



TRANSFER GUIDE

YOUR GUIDE THROUGH THE MT. SAC TRANSFER PROCESS

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“ We delight in the beauty of the butterfly,
but rarely admit the changes it has gone
through to achieve that beauty.
-Maya Angelou

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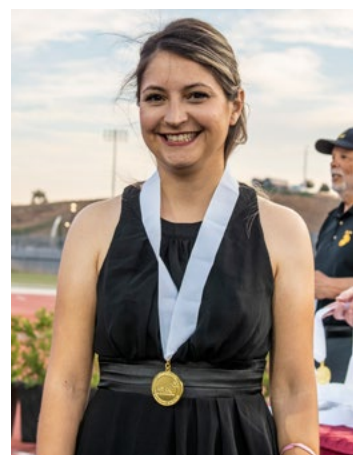
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Mt. SAC Transfer Class of 2018

CSU Long Beach Class of 2020

B.A. Chicana and Latinx Studies







Transferring from Mt. SAC to a university to earn your bachelor's degree has countless benefits and opens the door to many opportunities...

- Graduate degrees: master's, Ph.D, Ed.D, medicine, law, etc.
- Careers that require a four-year degree or higher
- Increased hiring and salary potential in the job market
- Positive influence in your family and community

Plus, you can save money by attending a community college first!

FACTS

Mt. SAC consistently ranks among the top 10 California Community Colleges in the number of students transferring to CSU & UC. Each year, more than 2000 students transfer to universities throughout the country.

“ Don't wish it was easier, wish you were better. Don't wish for less problems, wish for more skills. Don't wish for less challenge, wish for more wisdom. ”

Ulysses Martin Rodriguez

Mt. SAC Transfer Class of 2018

Cal State LA Class of 2020

B.S. Mechanical Engineering



POPULAR TRANSFER DESTINATIONS



TRANSFER CENTER

The Transfer Center provides comprehensive services, resources, activities, and events to prepare students for successful admission and transition to four-year colleges and universities.

COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY EXPLORATION	TRANSFER ADVISING	WORKSHOPS	EVENTS
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tours of local and Northern California universities• Transfer fairs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Transfer Specialist appointments• University representative appointments and information tables• University application assistance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Transfer 101• CSU & UC Applications• Transfer Admission Guarantee• Next Steps• Transfer Transitions• And more!	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Transfer Application Bootcamp• Transfer Awareness Week• TransferCon• Transfer Achievement Celebration

PREPARING TO TRANSFER

Take the right courses - Schedule a counseling appointment to develop a comprehensive transfer educational plan:

www.mtsac.edu/counseling

- Most universities require general education (GE). A counselor can advise you about the CSU General Education (CSUGE), Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC), and additional GE options.
- Explore majors and begin taking major classes as soon as possible.



EXPLORE UNIVERSITIES AND FIND THE RIGHT FIT.

- **Participate** in university tours. Make an informed decision about the university you plan to attend.
- **Schedule** an appointment with university representatives to learn more about admission requirements.
- **Visit** the Transfer Center and meet with a Transfer Specialist. Research transfer information at our computer lab, get transfer advising, apply to universities, and check out ongoing activities.
- **Attend** transfer workshops. Learn about transfer requirements, admission applications, the next steps after you have applied, and how to make a smooth transition to the university after being admitted.

TIPS FOR TRANSFER SUCCESS

Get involved!

Join student clubs and organizations – in addition to student government, Mt. SAC has an array of clubs and organizations based on major, personal and career interests, community service, etc. Learn more: www.mtsac.edu/studentlife/

Join a student support program on campus such as ASPIRE, ACCESS, ACES, Bridge, ARISE, DREAM, EOP&S, REACH, etc. Learn more: www.mtsac.edu/studentservices/

Participate in programs for academic/personal enrichment such as UCLA CCCP, Mt. SAC Honors Program, research opportunities, summer programs about law school, medical school, academic success, and more.



“

You get out of it as much as you put into it, so give it all you've got. Community College is a second chance you don't want to waste.

”

Rogelio Medrano

Mt. SAC Transfer Class of 2017

University of California, Berkeley Class of 2019

B.A. Sociology

Berkeley
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

WHEN YOU ARE APPLYING & ADMITTED TO UNIVERSITIES

- Check your email frequently and be aware of deadlines for transcripts and additional documents, accepting admission, orientation, etc.
- Review your financial aid award package to make an informed decision about your campus selection.
- Build a transfer success network - meet with Mt. SAC transfer alumni and current applicants to learn about their transfer experience and how to best prepare.
- Participate in online/virtual transfer activities from the universities.
- Seek and apply to student support programs like those for low-income and first generation college students.
- Participate in transfer transition summer programs at the university such as Cal Poly Pomona EOP Transfer Bridge, UCLA Transfer Summer Program, and UC Santa Cruz Summer Academy.
- Secure housing in a timely manner.

