

The University of California Dual Admissions Program

Program Description

The Dual Admissions Program (DAP) represents a new admissions path to UC, over and above those that currently exist. Under DAP, students who fall between the top 4 percent and 12.5 percent of their high school graduating class, and who are *not* eligible to attend UC directly from high school, are invited to apply to UC during the regular November application filing period. DAP-qualified applicants, if admitted, will receive an offer of guaranteed admission from a specific UC campus, provided they first complete a transfer program at a California community college. Participating students will enter a community college in fall 2004. This means that the first students transferring to UC through the DAP program would do so in fall 2006 (although DAP students will have up to four years to complete the program).

UC is implementing DAP in partnership with California high schools and community colleges. The program provides an important avenue of postsecondary access for students throughout California. However, DAP will *not* replace opportunities for current or prospective students who enroll in community colleges and plan to become UC-eligible by the traditional transfer path. Moreover, UC campuses are not expected to eliminate their current transfer admission guarantee programs, since these programs often serve somewhat different student constituencies.

Student Eligibility

To be eligible for DAP, high school students must complete at least nine units of the UC “a-g” subject requirements with a grade point average of 2.8 or higher¹ by the end of their junior year. With the assistance of participating high schools, the University will identify DAP-eligible students on the basis of their GPA in UC-approved coursework in the 10th and 11th grades. Students who apply to the University under the program do not need to complete the University’s freshman examination requirement (SAT I or ACT and SAT II). However, completion of these exams is strongly encouraged, as doing so may improve an applicant’s opportunity for admission to highly competitive campuses and/or majors.

Notification to Students, High Schools, and California Community Colleges

The University will notify students of their DAP status at the beginning of their senior year of high school. If students are designated as DAP-eligible and are interested in participating in the program, they must submit the University’s undergraduate application during the November filing period. DAP students will be notified in the spring of their senior year regarding the UC campus to which they have been admitted and will be asked to identify a community college they plan to enter in the fall. An academic contract will be developed by the student’s UC campus. This contract will describe the courses and grades that must be completed to successfully transfer from the community college to UC. Students may choose to attend any community college (or

¹ *The GPA calculation for ELC and DAP is weighted and uncapped.*

multiple colleges) to complete their DAP contract, and will have up to four years to fulfill their contract.

Program Advantages

DAP is designed to provide enhanced support for students who have the potential to succeed at UC but have not achieved UC eligibility upon graduation from high school. We expect DAP to attract students who plan to begin their higher education at one of California's community colleges, taking advantage of the low cost, ease of access, and excellent academic programs the community colleges offer. DAP will facilitate transfer by providing better advising, enhanced articulation of coursework, and the security of admission to a particular UC campus upon successfully completing lower-division coursework. Finally, DAP will help UC and community colleges meet their enrollment obligations, as pledged in a memorandum of understanding signed by California Community College Chancellor Nussbaum and then UC President Atkinson in 1997.²

² *Enhancing Student Transfer: A Memorandum of Understanding Between the California Community Colleges and the University of California* (November, 1997). Oakland, CA: University of California, Office of the President, Student Academic Services.