

## How to Transfer from CC to UC in One Year

### Preface:

I was disappointed in the UC decision letters I received my senior year and I, like many other students, didn't feel that spending two years at a CC was at my caliber of learning. I decided to research how to spend only one year at community college in order to get out of there as soon as possible. Eventually I calculated that my AP scores would be able to help me reach the UC transfer student requirements. However, I was faced with mixed answers with my plan when bringing it up to college counselors – outright telling me it was or wasn't possible and some not really being sure. After meeting up with a counselor that specializes in transferring, I was assured that my plan would work. Hopefully this guide will cover all of the bases needed for a one year transfer. I'm writing this as a source for high school students who want to go a UC while spending the least amount of time at a community college. Since this is a very uncommon method that even college counselors are unfamiliar with, this guide should be able to clear up many of the misconceptions and can avoid misinformation given. All of this information is gathered through my knowledge experience going through the process. Without further ado, let's get started!

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\*may include subjective parts (will be italicized)

## 1. Introduction & FAQ

- **Is it possible to transfer to a CC to UC in one year?**
  - Absolutely!
- **Is it difficult?**
  - Yes, transferring to a CC to a UC in one year is not easy and only works in very specific situations where a great number of AP credits are used or if the student has college units from CC courses taken during high school. AP credit refers to the college semester/quarter units obtained from passing AP scores.
- **Is it possible to transfer to a UC in one year with TAG?**
  - Yes, but it is much harder as there are additional requirements to obtain a TAG agreement since it guarantees your major as well. Only TAG if the student already has 20 semester credits. UCLA, UCB, and UCSD also do not offer TAG agreements. In addition, a student cannot TAG with an impacted major.
- **Can I still transfer to a UC that doesn't offer TAG in one year?**
  - Yes, a student can TAG into one UC campus that has a TAG agreement and still able to send a regular application to any other campus. For example, a student can TAG with UC Santa Barbara but still send a regular application to UCSD, UCLA, and UCD.
- **What if I have none/very little AP credit and haven't taken any college courses (less than 10 semester units worth)?**
  - *It is not recommended students with none/very little college units attempt to transfer in one year. Even with summer courses, a student would still have to complete 40-50 semester units within two semesters. This would equate to 5-8 college courses a semester. Not only would classes be hard to get into, but the scheduling of the classes may making preforming in these classes very difficult.*
- **Do I need to declare a major?**
  - Yes, as with all transfer students. Upon admission as a transfer student, the student is expected to complete their remaining lower division work and start of their major's upper division courses. *However, it is also not recommended that students with engineering and impacted majors transfer in a year due to the competitiveness and amount of required courses needed prior to transfer.*

- **Can I get into UCLA or UC Berkeley with one year of CC?**
  - Possibly – it depends on the major. One critical factor that sets apart transfer and freshman students is the amount of lower division course work the transfer student completed. What’s difficult with UCLA and UC Berkeley is that they require a lot of major preparatory courses (classes that one needs to take for their major before transferring) from transfer students. Usually these major preparatory classes have many prerequisites that are impossible to do in one year. For example, UCLA may require a transfer student to complete a Differential Equations course prior to transfer (which requires Calculus I, II, III, and Linear Algebra), while UC Riverside may require a transfer student to complete Calculus II (which requires Calculus I) for the same major. *In short, I wouldn’t recommend trying to get into UCLA or UC Berkeley with one year of CC due to the major preparatory work they require from transfers.*
- **How do I know what major preparatory classes are required?**
  - Use [www.assist.org](http://www.assist.org). ASSIST is going to be the most vital tool in this process and will be used throughout this guide. ASSIST allows a student to enter their CC, the UC they want to transfer to, and major they want to complete so that a list of the required courses FROM the CC, as well as additional courses the student can complete is given. Some campuses may not require major preparatory classes towards majors, but the student should still complete as much as they can.
- **So then how does this whole process work exactly?**
  - The larger goal is obtaining junior-level status in one year. Junior-level status doesn’t necessarily mean a student’s third year in college. It just means that a student has (1) completed at least 60 semester/90 quarter of UC transferable credit, (2) have at least a 2.4 GPA on said coursework, and (3) has completed IGETC (general education courses) all by the end of the spring prior to transfer. The trick is that AP credit and college courses in high school courses can add up to the 60 semester/90 quarter. Once junior-level status is obtained, a CC student is eligible to go to a UC.

