



UCLA TRANSFERABILITY GUIDE

Four-Year & Out-of-State College Coursework

If you are planning to apply for admission to UCLA from an out-of-state or California four-year institution, this guide will help you understand what types of courses may be accepted for UCLA credit. UCLA admission staff cannot pre-evaluate coursework. Review the information presented here to better understand the types of courses that are likely to be transferable and meet transfer admission requirements.

GENERAL GUIDELINES

What do we consider when evaluating courses?

Institutional Accreditation

US colleges or universities must be regionally accredited in order for UCLA to award any credit for coursework completed.

www.chea.org/regional-accrediting-organizations

Academic Discipline

Courses in traditional academic disciplines (e.g., science, literature, humanities and social sciences) are generally transferable.

Courses that are vocational, technical, or professional in nature (e.g., advertising, real estate, and electronics); remedial courses (e.g., trigonometry); personal enrichment (e.g., time management) are not transferable.

Course Descriptions

If you are applying from a regionally accredited college or university, compare the catalog descriptions of courses you have taken to the descriptions of similar courses in the UCLA Catalog, catalog.registrar.ucla.edu. Courses that are the same as undergraduate courses at any UC campus generally are transferable as long as they carry the same or similar credit, prerequisites, level of instruction, and content.

The course must be listed and described in the college's catalog for the academic year in which it was taken. Some courses require published prerequisites to be considered transferable to the UC.

Credit for online courses follows the same policies as courses taken in person and will only be considered from regionally accredited institutions.

LIMITATIONS ON TRANSFER CREDITS

Lower Division Courses: UCLA will award a maximum of 105 lower division quarter units (70 semester units) from non-UC colleges or universities. Subject credit will be awarded for all transferable courses, even if they are beyond the unit maximum. Community college courses and freshman/sophomore level courses are typically lower division.

Upper Division Courses: Applicants with more than 16 semester/24 quarter - 26 semester/39 quarter transferable units (depending on awarded lower division units) are considered to be at senior-level standing and are not eligible for admission to UCLA as an undergraduate. Utilize your institution's course numbering system to determine if your courses are upper division.

Exams: AP/IB/A-Level exam credits are not included in the limitation and cannot put you at risk of senior-level standing.

SUBJECT AREA LIMITATIONS

There are certain subjects where we will limit the number of units for credit. Units received beyond the limitation will not be counted toward unit totals or GPA.

Physical Education: the maximum transferable credit awarded is 4 semester/6 quarter units.

English as a Second Language (ESL): the maximum transferable credit awarded is 8 semester/12 quarter unit.

College Algebra/Pre-calculus: UCLA will award up to 5 semester/7.5 quarter units for the combination of courses or any portion completed.

FOR APPLICANTS WITH COURSES FROM ANOTHER UC CAMPUS OR UC EXTENSION:

All coursework from any UC institution is transferable and is not subject to any limitations, regardless of whether the course is lower or upper division. Note that applicants from another UC campus or applicants with UC coursework may be at senior level, depending on the number of units completed. UCLA does not admit students at senior-level standing.

University of California Extension courses are transferable if numbered 1-199 and transferable courses are not subject to any limitations.

Applicants who were admitted to another UC campus as a freshman and have enrolled in a regular term (fall, winter, spring) at another UC campus are not required to complete the 7-course pattern, as they are considered to be UC eligible based on their prior admission as a freshman. The 7-course pattern includes: one course in mathematical concepts, two courses in English composition and critical thinking and four other transferable courses from the areas of arts and humanities, social/behavioral sciences and physical/biological sciences.



ENGLISH AND MATHEMATICS COURSE GUIDELINES

English Composition (UC-E): Two English composition/critical thinking and writing courses are required for admission.

Transferable English courses require extensive practice in writing papers and a significant amount of reading literature. Acceptable courses should focus on expository writing and must be at least 3 semester or 4 quarter units. Courses that are remedial and focus on grammar, sentence structure or paragraph development are not transferable. ESL courses may be transferable, but do not fulfill the UC-E requirement at UCLA.

Mathematics (UC-M): One transferable math course is required for admission.

Transferable Mathematics courses must have a prerequisite of Intermediate Algebra or higher, and the prerequisite must be published in the school's catalog for the year the applicant took the course. Transferable courses will employ the topics of Advanced Algebra as found in courses such as: Pre-calculus, Calculus, Linear Algebra or Discrete Mathematics. *Note: Courses such as "Math for Liberal Arts," "Nature of Math," "Math for Teachers" or "Mathematical Ideas" may be transferable but will not meet the UC mathematics admission requirement.*

RESOURCES

UCLA Transfer Admission Guide

<https://admission.ucla.edu/downloads>

For a comprehensive overview of UCLA, the transfer process, our inventory of majors and minors, and specialty school requirements; reference our downloadable resource guides online.

Transferology

www.transferology.com

This site may help you determine if prior coursework is transferable to UCLA or a UC campus. Note that courses listed on Transferology are not guaranteed to receive transfer credit from UCLA.

UCLA Course Catalog

registrar.ucla.edu/academics/course-descriptions

Use this as a resource for comparing course descriptions.

Assist.org

www.assist.org

This site is the official course transfer and articulation system for California's public community college and university systems. Assist.org lists transferable California community college courses which may help you determine the types of courses that are UC transferable and satisfy requirements.