



Dear Student,

By starting your college education at a California community college, you're already on your way to success. Just by attending a community college you're opening the door to one of the best public research universities in the world: the University of California.

Community college is a great way to prepare for a UC degree. In fact, nearly a third of UC students start at community college before graduating from a UC campus. Many of the foundational classes you'll need for your bachelor's degree are offered at your community college, and each of our nine undergraduate campuses offers support and guidance to help transfer students stay on track with their coursework. UC also gives California community college students priority admission over other transfer applicants.

If you know which major you want to study, but haven't decided on which UC campuses you'll apply to, there is a simple way to keep your options open as you prepare for your major. Just follow our [Transfer Pathways](#) – a single set of courses that prepare you for your major on any of our nine undergraduate campuses. The Transfer Pathways cover 10 of our most popular majors, and more majors will be added soon.

If you've had a chance to visit a UC campus, you know that we're a community committed to diversity, inclusiveness, cooperation and inquiry. I encourage all prospective students to visit several, if not all of [our campuses](#), to experience firsthand UC's dynamic campus environments.

Worried about cost? We can help. More than two-thirds of UC undergraduates receive grants and scholarships (money that doesn't have to be paid back), and half of our undergraduate students pay no tuition at all. For students whose families earn less than \$80,000 a year and qualify for financial aid, our [Blue and Gold Opportunity Plan](#) will cover tuition and fees. Even if your family earns more than that, UC has many options to help you cover your expenses.

What can you do next? Here are a few tips:

- Talk with your college counselor about what courses to take to prepare for UC
- Create a [UC Transfer Admission Planner](#) account to track your progress toward UC eligibility
- Explore classes we recommend for different college majors on our [website](#)
- Check out [our website](#) for more information on how to arrange a campus visit and tour

I wish you all the best in your education. Whether you ultimately decide to pursue a bachelor's degree from the University of California or the California State University, or a certificate or associate degree from community college, the great state of California offers you many wonderful higher education opportunities. The California Community College system is a perfect place to start your journey.

Yours very truly,

Janet Napolitano  
President

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You are receiving this email because you indicated interest in transfer opportunities on the California Community College application. If you do not wish to receive future communications from the University of California, Office of the President, you may [unsubscribe here](#).

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