

Colleges of Contra Costa

CONTRA COSTA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT



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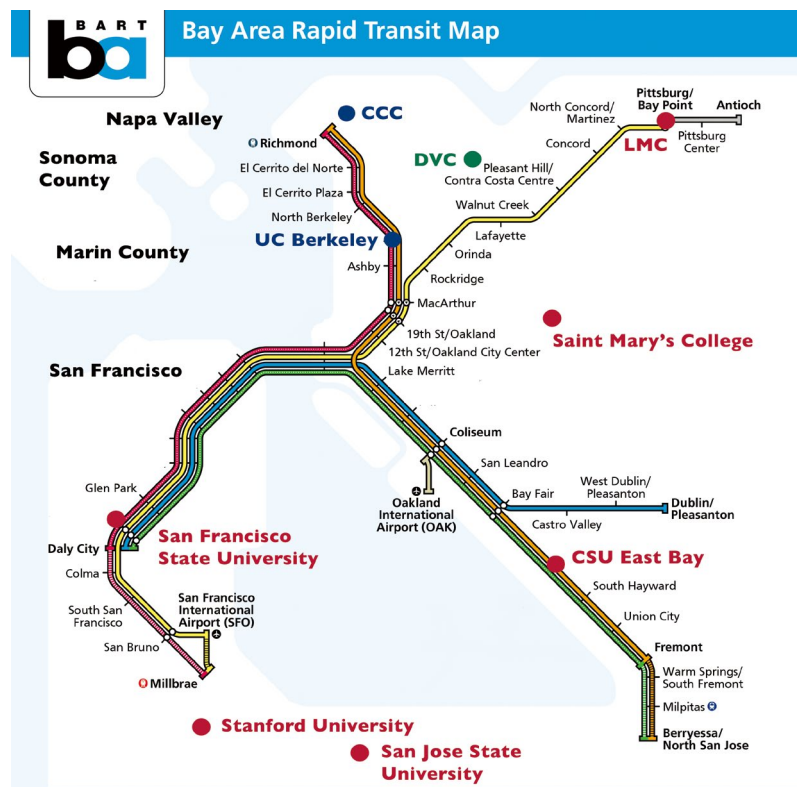
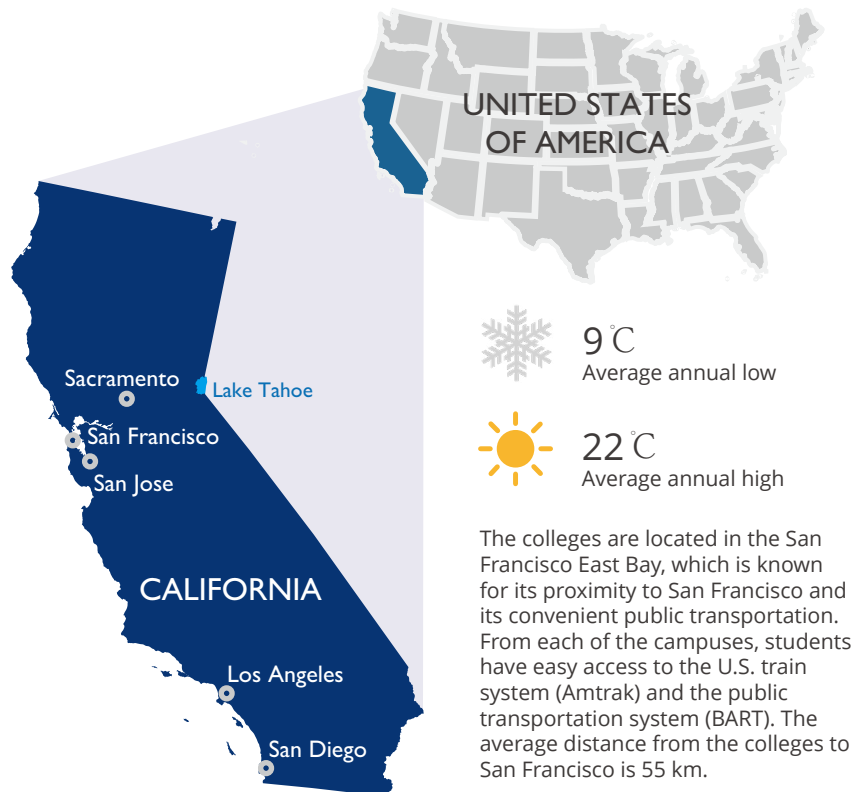
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LOS MEDANOS
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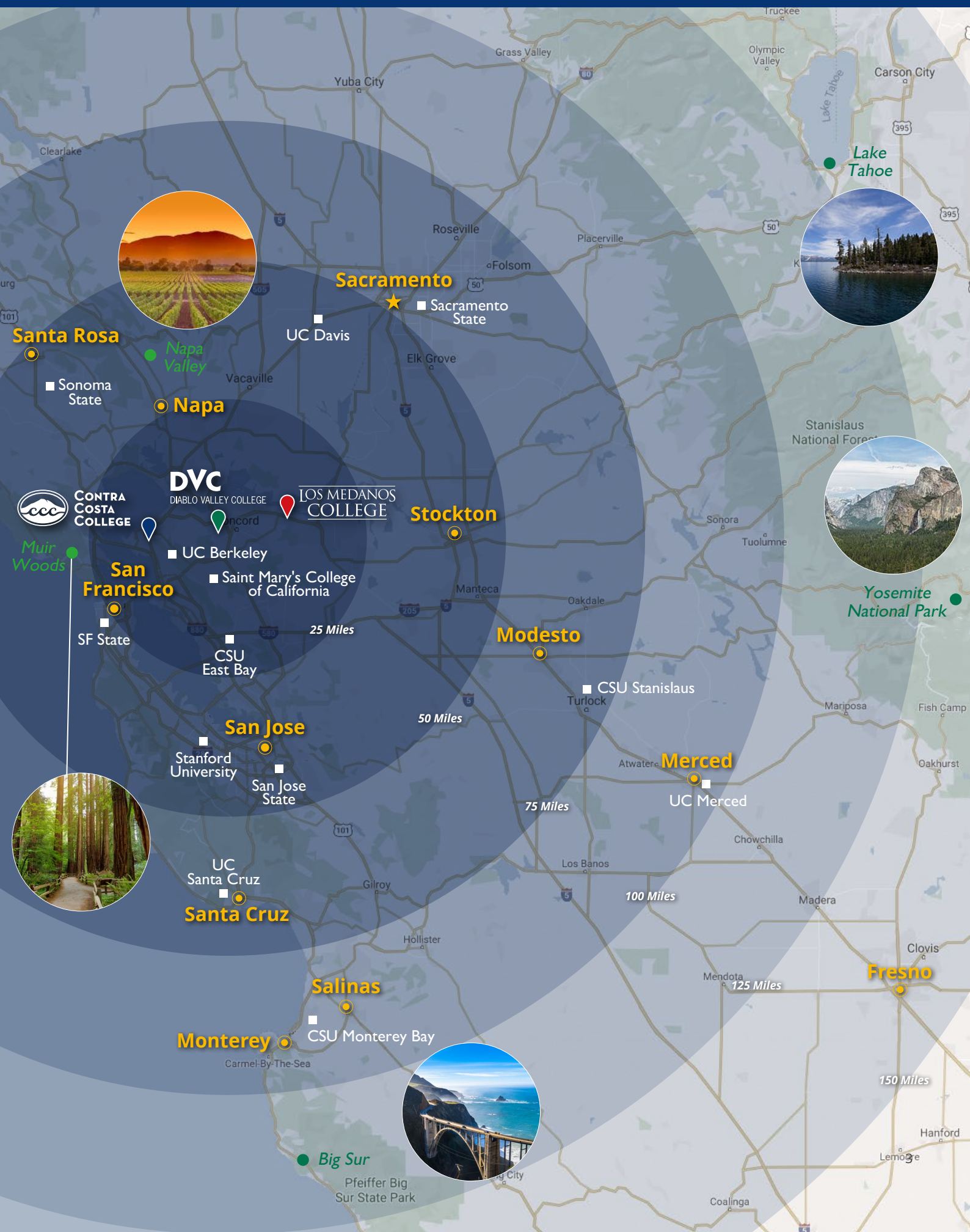


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PROXIMITY TO SELECT 4-YEAR UNIVERSITIES & ATTRACTIONS



INTRODUCTION

Dear Prospective Students:

Located in the San Francisco Bay Area, the Colleges of Contra Costa (Contra Costa College, Diablo Valley College, and Los Medanos College) are accredited, public community colleges that enroll more than 600 students from over 50 countries. These students from around the world greatly enrich our colleges.

