of Nursing directly.

- For additional info: [http://www.admissions.ucla.edu/prospect/Adm_tr/nursmajs.htm](http://www.admissions.ucla.edu/prospect/Adm_tr/nursmajs.htm)

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UCLA Websites

- **Undergraduate Admissions**: [http://www.admissions.ucla.edu/infoprospective.htm](http://www.admissions.ucla.edu/infoprospective.htm)
- **Transfer Admissions**: [http://www.admissions.ucla.edu/prospect/adm_tr.htm](http://www.admissions.ucla.edu/prospect/adm_tr.htm)
- **Transfer Information for International Students**: [https://www.admissions.ucla.edu/prospect/intl.htm](https://www.admissions.ucla.edu/prospect/intl.htm)
- **Transfer Alliance Program**: [http://www.admissions.ucla.edu/prospect/adm_tr/adm_cco/tap.htm](http://www.admissions.ucla.edu/prospect/adm_tr/adm_cco/tap.htm)
- **Profile of Admitted Transfer Students**: [http://www.admissions.ucla.edu/prospect/Adm_tr/Tr_Prof08.htm](http://www.admissions.ucla.edu/prospect/Adm_tr/Tr_Prof08.htm)
- **Tips on Writing the Personal Statement**: [http://www.admissions.ucla.edu/prospect/PerStmt.htm](http://www.admissions.ucla.edu/prospect/PerStmt.htm)
- **Transfer Admissions Guide**: [http://www.admissions.ucla.edu/prospect/Adm_tr/tradms.htm](http://www.admissions.ucla.edu/prospect/Adm_tr/tradms.htm)
SBCC Transfer Center, SS 140

Drop-in Advising Hours

Now thru October 31st
- Mon: 10am-1-pm & 3-5pm
- Tues: 10am-1-pm & 3-5pm
- Wed: 10am-1-pm & 3-5pm
- Thur: 10am-1-pm & 2-4 pm

November 3rd - December 19th
- Mon: 10am-1-pm & 3-5pm
- Tues: 10am-1-pm & 3-5pm
- Wed: 10am - 5pm
- Thur: 8:30am-4 pm
- Fri: 8:30am - 12pm