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY (CSU)

UPPER DIVISION TRANSFER REQUIREMENTS

60 CSU transferable units

- At least 30 units of general education courses with grades of C- or better
 - 2.0 transferable GPA
 - Good standing at the last college attended
- Four critical courses:
- Oral Communication
 - Written Communication
 - Critical Thinking
 - Mathematics/Quantitative Reasoning



APPLICATION DEADLINES

To apply: www.calstate.edu/apply

TO BE ACCEPTED FOR

YOUR APPLICATION MUST BE RECEIVED

Fall semester

October 1 - November 30 of the year before

Spring semester

August 1 - 31 of the year before

Some campuses and majors may accept applications after these deadlines, and deadlines may vary based on enrollment type or status (e.g. international, returning, and veteran applicants). Some campuses/majors do not accept applications for spring admission.

MAJOR PREPARATION (ASSIST)

Many CSU campuses and majors are impacted and may require a higher GPA and completion of specific courses for admission. Learn more about required and recommended major preparation courses:

ASSIST.org

Completion of CSUGE or IGETC is recommended for most students but is not an admission requirement for most campuses/majors. Additionally, CSUGE and IGETC completion is not recommended for all majors.

CSU ASSOCIATE DEGREE FOR TRANSFER (ADT)

Learn more: www.icangotocollege.com

With an ADT, you will be able to earn two degrees — your associate’s degree and your bachelor’s degree — with only 120 units if you transfer into a program at the CSU that’s similar to the one in which you earned your associate’s at a California Community College.

Additional Benefits

- Guaranteed admission to a CSU campus, though not necessarily to a particular campus or major
- GPA “bump” for admission consideration for impacted campuses/majors
- ADTs are also accepted by many private and out-of-state universities

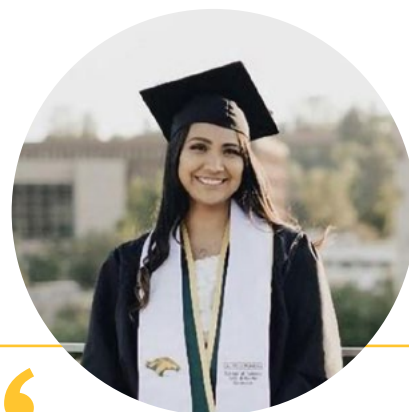
ASSOCIATE IN ARTS - TRANSFER (AA-T)

Anthropology	Music
Art History	Philosophy
Communication Studies	Political Science
English	Psychology
Geography	Sociology
History	Social Justice Studies
Journalism	Studio Arts
Kinesiology	Theater Arts

ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE - TRANSFER (AS-T)

Administration of Justice	Hospitality Management
Business Administration	Mathematics
Early Childhood Education	Nutrition and Dietetics
Film Television and Electronic Media	Plant Science
Geology	

See the Mt. SAC Catalog for the current list of ADTs and requirements.



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Never stop pushing yourself. It might be hard, but it’s worth it!

”

Jennifer Horsfall

Mt. SAC Transfer Class of 2017

Cal Poly Pomona Class of 2020

B.A. Sociology - Social Work Emphasis



CalPolyPomona

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA (UC)

UPPER DIVISION TRANSFER REQUIREMENTS

60 UC transferable units

2.4 transferable GPA (2.8 for non-residents)

Completion of the following seven courses with a C or better:

- One transferable course in Mathematical Concepts & Quantitative Reasoning
- Two transferable courses in English Composition
- Four transferable college courses from at least two of the following subject areas:
 - Arts & Humanities
 - Social & Behavioral Sciences
 - Physical & Biological Sciences



APPLICATION DEADLINES

To apply: apply.universityofcalifornia.edu

TO BE ACCEPTED FOR

Fall semester or quarter

Winter quarter
Spring semester (UC Merced)

YOUR APPLICATION MUST BE RECEIVED

October 1 - November 30 of the year before

July 1 - 31 of the year before

Many campuses do not accept applications for winter/spring admission.
Some campuses and majors may accept applications after these deadlines.

MAJOR PREPARATION (ASSIST)

- Many UC campuses and majors are selective and may require a higher GPA and completion of specific courses for admission.
- Learn more about required and recommended major preparation courses: [ASSIST.org](https://assist.org)
- Following a **UC Transfer Pathways** is a great way to plan your major coursework and keep your UC campus options open.
Learn More: admission.universityofcalifornia.edu

Completion of IGETC is recommended for most students, but is not an admission requirement for most campuses/major. Additionally, IGETC completion is not recommended for all majors.

UC TRANSFER ADMISSION GUARANTEE (TAG)

You might be **eligible for a TAG** if you meet these basic requirements in addition to the campus specific criteria:

- 30+ UC transferable units at the time of your TAG application
- 2.7 - 3.6 or higher UC transferable GPA (required GPA varies by campus and is subject to change)

Six UC campuses offer the Transfer Admission Guarantee (TAG) program for California community college students who meet specific requirements.