With annual tuition around \$10,000 (30 units), the Colleges of Contra Costa offer one of the most affordable, high quality, and likely paths to excellent four-year institutions. Each year, over 300 international transfer students to four-year colleges and universities, with Diablo Valley College being the #1 international student transfer institution to UC Berkeley!

Come join the 10,000+ global alumni who have enrolled at Contra Costa College, Diablo Valley College, or Los Medanos College and transferred to a four-year college or university to earn a bachelor's degree.

In the meantime, we encourage you to contact us via email or social media and schedule a visit!

Sincerely,



Steven Hales
Dean of International Education

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Why choose CCC?

- Urban San Francisco Bay Area location: 32 km to San Francisco; 17 km to Berkeley; on-campus bus service to Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) commuter train.
- Culturally diverse campus: Students identify as 42% Hispanic, 20% African American, 14% Asian, 11% White, 6% Filipino, and 6% Multi-Ethnic.
- Average class size of 24 students.
- Presidential Award-winning Center for Science Excellence program for STEM Majors.
- Approximately 50% of international student transfers to 4-year institutions since 2011 have enrolled at UC Berkeley, UCLA, UC Davis, UC San Diego, or UC Santa Barbara.



**Rose
CAMBODIA**

My plan after CCC is to transfer as a Computer Science major. I want to graduate with my Bachelor's [degree] and then move on to get my Ph.D. I have been thinking of applying to all the UC system. San Jose State [Univ.] plus Georgia Tech and UT Austin [University of Texas].



**Annie
TANZANIA**

I really like the library and the international office and my counselor because they're like really helpful whenever I'm in trouble or if ever I need anything I can just go to them.



**Amy
COLOMBIA**

The teachers [at CCC] are very good; the classes are perfect. You have the opportunity to share with people from other countries. They have a lot of services, support for the students, clubs, and organizations.

Why choose DVC?

- Suburban San Francisco Bay Area location: 50 km to San Francisco; on-campus bus service to Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) commuter train.
- Convenient accommodation: Furnished & unfurnished apartments 1-2 blocks from campus.
- 70+ student clubs and organizations.
- #1 in transfers to 4-year institutions among California community colleges.
- #1 in transfers among international students to UC Berkeley. On average, 38% of international transfer students (1,000+ students) have been admitted to UC Berkeley since 2010.



Khalid
QATAR

I would highly recommend DVC to international students because it is a very safe, friendly environment. There are so many international students from around the world. It's a great place. The professors are really nice.



Juan Diego
PERU

If you're not sure about your major, this is an affordable option that you can explore, try different things, and then transfer to a university that's good for your major. After DVC, I plan to transfer to a 4-year university. My dream school would be the University of Southern California.



Celeste
SINGAPORE

I like DVC's location because it's in the middle of a lot of great nature places and cities. It's not too far from San Francisco either, so we have options if you want to get out and enjoy California. I chose DVC because I heard it has a great transfer rate to a lot of great UCs, especially for Berkeley.

Why choose LMC?

- Suburban San Francisco Bay Area location: 70 km to San Francisco; on-campus bus service to Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) commuter train.
- #6 "Best Community College in the U.S." by *College Choice Magazine*; "Top 150 U.S. Community College" by The Aspen Institute.
- Global Mentor Program for new international students.
- Experiential learning in science, technology, engineering, or mathematics (STEM) fields: Engineering and Physics students won a competition sponsored by NASA for which they produced a tool used by NASA scientists.
- Honors Program with ten partners, including UCLA and Saint Mary's College; since 2015, 75% of applicants to UCLA have been admitted.



Aline
BRAZIL

I like the professors because they are very kind and very professional, and they are available all the time to help us. I recommend LMC because the location is perfect, the professors are very good, and they have many resources, and the international student office is very helpful and can help you in every step of your process.



