

ADMISSION AS A TRANSFER STUDENT

If you have enrolled in a regular session of college or university-level course work after leaving high school, you are considered to be a transfer student and cannot ignore your college records to apply as a freshman. UC Merced has a strong commitment to enrolling well-prepared transfer students. Following California's Master Plan for Higher Education, UC Merced will give highest priority to students transferring from California's community colleges. UC Merced will give priority to junior-level transfer students – students who have completed at least 60 and no more than 89 transferable semester units (90 to 133.5 quarter units). While preparing to transfer at the junior level, we encourage you to complete a pattern of courses that will best prepare you for upper division work in your chosen field of study. It is helpful if you identify an intended major early in your college course work. Contact ARSC for assistance in planning to transfer. Information about UC Merced majors and transfer preparation is available at <http://students.ucmerced.edu>. If you plan to transfer from a California community college, contact Admissions/Relations with Schools and Colleges to inquire about Transfer Admission Guarantee contracts or visit www.assist.org.

TRANSFERABLE COLLEGE UNITS AND GRADE POINT AVERAGE (GPA)

The University awards transfer credit for courses that are determined by the Admissions/Relations with Schools and Colleges to be essentially the same as those offered for the undergraduate degree at any UC campus, and taken at a regionally accredited institution of higher education. Transferable courses offered by California Community Colleges are listed on the UC Transferable Courses section of the California public institution articulation database, found on the website at www.assist.org.

Grade points for all UC-transferable courses attempted on a letter grade basis will be computed into the grade point average (GPA) that will be used to determine admission. Units for courses in which you earned grades of W, Pass or Credit, and No Pass or No Credit, are excluded from the computation of your grade point average. Honors courses taken in college are not weighted when computing the transferable GPA for admission. For more information about determining your GPA, contact ARSC or visit the website: <http://students.ucmerced.edu>.

If you have attended only community colleges or two-year postsecondary institutions, all of your UC-transferable college courses will be accepted in transfer for subject credit and your GPA for admission is computed using all UC-transferable college courses attempted. When you transfer, however, the total number of units is limited to a maximum total of 70 semester units (105 quarter units).

EXCESS UNITS

Students transferring to UC Merced from a regionally accredited four-year college or university may have up to 89 transferable semester (133.5 quarter) units and still be eligible to transfer. It is important to note, however, that UC Merced considers students who have completed more than 89 semester units to have excess units, and will not admit those students without special approval. A student who completed 89 or fewer units at a four-year institution, then transfers to a community college to complete course work that is necessary for admission, will not have excess units and can be considered for admission to UC Merced.

ADMISSION ELIGIBILITY FOR TRANSFERS

California Residents

There are three ways for you to meet the University's minimum eligibility requirements for transfer admission. Meeting the minimum eligibility requirements does not guarantee admission.

1. Eligible for admission upon high school graduation: If you were eligible for admission to the University when you graduated from high school – meaning you satisfied the Subject, Scholarship and Examination requirements – you are eligible to transfer if you have a C (2.0) grade point average in your transferable college course work.

2. Lacking in subject requirements upon high school graduation: If you met the scholarship and examination requirements but you did not satisfy the subject requirements when you graduated from high school, you must take transferable college courses in the subjects you are missing, earn a grade of C or better in each of these required courses, and earn an overall C (2.0) average in all transferable college course work to be eligible to transfer.

3. Lacking in scholarship requirement upon high school graduation: If you were not eligible for admission to the University when you graduated from high school because you did not meet the scholarship and examination requirement, you must complete all of the following in (a) and (b) below. Any student planning to enter UC Merced as a junior-level transfer student may complete the following requirements in place of (1) or (2) above.

(a) 60 semester units (90 quarter units) of UC-transfer-able college course work with a grade point average of at least 2.4, and

(b) A course pattern requirement to include:

- Two transferable college courses (3 semester or 4-5 quarter units each) in English composition, and
- One transferable college course (3 semester or 4-5 quarter units) in mathematical concepts and quantitative reasoning, and
- Four transferable college courses (3 semester or 4-5 quarter units each) chosen from at least two of the following subject areas:
 - Arts and humanities
 - Behavioral and social sciences
 - Physical and biological sciences

Students who have completed courses listed on the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) before they transfer to the University will have already satisfied the course pattern requirement.

