UC OPENS DOORS FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGE STUDENTS

UC enrolls more community college students than any university of its caliber in the nation. These students don’t only enroll at UC—they succeed, earning degrees and contributing to an educated, upwardly mobile California workforce.

A THIRD OF UC BACHELOR’S DEGREE RECIPIENTS STARTED AT COMMUNITY COLLEGES.

Nearly 45,000 transfer students study across our nine undergraduate campuses.

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA 30%
SELECTIVE PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES 18%
SELECTIVE PRIVATE UNIVERSITIES 11%

TRANSFER SERVES STUDENTS FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE

Students from a broad range of economic and social backgrounds attain a world-class UC education by starting at community college.

FIRST-GENERATION COLLEGE STUDENTS 47%
LOW-INCOME STUDENTS 42%
NON-NATIVE ENGLISH SPEAKERS 32%

MORE THAN HALF PAY NO TUITION

Over two-thirds of transfer students from California community colleges receive aid that fully or partially offsets the cost of their education.

PAY FULL TUITION 31%
PAY SOME TUITION 13%
PAY NO TUITION 56%

OF TRANSFER APPLICANTS FROM CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES GET IN TO UC.

75%

OF UC TRANSFER STUDENTS COME FROM A CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE.

93%

UC’S TRANSFER STUDENTS GRADUATE AT HIGH RATES...

In fact, they succeed at rates equal to or better than students who started as freshmen.

UC TRANSFER 89%
UC FRESHMEN 86%
NATIONAL AVG (FRESHMEN) 62%
NATIONAL AVG (TRANSFER) 55%

...AND GO ON TO DO WELL IN THE WORKFORCE

Within a decade of completing their UC degree, most community college transfer students working in California count among the top third of income earners in the state.

≤ $35,000 18%
$35,000–$65,000 20%
≥ $65,000 62%

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