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 43,000 transfer students from community colleges study across our nine undergraduate campuses. UC has a higher share of entering students who are transfers than selective public or private universities.

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.

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.

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

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

...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.

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