

GCC TRANSFER CENTER'S TOP TRANSFER TIPS

You have more transfer options than you think! Be open to the UCs, CSUs, private, and out-of-state colleges.

Do your research and take notes! Treat the transfer process like a class.

Rejection is redirection and better than regret. It's always worth it to apply. Admission GPAs fluctuate, so you never know what can happen!

Most schools DO NOT require students to complete all major preparation courses.

Research the information on transferring available on www.assist.org.

Math and English should be completed early in your academic career.

It is a bad idea to only have just 60 transferable units. Yes, that is the minimum for the UCs and CSUs, but many students have miscalculated or had to drop a class in their last semester. You should aim for 70. It is your responsibility to count your transferable units. Have a counselor show you how.

AB540 students are able to receive some financial aid and loans. Make sure to research your options.

Always check the intended campus admission websites for more information.

Look into the Transfer Admission Guarantee Program (TAG) for the UCs.

Apply for financial aid on studentaid.gov or dream.csac.ca.gov & the CSS Profile (private schools) from October 1 - March 2.

Apply to the UCs/CSUs by November 30 if you are transferring in fall. Give yourself time to work on your personal insight questions. Some colleges are open in spring and you can apply as early as July.

You should apply to 2-3 highly competitive colleges, 2-3 moderately competitive, and 2-3 safeties.

Look into the Associate Degrees for Transfer (AA-T/AS-T) if you are transferring to a CSU.

Find out if your major is IMPACTED at the CSU you would like to enter. Google search "impacted majors" at the CSU of your choice. For CSULA the term they use is "major specific criteria." The list will show what majors require additional courses and higher grades.

The average debt for California college students is \$30,000. Don't let that scare you because those with bachelor's degrees earn about \$30,000 more per year than others with only a high school degree. Don't be afraid of taking loans. You need them to free up time to get your degree.

Make a scholarship calendar at least a year in advance so you don't miss any deadlines.

It is never too early to meet with a Transfer counselor, attend transfer workshops, and sign up for college tours.

TRANSFER TIMELINES

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UCs

JULY 1-31: Application opens for winter/spring admission to some UC campuses:
universityofcalifornia.edu/apply

AUGUST 1: Application opens for fall UC applicants:
universityofcalifornia.edu/apply

SEPTEMBER 1–30: Transfer Admission Guarantee (TAG) application filing period (Transfer Admission Planner -TAP):
uctap.universityofcalifornia.edu

OCTOBER 1–NOVEMBER 30: Fall admission application filing period for UC applicants

DECEMBER–JANUARY: UC online application update (Transfer Academic Update - TAU), opens December 15 for transfer applicants to report final fall grades and in progress or planned coursework (priority deadline is January 31 for most campuses/ majors). Some UCs require supplemental applications to be submitted.

JUNE 1: Deadline for admitted UC students to submit Statement of Intent to Register (SIR), non-refundable deposit.

JULY 1: Final, official transcripts must be sent to the UC campus admissions office. Transcripts must be postmarked or electronically submitted on or before July 1.

JULY 15: Official AP, IB examination results must be sent to the campus admissions office. Test scores must be postmarked or electronically submitted on or before.

CSUs

AUGUST 1–31: Application opens for spring admission to some CSU campuses: calstate.edu/apply

OCTOBER 1–NOVEMBER 30: Fall admission application filing period for CSU applicants.

JANUARY: Some CSUs request transcripts, have supplemental applications, and/or may require a CSU online application update (Transfer Academic Update - TAU) for transfer applicants to report final fall grades and in progress or planned coursework by January 31. The deadline for official transcripts for the CSU system vary from campus to campus so be careful since some campuses have been rejecting students who miss the deadline. Be sure to regularly check your email and CSU campus portal.

MAY 1: Deadline for most admitted CSU students to submit an Intent to Register and/or an Enrollment Confirmation Deposit (ECD) which includes non-refundable deposit if applicable.

UCs & CSUs

AUGUST 1: Check online to find the application deadlines for all other schools you are interested in besides the UCs and CSUs. You should also research deadlines for scholarships and create a calendar.

OCTOBER 1–MARCH 2: Priority financial aid filing period for applicants for all terms to submit a studentaid.gov or dream.csac.ca.gov application and Cal Grant GPA Verification Form. GCC submits your GCC GPA to Cal Grant automatically. No need for the form if GCC was your only college of attendance. Start the CSS Profile for private schools such as USC.

DECEMBER 1–MARCH 5: Apply for your Associate Degree for Transfer (AA-T, AS-T) verification by completing a graduation petition with a GCC counselor.

MARCH-APRIL (UC & CSU): Notification of fall admission decisions begins (on a rolling basis).

JULY (UC & CSU): Most schools request for General Education Certification during July. Apply for GE Certification in your last semester or session at GCC. You are able to request for GE Certification when ordering your transcript. Transcripts are ordered through GCC Admissions & Records: glendale.edu/students/admissions-records

USC

AUGUST 1: Application opens for fall USC applicants: commonapp.org

DECEMBER 1: Application deadline for some majors requiring a portfolio or audition. Final transfer deadline for the following programs: Kaufman School of Dance, School of Cinematic Arts – BFA programs only, School of Dramatic Arts – BFA programs only, and Thornton School of Music.

FEBRUARY 15: Transfer deadline to submit application for all other programs (including Business). USC requests for official high school and college transcripts to be received around the February 15 deadline.

MAY 31: You will receive an admission decision OR a request for more information, such as spring grades, by this date.

JUNE 1: Admitted transfer students must commit to USC by June 1 OR within two weeks of receiving their decision, whichever is later.

MID-JULY: Further admission decisions will be released on a rolling basis, between late May and mid-July, as requests for more information are fulfilled and reviewed.