

Admission by Exception

Admission by Exception is granted to a very small percentage of applicants who do not meet UC-eligibility requirements. Such factors as academic accomplishments in light of your life experiences and/or special circumstances, socioeconomic background, special talents and/or achievements, contributions to the community, and the quality of your personal statement are taken into consideration.

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UC Santa Cruz Transfer Admission Guarantee (UCSC TAG)

The UC Santa Cruz Transfer Admission Guarantee (UCSC TAG) Program is designed for California community college transfer students at the junior level. To apply for the UCSC TAG Program, you must:

- (1) have completed a minimum of 30 UC-transferable semester units (45 quarter units) of course work at the time of application;
- (2) have fewer than 20 semester units (30 quarter units) completed at a four-year institution;
- (3) have at least a 3.00 GPA in all UC-transferable course work; and
- (4) be enrolled at a participating California community college.

UCSC TAG is only available for students entering fall quarter. The filing period for fall 2009 is August 1–October 15, 2008.

For more information, see your community college Transfer Center director and admissions.ucsc.edu/apply/transfer_guide.cfm.

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Application filing periods

Fall quarter: November 1–30

Winter quarter: July 1–31*

**Note:* Check the admissions web site at admissions.ucsc.edu in June to see whether applications will be accepted and/or if restrictions apply to winter-quarter applicants. UCSC does not typically accept applications for spring quarter.



Applying for admission

You may apply to UC Santa Cruz online by completing the University of California application at: www.universityofcalifornia.edu/apply.

Paper applications are only available as a PDF through the UC Office of the President admissions web site (see URL above). If you do not have web access or are unable to download and print an application, call (831) 459-4008, and a printed copy of the application will be mailed to you. Both applications, electronic and paper, explain the filing process, fees, and all information you must submit with your application.

To ensure that you will be considered for admission to the university, you must file your application during the appropriate filing period shown above.

Financial aid

If you are concerned about your ability to meet educational costs, you should file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). You can download the form, or file electronically online by visiting www.fafsa.ed.gov. The form is used to determine your eligibility for grants, part-time work-study, employment, and need-based loans. California residents should also submit a

Related Information

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GPA Verification Form to be considered for the Cal Grant program.

