Helping families explore, plan for and make the transition to UC
PURSUING UC: A guide to academic and financial planning
Today’s agenda

- Academic planning
  a. Supporting students in high school
  b. Supporting students in community college

- Financial planning
  a. Financing partnership
  b. UC financial aid

- Questions and answers

- Closing remarks
Academic planning
Supporting students in high school

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UC’s commitment to CA high school students

Priority consideration
- If you live in California, UC already belongs to you. It’s a public university founded to educate the state’s citizens.
- Last year 2 out of 3 California students who applied to UC got in.

Achieving UC is a process
- Getting accepted to UC is the successful completion of a path that begins in ninth grade or even earlier.
- The process is really a series of smaller steps and focusing on one step at a time can help your student achieve their UC admission goal.

Specialized resources & tools
- UC academic preparation calendar
- A-G guide
UC *minimum* eligibility requirements

Freshman applicants

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<td>A. History (2 years)</td>
<td>▪ CA residents: 3.0</td>
<td>▪ SAT with Essay or ACT with Writing</td>
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<td>B. English (4 years)</td>
<td>▪ Others: 3.4</td>
<td>▪ SAT Subject exams are <strong>not required</strong></td>
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<td>C. Math (3 years+)</td>
<td>▪ The UC GPA includes 10th and 11th grade coursework only</td>
<td>▪ May be used to fulfill A-G or UC graduation requirements</td>
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<td>D. Science (2 years+)</td>
<td>▪ Summer courses taken after 9th, 10th, and 11th grade will also be included in the UC GPA</td>
<td>▪ Recommended for applicants interested in competitive majors at certain campuses</td>
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<td>G. Elective (1 year)</td>
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^ 4 years recommended
^3 years recommended

❖ Complete 15 A-G courses (11 of them by end of junior year)
❖ A-G and college coursework: Minimum of “C” or better
❖ All exams must be taken no later than December of the senior year
❖ Highest score from single sitting

Competitive applicants exceed UC minimum requirements and seek more challenging coursework, especially in areas they might want to pursue.
Comprehensive/holistic review and selection
Beyond numbers, multiple measures of achievement

- Achievements in special projects
- Special talents, awards and achievements
- Participation in educational preparation programs

- GPA
- Test scores
- A-G courses completed/planned
- Honors and advanced courses
- Quality of senior-year study list
- Performance in A-G coursework
- Improvement in academic performance

Selection
What can you do help your high school student be a more competitive UC applicant?

- **Aim high** and start preparing for UC right now!
- **Find** out if your school has educational outreach programs.
- **Cultivate and develop** your student’s academic interests.
- **Encourage** students to challenge themselves by taking advanced courses.
- **Help** your student find balance.
- **Begin to explore** UC with your student!
Supporting high school students considering the transfer path

- **Break** the stigma surrounding attending community college.
- **Remind** students to create a UC Transfer Admission Planner account.
- **Encourage** students to participate in transfer preparation programs like MESA, Puente, TRIO, EOPS, and Umoja.
- **Nudge** students to meet with counselors who understand requisites and can help select balanced study lists.
- **Help** students research colleges, majors and careers.
- **Support** students with seeking internships to develop their interests.
Academic planning
Supporting students in community college

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UC’s commitment to transfer students

Systemwide 2:1 goal
- Every UC campus is committed to enrolling *one* transfer student for every *two* freshmen

Priority consideration
- UC gives highest priority to upper division transfer students from the California Community College (CCC) system

Specialized resources & tools
- Transfer Admission Planner (TAP)
- Community College Transfer Programs (TransferPrep)
Transfer admission: *Minimum requirements*

Upper division-junior level

### Seven-course pattern

- Two English composition courses
- One mathematical concepts and quantitative reasoning course
- Four courses from other disciplines
  - Arts and humanities
  - Social and behavioral sciences
  - Physical and biological sciences

