

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 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 www.fafsa.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 June.

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

Look into the Transfer Associate's Degree (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 extra 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 come into the Transfer Center to meet with a counselor, attend transfer workshops, and sign up for college tours

TRANSFER TIMELINES

UCs

AUGUST 1: Application opens for fall applicants:
<https://admissions.universityofcalifornia.edu/>

SEPTEMBER 1–30: Transfer Admission Guarantee (TAG) application filing period:
<https://uctap.universityofcalifornia.edu/>

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

JANUARY: Online application update opens for transfer applicants to report final fall grades and in-progress or planned coursework (priority deadline is January 31 for most campuses/majors).

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

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

CSUs

AUGUST 1–30: Application opens for spring admission for some CSU campuses:
<https://www2.calstate.edu/apply>

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

JANUARY: Some CSUs request transcripts and have supplemental applications. The deadline for official transcripts for the CSU system vary from campus to campus so be careful since they have been rejecting students who miss the deadline. Be sure to consistently check your email and CSU student portals.

MAY 1: Deadline for most admitted CSU students to submit Statement of Intent to Register (SIR) and 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 FAFSA 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's degree (AS-T or AA-T) verification by submitting a graduation petition.

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

JULY (UC & CSU): Most schools request General Education Certification during July. Apply for GE certification (and Advanced Placement Credit if applicable) in your last semester or session at GCC as follows.

USC

DECEMBER 1: Deadline to submit USC application for all Dramatic Arts, Music and Dance programs, the Lovine and Young Academy, and the Writing for Screen and Television program in Cinematic Arts.
All other majors (including business) are due February 1

FEBRUARY 1: USC application deadline: <https://apply.commonapp.org/login>