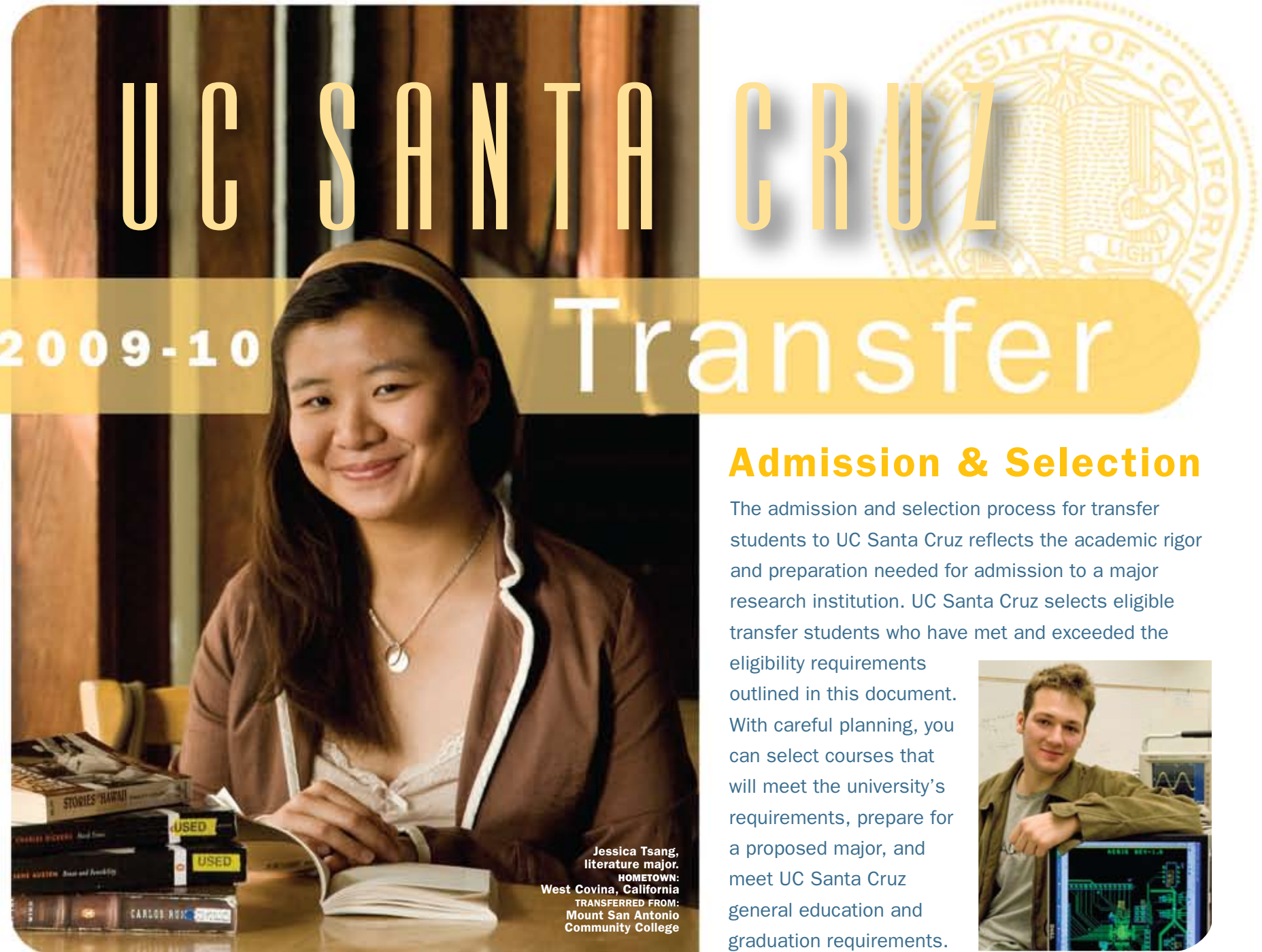
The priority deadline for submitting financial aid applications for fall applicants is March 2. Funds will be awarded to late applicants on a funds-available basis. Financial aid web site: www2.ucsc.edu/fin-aid.

ASSIST

Comprehensive articulation information, including transferable course agreements (TCAs) for all California community colleges, is available on the ASSIST web site: www.assist.org.

Contact your local representative

Prospective students and their families in California, as well as California community college counselors, may contact their Admissions Regional Representative for more information. Please see admissions.ucsc.edu/contact.cfm for the representative in each county.



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Admission & Selection

The admission and selection process for transfer students to UC Santa Cruz reflects the academic rigor and preparation needed for admission to a major research institution. UC Santa Cruz selects eligible transfer students who have met and exceeded the eligibility requirements outlined in this document. With careful planning, you can select courses that will meet the university's requirements, prepare for a proposed major, and meet UC Santa Cruz general education and graduation requirements.



Eligibility

California residents

To be eligible for admission to UC as a transfer student, you must fulfill both of the following criteria. Keep in mind that meeting these requirements may not be



sufficient to gain admission to the campus or to the major of your choice.

1. Complete at least 60 semester units or 90 quarter units of UC-transferable college credit with a grade-point average (GPA) of at least 2.40. No more than 14 semester/21 quarter units may be taken on a pass/not pass basis.
2. Complete the following course pattern requirements, earning a grade of C (2.00) or better in each course:
 - > Two UC-transferable college courses (3 semester or 4–5 quarter units each) in English composition; and
 - > One UC-transferable college course (3 semester or 4–5 quarter units) in mathematical concepts and quantitative reasoning; and



- > Four UC-transferable college courses (3 semester or 4–5 quarter units each) chosen from at least two of the following subject areas: the arts and humanities, the social and behavioral sciences, and the physical and biological sciences.

If you were eligible for admission to the university when you graduated from high school—meaning you satisfied the Subject (“a-g” courses), Scholarship (GPA and test scores), and Examination Requirements, or were identified by the university during your senior year as Eligible in the Local Context—you are eligible for transfer if you have a C (2.00) average in your UC-transferable course work.

