

# Muir College Transfer Factsheet

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## Meeting Requirements with Previous Courses

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It is possible that coursework that you have taken before UCSD can meet major, minor or general education requirements.

### ASSIST

You can research how California community college courses might apply to your major by looking at <http://www.assist.org>.

### Undergraduate Student Petitions

Courses that are not approved on ASSIST still may be used toward your major by exception. You need to fill out an undergraduate petition form and submit it to your major department.

### General Education (GE) Petitions

Students that are not TAG or IGETC Certified or have a Letter of Reciprocity are held to all Muir College's GE requirements. Courses that are not approved on ASSIST may be used toward your general education by exception. You need to fill out a Muir GE petition and submit it to Muir College.

## Your Major

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### Changing Majors

Majors are not restricted by college. As a Muir College student you can major in any major without impacted status. You may change your major online once you enroll in classes.

### Impacted Majors

The following UCSD majors are impacted, and students generally have to be admitted directly into those majors.

- Bioengineering and Bioengineering: Biotechnology
- All Computer Science and Engineering majors
- Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering

If you were not directly admitted to a major listed above and you would like to pursue such a major, you should talk to a Muir advisor early in your first quarter to discuss your major options.

### Double Majors

Transfer students may only declare a double major if they can complete all the requirements for graduation within 9 quarters and 240 total units. They must also meet certain minimum GPA requirements, and have completed substantial course work for both majors. Meet with an advisor early in your first quarter if you want to declare a double major to see if you can qualify for and complete the double major on time.

## What Else You Should Know

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### Transcripts

You will need to get your transcripts to the **UCSD Admissions Office by July 15** in order to have your academic history updated in time to enroll in classes. If your transcripts are not here by the deadline, you may be unable to add courses you need to enroll in!

### IGETC Certification

If you are IGETC Certified (including TAG students), you must make sure that you request that your community college send your IGETC certificate to the **UCSD Admissions Office by**

**July 15.** At many schools, your IGETC Certificate is not automatically included with your transcripts, so make sure you request IGETC certification with your transcripts!

### The Quarter System

Quarters move much faster than semesters, so if you are used to 15- or 18- week semesters, the quarter system may be surprisingly fast-moving. You may have assignments from day one, mid-term exams typically start around week three, and final exams will happen in week eleven. You'll need to hit the ground running, and may find yourself needing to rethink your work load and time management skills.

## Getting Help

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### Orientation and Advising

Our new transfer student **orientation program will be in August and September.** This program will explain some of the policies, procedures, and graduation requirements you must complete at UCSD; introduce you to key support staff; and give you a chance to see how to become involved and connected to our campus.

Major advisors and Muir College advisors will provide you with options for online advising in mid-June. However, we may have limited ability to advise until your transcripts are posted (August 15<sup>th</sup>).

### Long-term Planning

We will not focus on long-term planning until after you begin your first quarter at UCSD — our big goal is to get you set up with classes for now, then once you have done some course work, you can meet with a Muir academic advisor to discuss future course load, a long-term academic plan, and your career goals.

### Major and College Advising Overview

You have at least two advisors, one at Muir College and one at your major department. Your Muir College advisor will help you with general questions, university procedures, deadlines, campus resources and graduation requirements.

Your major advisor is the one to consult about major requirements, exceptions, petitions, independent study courses, and major course options.

You will need to work with both your major and college advisors to make sure that the transition to UCSD and the completion of your degree requirements happens smoothly.