

Transfer Credit Guidelines for Current UCSB Students

The following information is presented as a guide for current UCSB students considering enrolling in courses outside of UCSB. This information is meant to assist you through the process of transferring credit to UCSB. If you have general questions regarding transfer credit that are not covered in this document, please email admissions@sa.ucsb.edu and put 'Credit Memo' in the subject line.

Initial Considerations

UCSB **does not pre-approve** coursework. The Office of Admissions determines transferability **after** you submit an official transcript with the course(s) and grade(s) posted. While you can contact your College Advising Office or Department Advisor prior to enrolling in a course, the final decision rests with the Office of Admissions **after** your official transcript is received. **In other words, you cannot have complete assurance that your outside coursework will transfer.**

The college or university you attend must be accredited by a US regional accreditation agency, such as WASC.

Selecting Courses

- › The course(s) you complete must not duplicate any coursework you have already completed at UCSB or any other collegiate institution.
- › Credit will not be allowed for any math, chemistry or foreign language course that is less advanced than a course you have already completed.
- › The course(s) you take must be academic in nature and cover the same depth and breadth as courses offered in the University of California system. For example, UCSB will not award credit for a lower division marketing course, since the University of California does not offer marketing courses at the lower division level.
- › Upper division credit for transfer courses will only be awarded if the official transcript posted the coursework as such.
- › Lower division unit limitation: A maximum of 105 lower division quarter units (70 semester units) from non-UC colleges or universities will transfer to UC. Subject credit will be awarded for all transferable courses beyond the unit maximum.
- › Each course posted on the transcript must be listed and described in the college's catalog for the academic year in which the course was taken.
- › Courses in traditional academic disciplines (science, literature, humanities and social sciences) are generally transferable. The following types of courses are not transferable:
 - › Courses that are vocational, technical or professional in nature (e.g., advertising, real estate)
 - › Remedial Courses (e.g., intermediate algebra)
 - › Personal enrichment (e.g., how to use your personal computer)
- › ELWR: If you are planning to take a course that may satisfy GE areas A-1 or A-2, the ELWR requirement **MUST** be satisfied at UCSB prior to taking the course.

Timing & Petitions

Concurrent Enrollment:

If you are taking a course during the summer term, you do not need permission to take a course outside of UCSB.

To enroll in a course simultaneous to UCSB enrollment, students do not need a concurrent enrollment petition as long as they are in good academic standing AND are enrolled in at least 12 units during that quarter (or quarters if the concurrent class overlaps between UCSB quarters). Students are also not required to obtain a petition for UCSB Extension concurrent/open enrollment (XSB) as long as they are not enrolled at UCSB during the term they are concurrently enrolled at UCSB Extension.

Students are required to obtain a petition for all UC Extension coursework, including open enrollment and true extension courses at other UC campuses. Additionally, they are still required to obtain a petition if they are enrolled in a true UCSB extension course (TMP X130F, for example).

For more information on UC Cross Campus Enrollment, please visit the [Additional Enrollment Opportunities page](#).

The Office of Admissions only determines if a course is transferable to UCSB. The Office of Admissions does not determine if a course meets major requirements or GE requirements.

UC Extension:

If you are taking courses through a University of California Extension program, you MUST obtain an approved Extension Petition from your College. This includes UCSB Extension courses. Please note that only courses numbered 1-199 at UC Extension will transfer to UCSB for degree credit.

Repeating University of California Coursework:

Please note that courses taken at the University of California can only be repeated at the University of California. You must have the appropriate repeat petition on file in order to receive credit. Only courses graded "C-" or lower may be repeated.

After you Complete the Course(s)

You must submit an official transcript from the institution you attended to the Office of Admissions.

Retain all notes, exams, essays and syllabi, as sometimes it is necessary to review these for course credit.

Summer Programs in China

Beginning with the 2019-2020 academic year, current students requesting transfer credit for summer session coursework from a higher education institution in China must submit a CHESICC (China Higher Education Student Information and Career Center) verification in addition to the official transcript issued by the university. The official transcript and CHESICC's verification should be sent directly to the Office of Admissions in order for UCSB to consider awarding credit for these courses. UCSB will not accept letters/verifications from the program or university in lieu of a CHESICC verification.

Students considering enrolling in these programs should also be aware that many English language-based summer programs in China are administered by a third-party collaboration with universities in China and are not part of that university's undergraduate degree program. If the summer program is not part of the university's degree program, it may not be recognized by the Ministry of Education and verified by CHESICC. This means that you likely will not receive transfer credit for courses taken through these programs.

Please note, CHESICC verification does not guarantee that transfer credit will be awarded, only that transfer credit will be considered. Transcripts received without CHESICC verification will not be reviewed for transfer credit. All courses with the appropriate documentation (official transcript and CHESICC verification) will be reviewed for transfer credit using UCSB's transfer credit guidelines.

It is the student's responsibility to obtain both the official transcript and CHESICC verification, as UCSB cannot reach out to either entity on the student's behalf. It is also the student's responsibility to thoroughly research the program/university they wish to attend to ensure it meets CHESICC's criteria for verification. UCSB is not responsible for decisions made by CHESICC.

The Office of Admissions cannot pre-approve any courses or programs. Transferability will be determined after we receive your official transcript and CHESICC verification. In other words, you cannot have complete assurance that your coursework will transfer to UCSB.

China Summer Sessions Offered through U.S. Institutions

UCSB will consider awarding credit for summer programs in China offered in collaboration with a regionally accredited U.S. university if the following criteria are met:

- The U.S. school of record must be regionally accredited
- Courses must be posted to the U.S. institution's transcript as the U.S. university's own course, including department, course number and units
- All courses posted on the transcript must also be published in the university's catalog for the academic year in which the student completed the course
- Courses must be similar in level and scope to courses offered in the UC system
- All other transfer credit guidelines must be met
- Courses must not duplicate courses you have already completed at UCSB or any other institution.
- Transfer credit for these programs will be determined after you complete the program and submit your official transcript.

We strongly urge students who would like to earn credit during the summer to consider enrolling in a summer session at a UC campus, UCEAP, or the California Community College system.

Resources

- › [Assist.org](#) is an online tool that can help you if you plan to take courses at a California Community College. You can use this tool to find what courses will transfer to the University of California, which courses satisfy general education requirements and which courses fulfill major preparation requirements.
- › [UCSB Office of Admissions Guide to Course Transferability](#) While this document is intended for prospective students, it may assist you in selecting transferable courses from other institutions
- › [UCSB General Catalog](#)
- › [UCSB College of Letters and Science Guide to Transferring Credit](#)