Melanie
GERMANY

When I came here to Los Medanos College as an international student, we had an orientation week. There were other students to help you find friends or just to talk with them, so you have somebody in school. And now I'm doing that with the new students that are coming in.



Feng
CHINA

San Francisco Bay Area is an awesome place, and the weather is super nice. I'm planning to transfer [from LMC] to UC Berkeley.

VALUE = COST, QUALITY & STUDENT SUCCESS

The Most Affordable And Likely Path To Prestigious 4-Year Institutions

Advantages of Community Colleges

Compared to most 4-year U.S. institutions, community colleges have:

- Less strict admissions requirements
- Lower tuition costs
- Classes always taught by professors (not graduate students)
- Smaller classes for general education courses
- Higher acceptance rates for community college transfers to prestigious 4-year institutions than for high school applicants

California Community Colleges

- Largest system of higher education in the U.S.
- Priority admission to University of California and California State University systems
- Approximately 30% of University of California graduates and 50% of California State University graduates



Annual Cost

Colleges of Contra Costa	Total
Tuition (30 units - 1 academic year)	\$10,380
I-20 Estimate	\$24,000

- Based on 2021-2022
- Costs vary by institution
- Costs do not reflect any scholarship(s)
- Tuition is approximate and subject to change

Tuition of Bachelor's Degree in California

Colleges of Contra Costa + University	Total
CCC/DVC/LMC + California State University (CSUs)	\$60,000
CCC/DVC/LMC + University of California (UCs)	\$110,000
CCC/DVC/LMC + Private University or College in California	\$140,000

Diversity & Campus Involvement



600+
International
Students



50+
Countries
Represented



130+
Student
Clubs



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How to Start

- ✓ **TOEFL/IELTS Waiver (ELS, Kaplan, UC Davis)**
Successfully complete a required intensive English program level and then enroll at CCC, DVC, or LMC.
- ✓ **Academic Bridge Program (DVC)**
Start at DVC with a 6-unit (2 courses), 7-week program in June, October, or March.
- ✓ **Direct entry to CCC, DVC or LMC**
Begin your program of study during a regular session (semester) at CCC, DVC, or LMC.

Where to Live



Furnished and unfurnished accommodation near CCC, DVC and LMC
4stay.com



Live with an American family
diablovalleyhomestay.com



Furnished apartments near DVC
interresidential.com

What to Study

125+ Degree Programs

5 Most Popular Majors:



Business



Computer Science



Psychology



Biology



Engineering

Student Employment Opportunities

On-campus

Students are eligible to work on campus 30 days before they enroll.

Off-campus

Students are eligible to apply for Curricular Practical Training (CPT) or Optional Practical Training (OPT) authorization after one academic year.



International Student Success & Support



Immigration Advising



1:1 Counseling (Education Plans)



