

UC Transfer Jump Start: Intersegmental Cross Enrollment Pilot Program



“I thought only ‘smart’ people could put up with the intense UC courses. I came to realize that I could too, it just takes a lot of hard work and dedication” - Cultivamos Excelencia Scholar

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Intersegmental Cross Enrollment

[Educational Code 66751](#) allows any student enrolled at a California Community College (CCC) to enroll, without formal admission, in a UC course if they: (1) have completed one term at their home campus; (2) have a GPA of 2.0 or higher; (3) have paid tuition or fees at the home campus; and (4) have the appropriate academic preparation to enroll in the course (see Appendix A).

In an effort to meet the UC 2:1 transfer initiative through an equitable and inclusive process, the Latin American and Latino Studies (LALS) department, the Office of the Registrar and the Cultivamos Excelencia HSI initiative between UCSC and San Jose City College (SJCC) piloted the first UC cross enrollment course taught at a community college. During Fall 2017, 24 Cultivamos Excelencia Scholars cross enrolled in UCSC’s LALS course taught at SJCC.

Advantages of Cross Enrollment

The Cultivamos Excelencia Scholars who participated in this pilot cross enrollment, cited the following benefits of having taken the UCSC course.

- More likely to pursue higher education at a UC
- Academic confidence and self-efficacy
- Exposure to research and acquisition of new learning skills
- Early exposure to UC course rigour and quarter system
- Ethnic studies curriculum relevant to their personal and community histories.
- Faculty of color which allowed them to envision a possible self.

Recommendations

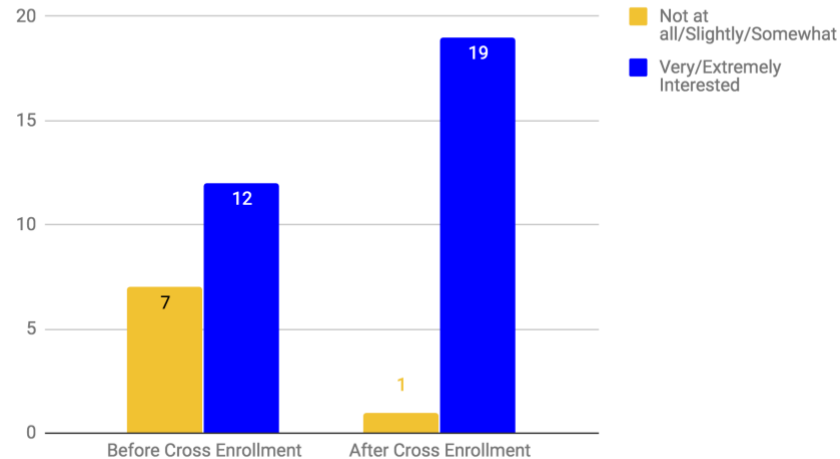
- Teach unarticulated major preparation courses through cross enrollment at the community college campus and/or online hybrid.
- Waive administrative fees associated with cross enrollment (\$46/unit)
- Students need to be supported to succeed in the course. Not passing a cross enrollment course will compromise future UC admissions.
- Work with Financial Aid and resource centers at CCC to provide course accommodations and financial aid.

Benefits of Cross Enrollment

Pursuing Higher Education at the UC

The vision behind the cross enrollment pilot program was to provide “access to an advanced [UC] course critically important for students who seek to gain entry into and successfully complete degrees in competitive colleges” (Iatarola, 2011 : 341). Taking a UC cross enrollment course prepared community college students for the rigor and structure of a UC course. It also fueled their confidence in achieving a bachelor’s degree. In reflection letters written upon completing the UC course, 95% students expressed serious interest in transferring to a UC and confidence in pursuing higher education beyond an AA. Figure 1 shows the significant increase in the number of students who reported serious interest in transferring to the UC after taking cross enrollment.

Figure 1: Interest in Transfer to the UC



“The access to a UC course at a CC motivated me to do well and strive for higher education. I truly believe this course alone creates a bridge for students to the UC system “

“Before this LALS 80F class taught at San Jose City college, I didn’t see myself pursuing anything higher than an AA. I find myself wanting to go to a UC, not only to prove people wrong, but to motivate them, invite them, tell them that they can too!”

Early experience with the UC Structure and Rigor

While enrolled in the LALS cross enrollment course, students were held to the same standards as a UCSC course and were expected to undergo the same

rigor in reading and writing. Students reported being challenged beyond the community college level, felt included and accepted in the UC system, and gained an awareness of what is expected of them at the UC level.

“The UC system has always intimidated me, since high school, but after working with the UC Santa Cruz staff and mentors, I feel like a place at the campus has opened up for me.”

