Admission Requirements

The following summary of admission requirements and procedures is designed to assist the student in the application process. For a more detailed description of the courses required for admission, a counselor or a university representative should be consulted. The very best way to transfer is with a (TAG) Transfer Admission Guarantee.

Transfer Admission Guarantee (TAG)

West Valley College participates in "Transfer Admission Guarantee (TAG)," which guarantee qualifying students admission to one of the six participating campuses of the University of California. To be eligible, students must have completed a minimum number of transferable units and have a grade point average that meets the acceptable admission requirements at the university of their choice. The six participating universities are UC Davis, UC Irvine, UC Merced, UC Riverside, UC Santa Barbara, and UC Santa Cruz. Each university specifies eligible programs a student may pursue through TAG as well as detail minimum requirements in fulfilling these agreements. For more information and/or to apply for a Transfer Admission Guarantee, the student should contact a counselor or the Transfer Center. For more details refer to the UC Admission Website:
https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/admission-requirements/transfer-requirements/transfer-admission-guarantee-tag.html

UC Transfer Student Admission Eligibility

The most common transfer route to the University of California is as an upper division transfer applicant from a community college. For specific eligibility transfer index, general education and major preparation courses, consult with a counselor AND go to https://assist.org/. The minimum transfer requirements are:

- Complete 90 quarter units or 60 semester units of UC transferable college credit with a grade point average of at least 2.4. A higher G.P.A. is strongly recommended by most UC campuses to be competitive. No more than 14 semester units of the 60 semester units can be taken Pass/No Pass.
- Complete a course pattern requirement to include:
  - two transferable college courses (3 semester or 4-5 quarter units each) in English composition; and
  - one transferable college course (3 semester of 4-5 quarter units) in mathematical concepts and quantitative reasoning; and
  - four transferable college courses (3 semester of 4-5 quarter units each) chosen from at least two of the following subject areas: the arts and humanities, the social and behavioral sciences, the physical and biological sciences. Students who satisfy the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) prior to transferring to most UC campuses will satisfy the option above.

Nonresidents

The minimum admission requirements for nonresident UC transfer applicants are the same as those for residents except that nonresidents must have a grade point average of 2.8 or higher in all transferable college course work.

UC Transfer Pathway, Pathways+, & the UC Transfer Pathway (UCTP) Associate Degree

UC Transfer Pathway – The University of California system has developed roadmaps to the most sought-after majors. The pathways guide help students gain a competitive edge across the UC system. Review the UC Admissions website for more details:
https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/admission-requirements/transfer-requirements/transfer-pathways/

Pathways+ – Once a UC Transfer Pathway is identified, complete the required major preparatory courses while you are at West Valley College. Then, you will need to see if your intended campus offers Transfer Admission Guarantee. Keep in mind that GPA and UC minimum requirements to be eligible. These details can be found on the UC Admissions website:
https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/admission-requirements/transfer-requirements/pathways-plus.html

UCTP Associate Degree – The UCTP Associate's Degree in Chemistry and Physics is an extension of Pathways+. Similarly to Pathways+, securing guaranteed admission in Chemistry or Physics, students must:

- Complete the Transfer Pathway,
- Meet or exceed the required campus-based TAG GPA (campuses vary in a range of 2.8 - 3.4 GPA minimums)
- Submit a TAG application by September 30, and
- Apply for admission by November 30.

Students completing one of these degrees has completed lower division preparation in the major of physics or chemistry, should be able to graduate within two years attending at full time status, and is guaranteed admission to the UC system with a minimum 3.5 GPA. Similar to Associate Degrees for Transfer created for the CSU system, guaranteed admission is to the system, not an individual campus.