24-30 Average Class Size



Academic Tutoring



Transfer Services



Career Services

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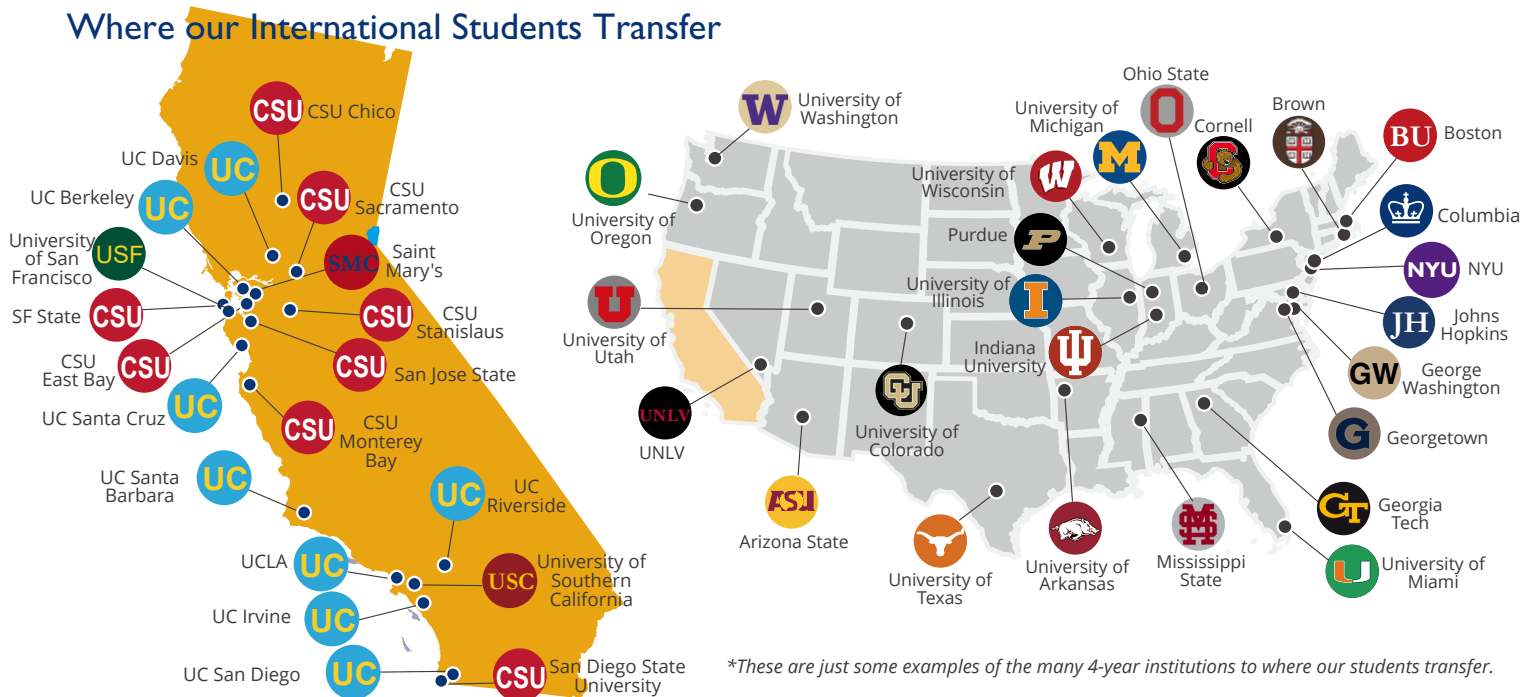
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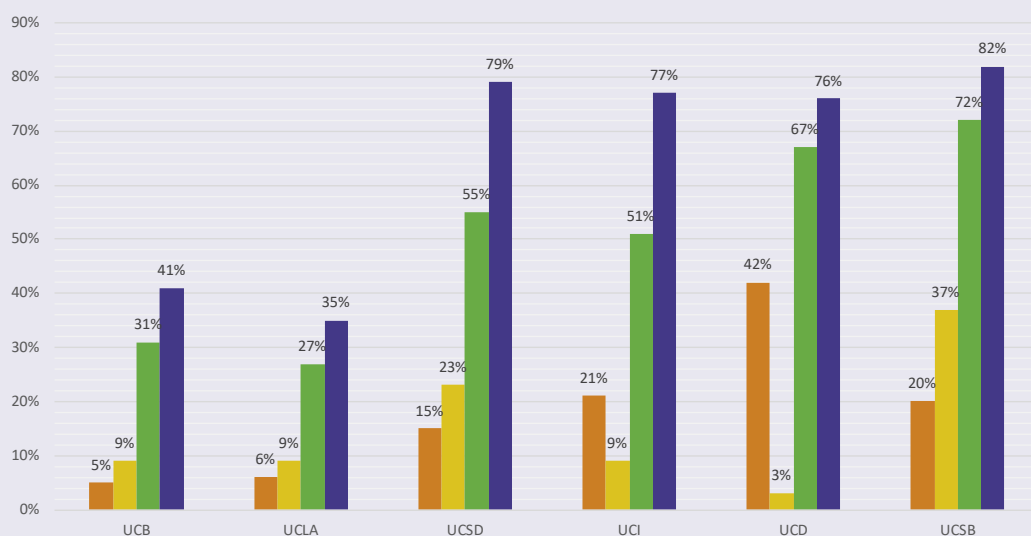
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UC, CSU,
Other 4-year
institution

Where our International Students Transfer



*These are just some examples of the many 4-year institutions to where our students transfer.



