

University of California (UC)

Berkeley, Davis, Irvine, Los Angeles, Merced, Riverside, San Diego, San Francisco (medical programs only), Santa Barbara, Santa Cruz.

Go to <http://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/transfer> for assistance.

Some campuses may restrict applications of lower-division transfer students or those with too many upper-division units. Contact the campus of your choice to determine if there are admission limits.

Upper-division Transfer eligibility: All campuses admit upper-division (60 or more transferable units or 90 quarter units) transfer students. Contact a counselor to discuss the campus-specific requirements.

Additional UC Admission Requirements

If a particular campus or major receives more applicants than spaces available, the campus will use additional admission criteria or requirements. It is recommended that you check with the campus of your choice for specific requirements.

Transfer Admission Guarantee (TAG)

The TAG program at Monterey Peninsula College is a “contract” that selected universities make with students who meet the transfer admission requirements and therefore are guaranteed admission. These agreements have minimum GPA and unit completion requirements that vary.

The following six University of California campuses participate in the TAG program: UC Davis, UC Irvine, UC Merced, UC Santa Barbara, UC Santa Cruz, and UC Riverside. Students must have completed at least 30 UC-transferable units to submit TAG. The TAG application is available online throughout the year and is submitted to only one preferred UC campus from September 1 through 30. TAG agreements are generally written one year prior to transfer and are subject to change, so students should begin the process early by meeting with a counselor to receive the most current information.

Transfer Pathways and Pathways+

Students who are decided on a major but wish to keep their UC campus options open should consider the UC Transfer Pathways. As a clear road-map and preparation for a major, a Transfer Pathway offers a single set of courses to take that will transfer to any of the nine UC campuses. Monterey Peninsula College currently offers UCTP programs in Chemistry and Physics. The Pathways+ program combines the Transfer Pathways with TAG providing major preparation as well as guaranteed admission to one of the six TAG-participating UC campuses. For more information on Transfer Pathway majors as well as the Pathways+ program, go to admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/admission-requirements.

CSU/UC Course Agreements Online at ASSIST

Comprehensive articulation information, including transferable course agreements for all California community colleges, is available online at www.assist.org. ASSIST provides access to the most current articulation agreements between the California community colleges and UC or CSU, as well as information on the general education requirements, major preparation, and transfer pathways.

General Education Requirements

MPC students who plan to transfer to a University of California or California State University campus in advanced standing (also called upper-division or junior level) should satisfy as many university general education and major requirements (prerequisites) as possible before transferring. High-unit majors such as engineering and biological sciences may be exempt from some general education courses. Students should see a counselor for more information and check www.assist.org for articulation agreements.

CSU General Education-Breadth

The CSU General Education-Breadth pattern (CSU GE, see page 76) allows California community college transfer students to fulfill lower-division general education requirements for any CSU campus prior to transfer. This curriculum provides an alternative to the IGETC requirements and to a university's GE/Breadth requirements.

CSU-GE Certification: Upon completion of the CSU General Education-Breadth pattern, transferring students should request that a CSU-GE certification be sent to the CSU campus of choice. Certification indicates verification by Monterey Peninsula College that a student has completed all lower-division general education requirements for the California State University. Without the certification, students will be held to completing the general education requirements specific to the transfer CSU campus and may be required to complete additional general education coursework after transfer. It is the student's responsibility to request certification by submitting the appropriate form to Admissions & Records Office.

Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC)

The IGETC is a selection of courses that community college students can complete to satisfy lower-division general education requirements at any CSU or UC campus. Courses must be completed for all areas with a grade of “C” or better. It should be noted that completion of the IGETC is neither a requirement for transfer to CSU or UC nor is it the only way to fulfill the lower-division general education requirements prior to transfer. Students pursuing majors that require extensive lower-division preparation (e.g., science, engineering, arts) may find the IGETC inappropriate to follow. Counselors are available to help students decide the most appropriate pattern to follow.

IGETC Certification: Upon completion of the IGETC pattern, the transferring student should request that an IGETC certification be sent to the UC or CSU campus of choice. Certification indicates verification by Monterey Peninsula College that a student has completed all lower-division general education requirements for the University of California or California State University. Without the certification, students will be held to completing the general education requirements specific to the transfer UC or CSU campus and may be required to complete additional general education coursework after transfer. It is the student's responsibility to request certification by submitting the appropriate form to Admissions & Records Office. Partial certification (i.e., certification of all but one or two courses) is allowed. Students must still complete all admission requirements for transfer: Areas 1A, 1B, and Area 2 (see page 77 for IGETC). Students intending to transfer to CSU are also required to complete an additional course in Oral Communication (Area 1C) and do not need to demonstrate proficiency in language other than English to transfer, but another language may be required for CSU graduation. Check your campus of choice. Contact a counselor for information regarding certification.

IGETC for STEM: Certain Associate Degrees for Transfer allow the use of IGETC for STEM. With this GE option, students follow the IGETC pattern but delay completing one Arts or Humanities course, one Social and Behavioral Science course, and the Language Other Than English requirement (only for UC-bound students who have not satisfied it through proficiency) until after transfer. Allowance for the use of IGETC for STEM pattern is noted within the applicable program listing.