May a transfer student change his or her major after enrolling at a UC campus?

**UCB:** Students applying to the professional schools and colleges are admitted directly to the major and should not plan to change majors. Applicants to majors in the College of Letters and Science are admitted to the division that administers the major; once on campus, they are expected to formally declare a major in that division. Because some majors are impacted and students are expected to declare a major within one semester of admission, opportunities to move into a major in a different division are very limited.

**UCD:** Students may change majors after they are enrolled for one quarter. For most majors, this change is relatively easy. However, selective majors, such as those in the College of Engineering, have criteria that students must meet before they are allowed into the programs. There is no guarantee that a student can change to a selective major. Students should consult the “Academic Information” section of the UC Davis General Catalog (registrar.ucdavis.edu/UCDWebCatalog) for specific information about changing majors.

**UCI:** Students may petition for a change of major at any time after enrolling. However, some majors have more restrictive change-of-major criteria than others. The student may need to meet course and/or GPA requirements to be admitted to another major. Students should consult with an academic counselor before submitting the Change of Major Petition. For more information, see www.due.uci.edu/Change_of_Major.html.

**UCLA:** A student’s ability to change majors is determined by the completion of major-preparation courses and, in some instances, GPA. It is sometimes possible for students to change to majors within the humanities and social sciences, with the exception of Psychology and majors in Economics. It is much more difficult to change to majors in the sciences, engineering, and the arts, or any other major that is very selective or has a high number of preparation courses.

**UCM:** Generally, students may change majors, although they may be required to demonstrate a specific performance level in major-preparation courses before doing so.

**UCR:** Generally, students may change majors after enrolling at UCR. However, transfer students who are not initially admitted to their first-choice major due to limited or inappropriate major preparation are unlikely to be admitted to the major at a later date.

**UCSD:** Generally, students may change majors. However, selective majors — Bioengineering and Bioengineering: Biotechnology, within the Jacobs School of Engineering — have established screening criteria that do not allow for change of majors. The Computer Science and Computer Engineering majors offer an exceptional admissions program for continuing students.

**UCSB:** Generally, students may change majors. However, it is extremely unlikely that transfer students could change into Engineering, Computer Science, Biological Science, Economics or Business Economics majors after transfer. Students interested in changing majors in the College of Letters and Science must meet certain criteria based on UCSB coursework completed after transfer.

**UCSC:** Changes in major are not without a degree of difficulty; factors to be considered include the impacted status of a major, the student’s preparation for the major and the time-to-degree necessitated by the change. A student must obtain approval of the college in addition to obtaining approval for a new study plan from the new department.