2022 UC Admission Rates

- International Freshman admission
- US college transfer
- California community college transfer
- Colleges of Contra Costa

[Source](#)

Application Deadlines

	Diablo Valley College	Contra Costa College Los Medanos College
Fall Semester	July 1	July 1 (outside the U.S.) *August 15 (inside the U.S.)
Spring Semester	December 1	December 1 (outside the U.S.) *January 15 (inside the U.S.)

*Only for Contra Costa and Los Medanos College

Admission Requirements

- ✓ No SAT or ACT for admission to community college
- ✓ No SAT or ACT needed to transfer to a 4-year institution

No SAT or ACT score is required for students who have sufficient credits/units to qualify as transfer applicants. This varies by institution.

1. Application & \$50 application fee
2. [Evidence of Secondary / High School Graduation](#) (if under 18)
3. [Evidence of English language proficiency](#)
4. Financial support evidence (Approximately \$26,000)
5. Passport

High School Graduation

IGCSE/O Level

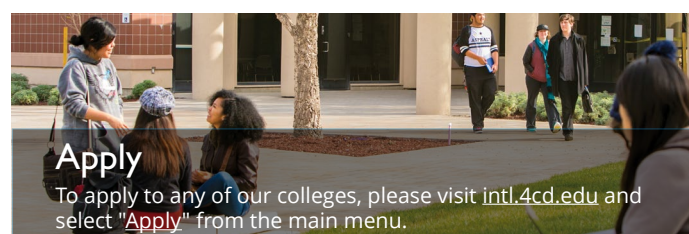
The IGCSE and O Level qualifications described below meet both the high school graduation equivalency and English language proficiency requirements for international student admission to Contra Costa College, Diablo Valley College, and Los Medanos College.

Applicants must submit final IGCSE or O Level results showing five subjects passed with grades of C or higher. One of the subjects must be English – First Language, English as a Second Language or English Language. Scanned copies of the final IGCSE and O Level results are accepted.

Contra Costa College, Diablo Valley College, and Los Medanos College will not admit students based on preliminary results or students who take IGCSE and O Level exams as independent or private candidates.

General Educational Development Test (GED)

Applicants who pass a U.S. equivalent GED meet the high school graduation equivalency requirement for international student admission to Contra Costa College, Diablo Valley College, and Los Medanos College.



Evidence of English Language Proficiency

English Proficiency Tests	Requirement
TOEFL iBT Test of English as a Foreign Language (Internet-based) ■ CCC Institutional Code: 4943 ■ DVC Institutional Code: 4295 ■ LMC Institutional Code: 4396	61
IELTS Academic and IELTS Indicator International English Language Testing System	5.5 Minimum band scores of 4.5
Duolingo English Test	95
CAE Cambridge English: Advanced	160
iTEP Academic International Test of English Proficiency	3.5
PTE Academic / PTE Academic Online	45
GTEC CBT Global Test of English Communication	1100
EIKEN	2A
TOEFL ITP Only accepted for study abroad students (1 to 2 semesters) from partner higher education institutions or for the DVC Academic Bridge Program.	500

*Only results within the past two years are accepted; **Scanned copies of official score reports are accepted; Online results verification (TOEFL, IELTS, CAE)

Partner Intensive English Programs

Conditional letters of admission will be issued for applicants in the following programs:

ELS Language Centers	Completion of Level 109 (EAP)
Kaplan International University Placement Service	Kaplan Higher Intermediate
UC Davis Continuing and Professional Education-International Destination Davis Pathway Program	Completion of UC Davis's highest level of Community College Pathway Track with a 3.0 GPA or better
The International Education Center at Orange Coast College (IEC@OCC)	Completion of Advanced B

Secondary (High School) Academic Records

Applicants must provide one of the following:

- Study for a minimum of two (2) years at a U.S. high school with grades of C or better in academic English (not ESL)
- Final IGCSE or O level results with a grade of C or higher in one of the following: English Language, English – First Language, English as a Second Language
- Graduation from a high school outside the U.S. where English is the primary language of instruction. Provide a letter from a school official on institution letterhead stating that English is the medium of instruction.
- Completed all years of upper secondary school in Sweden or Denmark with an English proficiency level of English 6 (Sweden) or English B (Denmark).

Post-Secondary Academic Records

Transcripts from U.S. post-secondary institutions showing one academic year of college level English with grades of C or higher.



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