If you met the Scholarship Requirement in high school but did not satisfy the Subject Requirement, you must take UC-transferable college courses in the missing subjects, earn a C or better in each required course, and have an overall C (2.00) average in all transferable course work to be eligible to transfer.

Nonresidents

The minimum admission requirements are the same, except that you must have a GPA of 2.80 or higher in all UC-transferable college course work.

Deadline for establishing eligibility

UC Santa Cruz requires that transfer eligibility be established by the end of the spring term 2009 if you are applying for fall 2009. If you plan to complete the required courses in English composition and mathematics in spring 2009, you must have demonstrated adequate preparation in the related prerequisite course work. If any of the prerequisites are met through a placement exam, this information should be noted in the personal statement portion of the application.

No more than two courses may be completed in a summer term prior to fall transfer if those units are needed to reach the 60 semester/90 quarter unit minimum needed for eligibility. Courses to meet the English composition requirement, mathematics requirement, and other four-course requirement may not be completed in the summer term prior to fall transfer.

For winter 2010 applicants, all admission requirements must be completed no later than the end of the fall 2009 term. Please note that UC Santa Cruz is not always open to winter-quarter applicants (see “Application Filing Periods” on the back of this document).



The foundation courses required for admission to SoE majors are described at www.soe.ucsc.edu/admissions. For more information, e-mail soeadmissions@soe.ucsc.edu or call (831) 459-5840.

During the declaration of major process, which occurs once you are already enrolled at UC Santa Cruz, some departments may screen for admission to their majors using criteria beyond minimum eligibility requirements. These majors currently include business management economics, the creative writing concentration within the literature major, economics, film and digital media, global economics, psychology, and sociology. Consult the *UC Santa Cruz General Catalog* or the relevant department for more information.

Selection Criteria

Class standing

Please note that, due to the high volume of applications that UC Santa Cruz receives, the campus is often open to junior-level transfer students only. Lower-division transfer students (sophomores) should check with the Admissions Office to see if the campus is accepting applications for a particular term.

UC Santa Cruz does not accept students who have completed 90 UC-transferable semester units (135 quarter units) or more from a combination of two-year and four-year institutions. If you have earned all of your credits from community college, you are not affected by this limit, because UC grants a maximum of 70 semester (105 quarter) units in transfer from community college.

Second baccalaureate applicants

Second baccalaureate candidates are evaluated on a case-by-case basis when enrollment allows. Contact the Office of Admissions for more information prior to applying.

Applicants with international academic records

A record of course work from collegiate institutions and universities outside of the U.S. must be submitted for evaluation. If your native language is not English and your education in high school or at the college or university level was in a country where English is not the native language, UC Santa Cruz requires one of the following:

- > A minimum score of 220 (computer-based) or 550 (paper-based) on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL)
- > A minimum score of 7 on the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) academic module
- > Completion of two UC-transferable English composition courses (not ESL) in the U.S. with grades of B or better

Preparing to Transfer

Preparing for your major

You are strongly encouraged to concentrate on completing as many of the lower-division requirements as possible for your chosen major. This is particularly important if your major requires preparatory courses in mathematics and the sciences. Strong preparation will ease your transition to the university, shorten your time to degree, and leave more flexibility in your schedule to explore additional academic interests. Information regarding the required courses for each major can be found in the *UC Santa Cruz General Catalog* at reg.ucsc.edu/catalog.

Selective majors

Most transfer students are admitted to the campus as prospective majors (as listed on the UC application). Most majors are readily available to transfer students once they have completed the lower-division prereq-

uisite courses. Junior transfers are required to declare their major during their second quarter of attendance.

Art majors: Junior transfer students are accepted into the art major after passing the portfolio review. The UC application and the Art Department portfolio review application are separate and independent processes. Being accepted to UC Santa Cruz does not guarantee that you will pass the portfolio review, and passing the portfolio review does not guarantee admission to UC Santa Cruz. More information on the portfolio review can be found at art.ucsc.edu or by calling the Art Department at (831) 459-3551.

Jack Baskin School of Engineering: Acceptance into any Jack Baskin School of Engineering (SoE) major will be based on completion of and grades earned in the individual department’s foundation courses, in addition to the overall college academic record. IGETC is not recommended for engineering transfer students.