TRANSFER REQUIREMENTS FOR NONRESIDENTS

Transfer students who are not residents of California must meet the same requirements as California residents and must have a grade point average (GPA) of 2.8 or better in all transferable college work.

MINIMUM ELIGIBILITY VS. SELECTION: TRANSFER APPLICANTS

If the number of transfer applicants exceeds the number of transfer enrollment spaces available, UC Merced may use supplemental criteria to select from among the qualified transfer applicants. Highest-priority consideration is given to students transferring from a California Community College who meet the University's definition of a California Community College student.

Definition of a California Community College student: A California Community College student applying for admission to the University of California in advanced standing will be given priority admission over all other applicants if: 1) he/she was enrolled at one or more California Community Colleges for at least two terms (excluding summer sessions); 2) the last college he/she attended before admission to a UC campus was a California Community College (excluding summer sessions); and 3) he/she has completed at least 30 semester (45 quarter) UC transferable units at one or more California Community Colleges.

SELECTION CRITERIA FOR TRANSFER APPLICANTS:

- Completion of a specified pattern or number of courses that meet breadth or general education requirements.
- Completion of a specified pattern or number of courses that provide continuity with upper division courses in your major.
- Your grade point average in all transferable courses.
- Participation in academically selective honors courses or programs.
- Special talents, achievements and awards in a particular field, such as visual and performing arts, communication or athletic endeavors; special skills, such as demonstrated written and oral proficiency in other languages; special interests, such as intensive study and exploration of other cultures; experiences that demonstrate unusual promise for leadership, such as significant community service or significant participation in student government; or other significant experiences or achievements that demonstrate your promise for contributing to the intellectual vitality of the campus.
- Completion of special projects undertaken in the context of your college curriculum or in conjunction with special school events, projects or programs.
- Academic accomplishments in light of your life experiences and special circumstances.
- Location of your college and residence.

IGETC NOTES FOR CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRANSFERS

If you complete the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum

(IGETC) prior to transfer, the campus-specific, lower-division general education requirements for graduation from UC Merced will be waived. Official certification of your completed IGETC must be sent to Admissions/Relations with Schools and Colleges at UC Merced, along with your final, official transcript, from the last community college you attended.

UC INTERCAMPUS TRANSFERS

If you are already enrolled at a University of California campus as a degree-seeking student, you may apply to UC Merced as a transfer student. Intercampus transfers follow the same procedures and deadlines as transfers from other colleges and universities. If you complete the general education or breadth requirements for your UC school or college prior to transfer and obtain a letter from the dean declaring your requirements satisfied, UC Merced will use your letter to waive campus-specific, lower-division general education requirements at Merced.

TRANSFER ADMISSION PROGRAMS

Concurrent Enrollment Program (CAP): Admissions/Relations with Schools and Colleges (ARSC) coordinates the Concurrent Enrollment Program that identifies potential participants at specified local-area high schools for simultaneous admission to UC Merced and one of the following community colleges at the point of high school graduation: Fresno City College, Merced College and Modesto Junior College. Participants in CAP are advised on a frequent basis and invited to participate in special activities designed to motivate them for transfer. CAP students are guaranteed transfer to UC Merced when they meet specified criteria. Interested high school seniors may contact ARSC at (209) 381-7880 or (866) 270-7301 toll-free in California.

TRANSFER ADMISSION GUARANTEE (TAG)

UC Merced offers Transfer Admission Guarantee (TAG) contracts for California Community College students throughout California. TAG contracts specify the courses to be completed and grade point averages students must earn at the community college to be guaranteed admission to their major. If you are interested in receiving a TAG contract, call ARSC at (209) 381-7880 or (866) 270-7301 toll free in California. The following majors are available for fall 2006 and 2007 TAG contracts:

Required GPA	Major, Degree
2.80	Computer Science & Engineering, B.S.
2.80	Environmental Engineering, B.S.
2.80	Biological Sciences, B.S.
2.80	Earth Systems Science, B.S.
2.80	Human Biology, B.A.
2.80	Social and Cognitive Sciences, B.A.

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World Cultures and History, B.A.