



GCC TRANSFER CENTER

Tips for Ranking the UCSD Colleges

UCSD – Seven colleges, one great University

When you apply to UCSD, you will be expected to rank the UCSD colleges in the order of your preference. For transfer students, we do not believe it really matters which college you attend at UCSD in terms of your experience. After speaking with representatives from UCSD, we have learned that while your assigned college does build a sense of community it is essentially the place to process your administrative paperwork. Your major is not related to the college you attend. If you had started UCSD as a freshman, then your GEs would have been shaped by the mission of each college. This is not the same for transfers as your GEs are, in most cases, complete.

With this in mind, we have ranked the colleges from the least additional requirements to the most. We believe students would be happy at any of the colleges even if they have to take a couple of extra classes with the exception of Revelle. We have worked with the students who sometimes have to take at least 8-10 extra courses because they selected Revelle. Though students might be able to switch colleges once they are at UCSD, it appears it is seldom approved.

Ranking the UCSD Colleges (GCC Transfer Center's recommended order)

1. MUIR COLLEGE

Mission: Celebrating the independent spirit

IGETC: Completes all GE requirements

Also need: 1 upper division writing course (One U.S. cultural diversity course, before or after transfer, and one analytic writing course at UCSD)

2. MARSHALL COLLEGE

Mission: Developing the scholar and citizen

IGETC: Completes all GE requirements

Also need: 2 upper division courses (Practicum project/course and CAT 125, the practicum writing requirement)

3. SIXTH COLLEGE

Mission: Preparing successful citizens for the 21st century

IGETC: Completes all GE requirements

Also need: 2 upper division courses (Practicum project/course and CAT 125, the practicum writing requirement)

4. ROOSEVELT COLLEGE

Mission: Developing world citizens through scholarship, leadership and service

IGETC: Completes all GE requirements

Also need: 2 lower division courses (Two Making of the Modern World courses)

5. WARREN COLLEGE

Mission: Toward a life in balance

IGETC: Completes all GE requirements

Also need: 3 upper division courses (non-contiguous to the major)

6. REVELLE COLLEGE

Mission: A renaissance education for leaders of the 21st century

IGETC: Not Accepted. Need to follow the Revelle college GE pattern.

Also need: 1 year of calculus, 5 quarters of science, foreign language (can't satisfy this with high school)

7. SEVENTH COLLEGE

Transfer applicants should place Seventh College last on their college ranking because it will not be open to transfer students until Fall 2022.

IGETC: Completes all GE requirements

Also need: 2 lower division writing intensive courses and 1 upper division research project

Also visit UCSD's helpful ranking tool at <http://compare.ucsd.edu/>.