

University of California (UC) Dual Admission



What is the type of admissions redesign?

Dual Admission: Students starting their postsecondary education at a two-year institution may also be conditionally admitted to a partnering four-year institution and provided with supports from both institutions to facilitate their successful transfer contingent on completing applicable requirements.

In which state is it based?

California

What state postsecondary agency or system sponsors the program?

University of California

When was the program first started?

2023

Does the student or state agency/system initiate the admissions process?

UC invites eligible students each spring and subsequent fall to opt-in through the UC Application.


What are the central characteristics of the program?

In the dual admission program, UC offers a conditional admission guarantee to a UC campus with a Transfer Admission Guarantee (TAG) program to first year applicants who were not admitted to a campus to which they applied, with the stipulation that students complete the program requirements at a California community college. Participants receive extra support from a systemwide dual admission coordinator and campus staff, including advising and access to the UC Transfer Admission Planner; invitations to transfer events, and information about federal, state, and UC financial aid. Academic majors included in the program are listed on each Transfer Admission Guarantee (TAG) webpage by campus.ⁱ

Program Scope 	Does the program include all high school districts or only a portion? Is opt-in required?	California resident high school students on track to graduate who were not admitted to any UC campus to which they applied are eligible, but they must opt-into the program.
	Does the program support admission to four-year institutions, two-year institutions, or both?	Both four-year and two-year institutions participate.
	Which institutions are participating in the program?	UC TAG Participating Campuses (Davis, Irvine, Merced, Riverside, Santa Barbara, Santa Cruz)
Eligibility Criteria and Application 	What are the academic eligibility criteria for students?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resident of California • On track to graduate from a California high school • Application for first-year admission • Not admitted to any UC campus to which they applied • At least a 3.0 UC GPA at the time of application.ⁱⁱ
	Are students still required to apply to postsecondary institutions?	Yes
	Is the application fee waived ?	Upon completion of the dual admission TAG requirements, students are eligible for an application fee waiver to the receiving campus. Students who qualify for the income-based application fee waiver will also have the cost of application covered for up to a total of four campuses.

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 <p>Data and Policy</p>	<p>What is the data source for the program?</p>	<p>The initial data comes from the UC application completed by the student. Student participation is then tracked in the UC Transfer Admission Planner (UC TAP) tool, allowing students to complete eligibility questionnaires; research additional campuses and majors; review agreement requirements; select and confirm agreements; and identify their primary CCC. Students will use these tools to enter academic data; track progress; research career opportunities; create reminders; and prepopulate their application when they are ready to transfer. UC TAP plays an integral role in the program, as community college counselors use the tool to identify program participants at their college. The primary CCC can then provide resources and support while participants are attending their institution.</p>
	<p>Did the state or system adopt policy related to the program, and if so what does the policy include?</p>	<p>The Postsecondary Education Trailer Bill (Assembly Bill 132), passed by the state legislature in July 2021, established Education Code 66744.2 and 66744.1, which requests that the University of California (UC) and the California State University (CSU) establish a dual admissions program as a separate transfer pathway for first-time first-year applicants.ⁱⁱⁱ</p>

Information above is up to date as of December 2025

ⁱ<https://www.ppic.org/blog/dual-admission-could-help-more-students-transfer-from-community-college-to-state-universities/>

ⁱⁱ<https://www.cccco.edu/About-Us/Chancellors-Office/Divisions/Educational-Services-and-Support/dual-admission>

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