2. Requirements & Checklist

<b>WITHOUT TAG</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Choose a major offered at a UC.....</li> <li>• Enroll in summer semester to clear IGETC (GEs) and major courses*.....</li> <li>• Submit a UC Transfer Application by the before the end of November.....</li> <li>• Enroll in fall and spring courses to clear IGETC and major courses.....</li> <li>• Submit a TAU (Transfer Application Update) in January to submit fall grades.....</li> <li>• Have 60 semester (90 quarter) units completed by the end of the SPRING prior to transfer..</li> <li>• Complete IGETC and major preparatory classes by the end of the SPRING prior to transfer.....</li> <li>• Have a GPA of at least 2.4 (competitive GPA 3.0+*).....</li> </ul>	

\* = highly recommended

<b>WITH TAG</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Choose a <u>non-impacted</u> major offered at a UC.....</li> <li>• Enroll in summer semester to obtain <u>30 semester (45 quarter) units by the end of the summer BEFORE application is submitted</u>.....               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <u>MUST include ONE a UC-transferable English course and ONE UC-transferable math course completed with a “C” or better</u></li> </ul> </li> <li>• <u>Submit a TAG application before the end of September</u>.....</li> <li>• Submit a UC Transfer Application before the end of November.....</li> <li>• Enroll in fall and spring courses to clear IGETC and major courses (if necessary).....</li> <li>• Submit a TAU (Transfer Application Update) in January to submit fall grades.....</li> <li>• Have 60 semester (90 units) completed by the end of the SPRING prior to transfer.....</li> <li>• Complete IGETC <u>and required courses in TAG</u> by the end of the SPRING prior to transfer.....</li> <li>• <u>Meet the GPA requirement in TAG agreements (varies by campus)</u>.....</li> </ul>	

\_\_\_\_\_ = requirement differences between with TAG and w/o a TAG

### 3. One Year Transfer without TAG

For the convenience and purposes of this guide, I'll be using LMC and DVC as references

#### 1) Calculate your current amount of UC semester/quarter credits

- Add up all of your current UC semester/quarter credits from passed AP scores and college courses taken during high school.
- To find AP Score to UC credit equivalents, look at your CC's AP credit chart
  - ❖ LMC: <http://www.losmedanos.edu/accreditation/documents/II.A.6.a-12014-2015CollegeCatalog-CreditAcceptedatLMCpgs.17-21.pdf>
  - ❖ DVC: <https://www.dvc.edu/instruction/pdfs/CreditforAdvancedPlacement4-17-2013.pdf>

#### 2) Choose a major offered at a UC(s) and search it on [www.assist.org](http://www.assist.org)

- This is, of course what you're working for
- Enter in your major and your intended CC to see what courses you need to complete
  - ❖ Example – *DVC to UCI, Geneticsmajor*

Articulation Agreement by Major					
Effective During the 15-16 Academic Year					
To: UC Irvine			From: Diablo Valley College		
15-16 General Catalog		Quarter	15-16 General Catalog		Semester
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MAJOR PREPARATION COURSES REQUIRED FOR TRANSFER					
<p><b>Important:</b> Articulation of general chemistry is based on the completion of the <u>entire</u> year. Students wishing information on course-to-course equivalencies (semester to quarter) should contact the Physical Sciences Student Affairs Office at: <a href="mailto:pssazot@uci.edu">pssazot@uci.edu</a>.</p>					
CHEM 1A	&	General Chemistry	(4)	CHEM 120	& General College Chemistry I (5)
CHEM 1B	&	General Chemistry	(4)	CHEM 121	General College Chemistry II (5)
CHEM 1C	&	General Chemistry	(4)		
CHEM 1LC	&	General Chemistry Laboratory	(2)		
CHEM 1LD		General Chemistry Laboratory	(2)		
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BIO SCI 93		From DNA to Organisms	(4)	BIOSC 130	Principles of Cellular and Molecular Biology (5)
AND					
BIO SCI 94		From Organisms to Ecosystems	(4)	BIOSC 131	Principles of Organismal Biology, Evolution and Ecology (5)
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ADDITIONAL APPROVED COURSES FOR THE MAJOR					
One course from:			One course from:		
EARTHSS 1		The Physical Environment	(4)	No course articulated	
EARTHSS 3		Oceanography	(4)	No course articulated	
EARTHSS 5		The Atmosphere	(4)	No course articulated	
EARTHSS 7		Physical Geology	(5)	No course articulated	

