University of California Admission Requirements

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. Please visit the Transfer Center.

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 assist.org. The minimum transfer requirements are:

a. 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.
b. Complete a course pattern requirement to include:
c. Two transferable college courses (3 semester or 4-5 quarter units each) in English composition; and
d. One transferable college course (3 semester of 4-5 quarter units) in mathematical concepts and quantitative reasoning; and
e. 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 above requirements.

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.

California State University (CSU)

Similar to other university systems, students who plan to earn a bachelor’s degree from a California State University campus, benefit from completing their freshman and sophomore, or lower division work at a California community college. A student may earn 70 semester units toward a CSU degree at an accredited two-year college.

CSU Transfer Student Admission Eligibility

West Valley College students interested in transferring as an upper division student to the CSU system are strongly advised to fulfill transfer requirements:

a. Complete at least 60 transferable semester (90 quarter) units,

b. Have a minimum grade point average of 2.0 (C) or better in all transferable units completed (nonresidents must have a grade point average of 2.4), and are in good standing at the last college or university attended, you may become eligible if you: Complete at least 30 semester (45 quarter) units of college courses with a grade of C or better in each course to be selected from courses in English, arts and humanities, social and behavioral sciences, and mathematics at a level at least equivalent to courses that meet general education requirements. The 30 semester (45 quarter) units must include all of the general education requirements and complete the "golden four" to include written communication, oral communication, and critical thinking and mathematics (at least 3 semester or 4 quarter units) or, completion of the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) or CSU Breadth General Education Requirements.

Special Pathways to Transfer to Out-of-State Universities

University of Hawaii at Manoa

West Valley College offers an articulation agreement that provides students the opportunity to transfer to the College of Social Sciences at University of Hawaii at Manoa. WVC students need to successfully complete an Associate Degree for Transfer (ADT) in Anthropology, Economics, Geography, Political Science, Psychology or Sociology to earn guaranteed admission with junior standing. Qualifying students may also be eligible to participate in the Western Undergraduate Exchange tuition program, which provides a significant tuition discount (150% of in-state tuition), making the cost of room and board at UHM equivalent to room and board at San Jose State University.

For more information, please visit: westvalley.edu/services/academic-success/transfercenter/uh-manoa.html

Historically Black Colleges and Universities

West Valley College offers a guaranteed transfer pathway to 9 historically black colleges and universities. Historically black colleges and universities were established primarily to serve the higher education needs of the black community, however they are open to students of any ethnicity. Students completing the CSU GE Breadth Requirements or the IGETC, an Associate degree and a 2.5 or higher Grade Point Average are guaranteed admissions at the junior level to the HBCU partners.

For more information, please visit: extranet.cccco.edu/HBCUTransfer.aspx

College Level Examination Program (CLEP)

West Valley College accepts selected CLEP scores for credit upon the receipt of official results from the College Board. Credit for some general and subject area examinations may be applied toward associate degree GE and major requirements for officially enrolled students. Credit is awarded at the discretion of each academic department with no credit awarded by the History and Political Science Departments. For more specific applicability of CLEP scores, contact Admissions and Records.

Students are advised that if they transfer to another college or university, CLEP scores may not be recognized for credit by that institution. At this time, the University of California system does not accept CLEP examinations. CSU institutions have a uniform policy. Note that CLEP examinations may not be used to certify CSU GE or IGETC subject requirements. Students are advised to contact an academic counselor or check college catalogs for other schools’ CLEP policies. To request an official CLEP transcript, write to: Educational Testing Services, PO Box 6600, Princeton NJ 08541-6600.

See page 14 for more information.
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Associate Degree for Transfer (ADT)
The Associate Degree for Transfer allows West Valley College to grant an associate degree once a student has met specific transfer general education and major requirements. Upon completion, the student is eligible to transfer to the California State University system. In addition, students are given guaranteed admission into the CSU system and priority consideration when applying to a similar major. See Associate Degree for Transfer 16.

Transfer Credit
Many students who plan to earn a university degree find it to their advantage to complete their lower division course work at a California community college. Each college offers a full program of courses approved for transfer. A student may earn 105 quarter or 70 semester units toward a university degree at an accredited two-year college. If a student earns more units than that, the university may give subject credit for the additional courses taken. Some campuses have further restrictions regarding the acceptance of transfer credit.

Information regarding transfer programs is available in the Transfer Center, which is located in the Counseling Center, and from the catalog of the intended transfer institution. Consult a counselor for prerequisites and recommended subjects.

Ensuring Transfer Success
West Valley College is committed to creating partnerships with students to ensure a smooth transfer experience. Students are strongly encouraged to visit the Transfer and Counseling Center their first year so they can become familiar with resources available. It is important to plan carefully by selecting classes that satisfy both the lower division general education and major requirements. We recommend that students work with a counselor regularly to get step-by-step updated transfer information and guidance. Website: westvalley.edu/transfer

General Education Certification for Transfer Students
Careful educational planning will enable students to complete their general education requirements for transfer. “Certification” or “Partial Certification” may be requested on a Transcript Request Form available in the Admissions and Records Office.

Transfer Admission Guarantee (TAG)
West Valley College participates in “Transfer Admission Guarantee (TAG),” which guarantees qualifying students admission to many of the 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. For more information and/or to apply for a Transfer Admission Guarantee, the student should contact a counselor or the Transfer Center.

Transfer Alliance Program (TAP)
The Transfer Alliance Program is collaboration between the West Valley College Honors Program and UCLA College (Letters and Science) in conjunction with the offices of Undergraduate Admissions and Relations with Schools. Students who complete the Honors/Scholars Program at West Valley College receive priority consideration for admission to UCLA College (Letters and Science). Admitted TAP students are eligible to apply for scholarships reserved for the Transfer Alliance Program. Students are advised to contact the Honors Program Coordinator to discuss eligibility and participation.

WVC Online Learning
Online learning utilizes the power of technology and trained instructors and counselors to provide students with access to higher education without having to be physically present at a specific place and time. West Valley College online courses are delivered using Canvas, a course management system that includes chat, discussion forums, email, and video conferencing to ensure regular and effective contact.

Online learning courses reduce a student’s travel time and costs, meet the needs of various learning styles, as well as the demands of a student’s personal and professional schedule. Many online courses fulfill general education and transfer requirements for public and private colleges and universities.

The West Valley College Online Learning Program integrates technology-mediated instruction and support services to deliver rigorous education online and to enrich hybrid and face-to-face courses.

WVC Title III
The purpose of the West Valley College Title III project is to create a virtual college within the college where distance learning students are supported by student services in a comparable manner to on campus students. Programs, departments, events, initiatives and services are communicated via text, video and animation. 508 compliant fillable forms support interaction with student support services. Online orientation, counseling, education plans and tutoring are a sampling of the Title III co-sponsored initiatives as students to begin and complete their education online. Focus over the five-year grant expands to instructional departments and courses. Additional emphasis includes data gathering and dissemination for meeting student success needs. In person students, staff and faculty are supported with informational resources relevant to student guided educational pathways. Faculty and staff participate in professional development activities designed to engage and motivate learners and meet the strategic goals of West Valley College.