“I have learned how to analyze and critique research papers, preparing me for something I will have to do once I transfer.”

Waiving Administrative Fee Fosters Inclusivity and Equal Access

During the pilot year, the cross enrollment fees were covered for students. Students expressed the benefits of not having to pay to participate in cross enrollment. Students’ economic status presented a barrier to participation:

“As a community college students, money is often a barrier that is difficult to overcome.”

“My mom is the only one that works in the family and with two daughters in college, having to pay for this program would have hindered my ability to join.”

Steps to Cross Enrollment

1. Identify a lower division course for cross enrollment
2. Complete the Application for Cross Enrollment
3. Complete the Consortium Agreement
4. Verify with home campus that cross enrollment units count toward CCC academic load.
5. Upon completion, request UC transcript.

REFERENCES

Iatarola, P., Conger, D., & Long, M.C. (2011). Determinants of High Schools' Advanced Course Offerings, *Educational Evaluation and Policy Analysis*, 33 (3), 340-359.

Appendix A

EDUCATION CODE - EDC

TITLE 3. POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION [66000 - 101060]

(Title 3 enacted by Stats. 1976, Ch. 1010.)

DIVISION 5. GENERAL PROVISIONS [66000 - 70110]

(Division 5 enacted by Stats. 1976, Ch. 1010.)

PART 40. DONAHOE HIGHER EDUCATION ACT [66000 - 67400]

(Part 40 enacted by Stats. 1976, Ch. 1010.)

CHAPTER 9.5. Cross-Enrollment [66750 - 66754]

(Chapter 9.5 added by Stats. 1994, Ch. 552, Sec. 2.)

66750.

For purposes of this chapter, the following definitions apply:

(a) "Home campus" means the campus at which the student is matriculated.

(b) "Host campus" means the campus to which the student seeks access.

(Added by Stats. 1994, Ch. 552, Sec. 2. Effective January 1, 1995.)

66751.

Any student enrolled in any campus of the California Community Colleges, the California State University, or the University of California who meets the requirements of Section 66752 may enroll without formal admission and, except as provided in Section 66753, payment of additional fees, in a maximum of one course per academic term at a campus of either of the other systems on a space available basis at the discretion of the appropriate campus authorities on both campuses. A student enrolled in a course pursuant to this chapter shall be provided access to necessary instructional support services at the host campus in the same manner as students regularly enrolled in the course.

(Added by Stats. 1994, Ch. 552, Sec. 2. Effective January 1, 1995.)

66752.

A student is qualified to participate in the program established by this chapter if he or she is enrolled in any campus of the California Community Colleges, the California State University, or the University of California and meets the following requirements:

(a) The student has completed at least one term at the home campus as a matriculated student and is taking at least six units at the home campus during the current term.

(b) The student has attained a grade point average of 2.0 (grade of C) for work completed.

(c) The student has paid appropriate tuition or fees, or both, required by the home campus for the academic term in which the student seeks to cross-enroll.

(d) The student has the appropriate academic preparation, as determined by the host campus, consistent with the standard applied to currently enrolled students, to enroll in the course in which the student seeks to enroll.

(Added by Stats. 1994, Ch. 552, Sec. 2. Effective January 1, 1995.)

66752.5.

Courses that are not state-supported, including extension and summer session courses, are not subject to this chapter.

(Added by Stats. 1994, Ch. 552, Sec. 2. Effective January 1, 1995.)

66753.

(a) (1) The Chancellor of the California Community Colleges, the Chancellor of the California State University, and the President of the University of California shall establish procedures so that a student meeting the requirements of Section 66752 may be certified by the home campus as to eligibility, residence, fee, financial aid, and health status.

(2) The host campus may require the applicant to submit additional information as needed. The host campus may charge participating students an administration fee, not to exceed an amount sufficient for the campus to recover the full amount of the administrative costs it incurs under this chapter.

(b) A student enrolled pursuant to this chapter shall be exempt from participation in the matriculation services described in Article 1 (commencing with Section 78210) of Chapter 2 of Part 48.

(Amended by Stats. 2003, Ch. 457, Sec. 1. Effective January 1, 2004.)

66753.5.

The enrollment of a student at a host campus pursuant to this chapter shall not be counted in the calculation of headcount or full-time equivalent student enrollment at the host campus. The home campus may count in the calculation of headcount or full-time equivalent student enrollment only those units for which the student is enrolled at the home campus.

(Amended by Stats. 1995, Ch. 758, Sec. 38.7. Effective January 1, 1996.)

66754.

This chapter shall become operative commencing with the fall 1995 term.

(Added by Stats. 1994, Ch. 552, Sec. 2. Effective January 1, 1995.)