- If there are no major preparatory courses required, still complete as many as possible. The completion of IGETC is still required.
- 3) Plan out your summer, fall, and spring courses
- Remember you must have 60 semester (90 quarter) units, the completion of IGETC, and as many courses towards your major as possible prior to transfer
  - Since you're not getting a TAG, you don't need 30 semester (45 quarter) units by the end of the summer before you apply, but still take a couple courses so your fall/spring course load won't be so heavy
  - Some courses towards your major can also be towards finishing IGETC. Sitting down and planning this out with a CC counselor is a great way to plan a solid schedule
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    - ❖ DVC: <https://www.dvc.edu/enrollment/transfer/pdfs/14-15%20IGETC%20final.pdf> (UC page)
  - Pay very close attention to your registration dates each semester since classes fill up very quick
- 4) Apply to your UCs before the end of November
- Don't miss this date and plan your personal statements!
  - You're also going to have to list all of your classing you're planning to take and the ones in progress
- 5) Complete TAU in January
- TAU stands for Transfer Academic Update. In January, you must update your application with your fall grades and declare spring classes in progress
- 6) Keep up your GPA!
- Have GPA above 3.0 to be a competitive applicant
- 7) Receive acceptances in April

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- 2) Choose a major offered at a UC(s) and search it on [www.assist.org](http://www.assist.org)
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  - Enter in your major and your intended CC to see what courses you need to complete
  - If there are no major preparatory courses required, still complete as many as possible. The completion of IGETC is still required.
- 3) Choose which UC you want to TAG with
  - Remember you can still send your application to another UCs
  - Look at the UC TAG matrix to look at each campus' requirements
    - ❖ TAG matrix: <http://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/counselors/files/tag-matrix.pdf>
  - Since majors are guaranteed with your TAG admission, there are certain preparations for each major at each campus (ie. UCI needs Ecology majors to finish a college level Organic Chemistry series as part of an Ecology TAG agreement) Some campuses may not have major requirements, but complete as many courses for your major as you can.
    - ❖ UCI: [http://www.admissions.uci.edu/applicants/transfer\\_preparation.html](http://www.admissions.uci.edu/applicants/transfer_preparation.html)
    - ❖ UCSB: <http://admissions.sa.ucsb.edu/applying/transfer/tag>
    - ❖ UCD: <https://tag.ucdavis.edu/students/majors.cfm>
    - ❖ UCR: <http://admissions.ucr.edu/WhyUCR/ourGuarantee#transferStudents>
    - ❖ UCM: <http://admissions.ucmerced.edu/tag>
    - ❖ UCSC: <http://admissions.ucsc.edu/apply/transfer-students/tag.html>

- Note that each campus has different requirements in terms of GPA, course requirements, and excluded majors in their TAG
- 4) Take summer classes to meet 30 semester (45 quarter) unit requirement
- This is where it gets complicated
  - As part of TAG, you need 30 semester (45 quarter) units by the end of the summer before your application.
  - You also need to have ONE a UC-transferable English course and ONE UC-transferable math course completed with a “C” or better
  - That means the summer right after graduating high school, you NEED to enroll in your next Math and English course over the summer.
    - ❖ Example (Math): Finished Pre-Calculus in high school → take Calculus 1 at CC over the summer OR Finished Algebra II in high school → take Pre-Calculus at CC over the summer
    - ❖ Example (English): Take Introductory College English at CC over the summer OR if you’ve received a passing English Comp./Lit. AP score in high school → Take 2<sup>nd</sup> level college English course (This is because a passing English Comp./Lit. AP score is equivalent to the introductory CC English course, so you’re on the next English level)
- 5) Apply for TAG before the end of **SEPTEMBER**
- The TAG filling period is BEFORE UC applications close
  - You must fill one out before the end of September 30<sup>th</sup>
- 6) Plan out your fall and spring courses
- Remember you must have 60 semester (90 quarter) units, the completion of IGETC, and as many courses towards your major as possible prior to transfer
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- 8) Complete TAU in January
- TAU stands for Transfer Academic Update. In January, you must update your application with your fall grades and declare spring classes in progress
- 9) Keep up your GPA!
- Refer back to the TAG matrix to see what GPA you need to keep up with whichever UC you TAG'd with
- 10) Receive acceptances in April
- If you've done everything right, you should have admission to whichever campus you TAG'd into

5. Example (with TAG)

**Transferring from LMC to UCI  
With a Public Health Sciences TAG Agreement (2016-2017)**

LMC AP Credit: [goo.gl/A0uJFG](http://goo.gl/A0uJFG)

LMC IGETC: [goo.gl/ZI4Bjk](http://goo.gl/ZI4Bjk)

UCI TAG Transfer Preparation: [goo.gl/iA9xuM](http://goo.gl/iA9xuM)

<p>High School College Credits</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No college courses completed during High School</li> <li>• Highest Math Level Completed: Pre-Calculus</li> </ul>																												
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College Course  
Work