### Minimum units

- Semester: 60 units
- Quarter: 90 units

### Minimum GPA

- CA residents: 2.4
- Non-residents: 2.8

Meeting minimum requirements does not guarantee admission to the campus or major of your choice.
Requirements vs. Selection

**Minimum Requirements**
- 7-course pattern
- 60 semester/90 quarter units
- 2.4 GPA – minimum (same for all campuses)

**Selection**
Individual campus criteria to choose applicants who are most prepared for the:
- Campus
- Department
- Major
Comprehensive Review – Transfers

Minimum requirements

Campus-specific criteria

Comprehensive review factors
Community college transfer student timeline
First year of community college

Fall
- See academic counselor
- Develop academic plan
- Review UC Pathways
- Create UC-TAP account

Spring
- Check progress with English and math
- Review UC eligibility on TAP account

Summer
- Review TAG options
- Review UC eligibility on TAP account
Community college transfer student timeline

Year submitting UC application

- **Fall**
  - Submit TAG in September
  - Review TAG decisions (if applicable)
  - Submit UC application

- **Spring**
  - Submit Transfer Academic Update
  - Maintain eligibility and meet conditions of admission

- **Summer**
  - Follow UC Steps to Enrollment
    - Submit official transcripts/test scores
    - Apply for housing
    - Register for orientation
Helpful tips
How you can support your community college student

- Commend your student’s decision to attend community college.
- Support your student with discovering their passion.
- Help your student fill out the FAFSA or California Dream Act application.
- Encourage your student to consider employment on campus.
- Encourage your student to get involved and participate in programs.
- Understand that college is not high school.
- Teach them how to advocate for themselves.
- Letting go!
UC financial aid

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UC financial aid
Financing partnership

PARENT
Contributes based on their financial resources

STUDENT
Contributes by working and borrowing

UC
Coordinates fed, state, and UC resources
Gift aid for UC students

$2.4 Billion
In Grants & Scholarships
Results

57% Pay $0 in Tuition

42% Have no debt

72% Get Grants and Scholarships

BIG RESULTS FOR CALIFORNIA STUDENTS!!!
Example financing scenarios

Estimated cost (living on campus): $36,100

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| Dependent student   | $1,100  | $5,200  | $12,000 | $19,700 | $20,700 | $10,500 |

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| Middle Class Scholarship | $4,900 |

*Could be eligible for the American Opportunity Tax Credit
California’s Middle Class Scholarship

MCS
Middle-Class Scholarship

10% - 40% of UC Tuition

Income/Asset Cap of $177K

UC & CSU
Student loan debt at graduation
UC average vs national average

$28,350
National Average

$21,100
UC Average

*UC Students’ Monthly Payments Average
6% of Post-Graduation Earnings

https://accountability.universityofcalifornia.edu/2018/chapters/chapter-2.html
Parent borrowing

FEDERAL PLUS LOAN
Only 6% of UC parents take out PLUS Loans

AVVERAGE BORROWED
UC parents that borrowed in 2017-18 averaged $17,000

OTHER OPTIONS
-Private Sponsored Loans
-Campus Payment Plans
-Personal Financing Options
-A Combination of Options
Helpful financial aid videos

Suite of short videos on financial aid related topics:
- The cost to attend UC
- Student loan borrowing
- Financial aid for transfer students
- Reading a financial aid award letter
- Changing financial circumstances
- Tips for reducing college costs
What you can do now

- Utilize Financial Aid/Net Price Calculators
- Create a Plan to Cover Net Cost
- Research and Apply for Private Scholarships
Q&As

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Continue to plan for UC

https://diversity.universityofcalifornia.edu/events/webinars.html
Additional resources for UC parents and guardians

OCT ‘19-FEB ‘20
OP Staff Assembly Brown Bag Bag Workshops
• 10/28: Understanding the personal insight questions
• 11/4: UC application
• Additional dates and topics TBA
• See Link for more information

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PARENT PREP WEBINAR #3
Navigating UC: A roadmap for parents of UC undergraduates
Comments and feedback?

Share your thoughts in the Parent Prep post-event survey