The University of California is committed to helping California Community College students earn a UC degree as part of the California Master Plan. UC ensures admission is accessible, affordable, and sees students through completion. Each year, almost one-third of the incoming class is comprised of transfer students. Over 90% of transfer students admitted to UC come from the 112 California Community Colleges.

Access

UC receives applications from over 30,000 transfer applicants annually. Almost 2/3 of transfer applicants are admitted to UC.

Transfer students make up almost one-third of new undergraduate enrollment each fall term. UC enrolls a higher percentage of new transfer students compared to other AAU public and AAU private institutions. In 2012, UC’s incoming class was 30% transfer students compared to 24% for AAU public and 11% AAU private institutions.

Affordability

A majority of transfer students receive some form of financial aid to help cover tuition and fees through programs like Blue and Gold. In 2012, 53% of transfer students were Pell Grant recipients.

Completion

UC’s transfer students graduate at high rates. Over 50% of transfer students graduate within 2 years and 85% graduate within 4 years of transferring to UC. This is higher than the national 4-year graduation rate of 60% for transfer students and 6-year graduation rate (83%) for students who start at UC as freshman.

UC maintains access to students from diverse backgrounds. In fall 2013, 51% of new transfer students were the first in their family to attend a four-year university and 37% came from homes in which English is not the primary language.