- For students trying to TAG into UCI for Public Health Sciences, the student must complete courses equivalent to UCI's Biological Sciences 93 & 94 (which is LMC's BIOSC 20 and 21)
  - Chemistry series is also part of the major requirement (via [www.assist.org](http://www.assist.org) and UCI's transfer prep [goo.gl/iA9xuM](http://goo.gl/iA9xuM))
- GPA must also be above 3.4 (for UCI)

Summer 2016 Semester			
<u>Course</u>	<u>Units (semester)</u>	<u>IGETC Area</u>	<u>Grade</u>
MATH 50 - Calculus I	4.0	2A	A
ENGL 221 – Advanced Composition & Critical Thinking	3.0	1B	A
SOCIO 16 – Introduction to Social Problems	3.0	4J	A
<b>Total</b>	<b>10.0</b>	-	<b>GPA: 4.0</b>
<b>Grand Total:</b>	<b>31.3</b>	-	<b>Total GPA: 4.0</b>

- 30 semester units, completion of one English course, completion of one Math course, and GPA requirement has been fulfilled
- Student may proceed with TAG and fill out TAG application before September 31<sup>st</sup>
- IGETC Area 1 completed (addition from AP English Comp. score = ENGL 100)
- IGETC Area 2 completed (addition from AP Statistics score = MATH 34)
- IGETC Area 6 completed (from high school foreign language classes)

Fall 2016 Semester			
<u>Course</u>	<u>Units (semester)</u>	<u>IGETC Area</u>	<u>Grade</u>
ANTHRO 6 - Cultural Anthropology	3.0	2A	A
BIOSC 20 – Principles of Biology: Cellular	5.0	5B	A
CHEM 25 – General College Chemistry I	5.0	5A	A
ENGL 135 – Introduction to LGBT Studies	3.0	4D	A
<b>Total</b>	<b>16.0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>GPA: 4.0</b>
<b>Grand Total:</b>	<b>47.3</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>Total GPA: 4.0</b>

- ANTHRO 6 is also listed under “Additional Courses Approved for Major” on ASSIST and helps complete IGETC, so this is a plus
- GPA is still maintained
- IGETC Area 4 completed
- IGETC Area 5 completed

Spring 2017 Semester			
<u>Course</u>	<u>Units (semester)</u>	<u>IGETC Area</u>	<u>Grade</u>
DRAMA 16 - Theatre Appreciation	3.0	2A	A
BIOSC 21 – Principles of Biology: Organismal	5.0	5B	B
CHEM 26 – General College Chemistry II	5.0	5A	B
<b>Total</b>	<b>13.0</b>	-	<b>GPA: 3.3</b>
<b>Grand Total:</b>	<b>60.3</b>	-	<b>Total GPA: 3.8</b>

- All major requirements completed
- IGETC Area 3 (with AP Art History score towards IGETC 3B)
- IGETC completed
- GPA requirement fulfilled

With this, the student has achieved junior-level status, fulfilled TAG requirements, and is set off to transfer while being [practically] guaranteed at UCI for Public Health Sciences

#### 6. Tips and Advice

- Plan early and meet registration dates! Classes fill up quick and you DON'T want to be missing a major class on your transcript because of availability
- Know that what you're doing is rare, and that many people may not be familiar with your plan may be skeptical. Be confident in your plan and knowledge of the requirements to succeed

- Prior to enrollment, CC's may try to have you go through Math and English placement assessments along with other students. Know that there are exceptions to these exams listed here:
  - LMC: <http://goo.gl/WLDY3o>
  - DVC: <http://goo.gl/TQWRZc>
- Summer courses can be hard to manage since the time blocks are twice as long as a regular semester, are 3-4 days a week, and include a plethora of homework, so take only 1-3 courses. *Taking three summer courses can lead you to spend over 9+ hours on campus a day. This is from the long class times and the homework that has to be done before a probable night-course.*
- *15 semester units in the fall and spring semester is plenty and it's possible to be busy. Taking 20-25 semester units is very difficult and can be hard to manage, but it's totally possible.*
- *Don't forget that working might not be the best idea either. It takes a lot of time out of your day from class time and studying, making your schedule even more inflexible*
- *Unfortunately, some counselors at CC just go through the motion of placing new students into two-year plans that include classes that student's don't really need. Make sure that you prepare your transfer material (AP scores, calculations, campus requirements) before hand and make sure they're listening to YOUR plan. I implore you to see a transfer specialist counselor*
  - *LMC's transfer specialist David Reyes has the most knowledge about transferring on campus and is the person you want to see. If you try to make an appointment with him, they may ask if you're part of LMC's transfer academy. Just say you're interested in joining the transfer academy and they'll still book you an appointment.*