UC Davis
UC Irvine

UC Merced
UC Riverside

UC Santa Barbara
UC Santa Cruz



“

Look for a new angle, if you want to think your way out.

”

Faye Esperanza Hernandez

Mt. SAC Transfer Class of 2018

UC Riverside Class of 2020

B.A. Education, Society, and Human Development



HOW TO PURSUE TAG

1. Research and satisfy TAG requirements
2. Use the UC TAP to complete and submit the TAG application

Fall Term : September 1 - 30

Winter/Spring Term : May 1 - 31

3. Complete and submit the UC admission application

Fall Term : October 1 - November 30

Winter/Spring Term : July 1 - 31

UC TRANSFER ADMISSION PLANNER (UC TAP)

Learn more: uctap.universityofcalifornia.edu

You can use the Transfer Admissions Planner to enter coursework (completed and planned) from the very beginning of your college career, or at any point when you decide to transfer to a UC campus.

With the UC TAP, you can:

- Track your progress toward meeting minimum UC requirements
- Apply for TAG
- Learn about transfer support and preparation programs

PRIVATE & OUT OF STATE TRANSFER OPTIONS

There are **over 100 private and independent colleges and universities** in California alone! With thousands of schools to choose from, you can also transfer out of state. Admission requirements will vary. Meet with a counselor early in your transfer process to explore the options and plan appropriate coursework.

- Many schools do not require a minimum number of units or specific courses for admission.
- Some colleges will accept CSUGE/IGETC.
- Some schools may require SAT/ACT scores and high school transcripts for admission consideration (but many schools waive this for students with 24-30+ units).
- Fees and deadlines to apply vary and many schools use the Common Application:
www.commonapp.org



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MORE SCHOOLS WITH
THESE WEBSITES**

www.aiccu.edu

www.collegesource.org

nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator

“

You don't have to see the whole staircase, just take the first step - Martin Luther King Jr.

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Chris Shen

Mt. SAC Transfer Class of 2017

University of Southern California Class of 2019

B.S. Business Administration



TRANSFER ADMISSION GUARANTEES

A variety of colleges and universities offer guaranteed admission to Mt. SAC students.

Visit transfer.mtsac.edu to learn more.

University of California (TAG) [more info on page 7]

The Associate Degree for Transfer offers guaranteed admission to:

- **30+ private schools** in the Association of Independent California Colleges and Universities (AICCU)
- **30+ Historically Black Colleges & Universities (HBCUs)**
- **California State University (ADT)** [more info on page 5]



COST OF ATTENDANCE

AVERAGE COST COMPARISON

Please note that these are **estimated ranges** to help you understand cost of attendance and research options. Your personal expenses may vary greatly due to many factors such as living on/off campus or with family.

	CSU	UC	CALIFORNIA PRIVATE COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES
TUITION & FEES	\$6,800 – 8,000	\$14,000 – 15,000	\$30,000 – 60,000
PERSONAL EXPENSES (Housing, Books, Supplies, Transportation, Misc.)	\$11,000 – 20,000	\$19,500 – 22,000	\$12,000 – 20,000
TOTAL PER YEAR	\$17,800 – 28,000	\$33,500 – 37,000	\$42,000 – 80,000

* CSU & UC tuition estimates are for California residents; nonresidents pay additional tuition.

UNDERSTANDING “STICKER PRICE” VS. NET COST

While the overall estimated cost of attendance may be high, once all types of financial aid are factored in, your actual “out-of-pocket” expenses could be lower than estimated costs. Most students qualify for some type of financial aid!



“

You can't legislate good will –
that comes through education.
– Malcolm X

”

Lonnell Edwards

Mt. SAC Transfer Class of 2017

UCLA Class of 2019

B.A. Sociology

UCLA

FINANCIAL AID AND SCHOLARSHIPS

FINANCIAL AID PRIORITY DEADLINE: OCTOBER 1 – MARCH 2

FAFSA

Free Application for Federal Student Aid

To Apply: fafsa.gov

California Dream Act Application

Free application for free student aid used by undocumented, DACA recipients, and other students who qualify for a non-resident exemption

To Apply: dream.csac.ca.gov

POTENTIAL FINANCIAL AID OPPORTUNITIES



Apply – you might qualify!

Cal Grant

CSU - \$5,700

UC - \$12,000

Private - \$9,000

Pell Grant

Up to \$6,200

CSU State University Grant

\$5,700

UC Blue & Gold Opportunity Plan

\$14,000+ - California residents with qualifying income receive enough free financial aid to cover the full cost of UC tuition & fees.

Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE)

In addition to financial aid, many universities throughout the western US offer an out-of-state tuition discount that can make these options more affordable.

Learn more about WUE: www.wiche.edu/wue

WIN SCHOLARSHIPS

You could win hundreds or thousands of dollars to help fund your education. The key is to seek and apply for scholarships! They are offered by many sources such as Mt. SAC, your transfer university, businesses, and community organizations.

www.mtsac.edu/scholarships



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