Transfer Survival Guide

Transfer Student Resources and Opportunities

Prepared for the UCLA Transfer Community
Created by the Office of the Transfer Student Representative
To the Transfer Community,

This document was prepared to connect the incoming and returning transfer classes to opportunities and resources that aid in the overall advocacy of transfer students. We understand that given the recent events (and in prior years) of the pandemic, there has been no actual source where students can simply check a document that lists all the ways in which you can get involved as a transfer advocate.

To ease that, the office of the Transfer Student Representative used their resources and connections to post all available opportunities in one spot! If you have any questions or want help to learn more about a specific resource, feel free to reach out to us either through Instagram DMs @uclatsr or through email at tsr.internal@usac.ucla.edu or tsr.execoa@usac.ucla.edu!

Enjoy!
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Office of the Transfer Student Representative

Goal: Addresses the collective needs of all UCLA transfer students. The Representative functions as a facilitator of resources, providing advocacy and support for this group’s unique needs. They also are responsible for bringing transfer students’ concerns to the administration and the council. The 2021-2022 Transfer Student Representative is Herman Luis Chavez.

- Herman currently has drop-in office hours for any student that has questions about the transfer community, transfer opportunities, student government, and to just talk and get to know him!
  - Check our our Instagram to see his updated office hours each quarter!

Join the team either as a part of the:

- Executive Board
- General Staff
- TSR appointment
- Internship Program (offered each quarter)

Contact us!

- Office: 314 Kerckhoff Hall
- Email: tsr@usac.ucla.edu
- Instagram: @uclatsr
- Website: https://www.uclatsr.com/
USAC Appointments

- Most of these positions are stipended
- These positions usually open at the end of Spring quarter each year and are filled on a rolling basis

Apply to other USAC offices:

- President
- Internal Vice President
- External Vice President
- General Representative 1, 2, 3
- Academic Affairs Commission
- Campus Events Commissioner
- Community Service Commission
- Cultural Affairs Commission
- Facilities Commission
- Financial Supports Commission
- Student Wellness Commission
- International Student Representative
Student Organizational Opportunities

1. Transfer Leadership Coalition (TLC)
   - Location: Kerckhoff 128 Transfer Student Center
   - The TLC is a collective of student organizations, leaders, and transfer allies who work collaboratively to support the transfer student community at large. They strive to foster transfer receptive culture at UCLA. The three primary goals of the TLC are to bring transfer students together to share information, collaborate, and advocate.
   - Be a part of the team by:
     ○ Applying to be Co-Chair (every Spring quarter)
     ○ Joining the Executive Board
     ○ Attending the meetings (which are open to the general public)
   - Represent your student organization and become a member!
2. UCLA Honors Fellows
   - Student representatives of the Honors Program: applications open in Winter
3. Transfer Summer Program with AAP
4. Student Fee Advisory Committee (SFAC)
5. Campus Retention Committee (CRC)
6. Student Initiated Outreach Center (SIOC)
7. **Transfer-specific clubs**

- **Accelerated Transfer Leadership (ATL) for UCLA UniCamp**
  - Instagram: @uclaunicamp & @atl_unicamp2021
  - With only 2 years at UCLA, transfers may feel like they are “behind” on participating in service leadership activities while having to adjust to a new environment with rigorous academic demands. ATL aims to help even the playing field by holding a week-long intensive training program that allows new transfers to volunteer with UCLA UniCamp the summer before they enter UCLA.

- **Black Bruin Transfer Experience (BBTE)**
  - Instagram: @bbtsucla
  - An entity of the Afrikan Student Union (ASU), BBTE’s purpose is to create an empowering space for people of Afrikan descent who have transferred from a California Community College, other Universities, and out of state institutions to UCLA. Most known for their Black Bruin Transfer Extravaganza Event that provides resources such as information on financial aid, scholarship research opportunities, mental and physical health resources on campus, greek life, etc., mock lectures, 1:1 connections with current Black students, faculty, staff, and alumni, and much more.
• **Bruin Transfers in Business (BTiB)**
  ○ Instagram: @bruintransfersinbusiness
  ○ Bruin Transfers in Business aims to stimulate and facilitate a student business community primarily for transfer students, empower transfer students with career information through guest speakers and workshops, and bridge the gap between academic life at UCLA and the professional world outside of campus.

• **Chi Alpha Psi Transfer Fraternity**
  ○ Instagram: @chialphapsiucla
  ○ Chi Alpha Psi is a co-ed fraternity for transfers! The group’s aim is to create a social community of transfer students who are committed to their education, and principles of philanthropy.

• **Non-Traditional Students Network**
  ○ The Network is a support system for students returning to higher education after pursuing other life goals. They function as a facilitator of resources, and provide advocacy, community, and support for the non-traditional student.
  ○ The primary mission of The Network is to be a social and institutional support net for the diverse and growing demographic of non-traditional students who, although large in number, are often overlooked in a system geared toward tradition.
• **Parenting Students at UCLA (PSUCLA)**
  - Instagram: @ps_ucla
  - Parenting Students at UCLA serves a diverse population of students and is dedicated to providing assistance and support of the academic and personal success of student parents and those with dependents at UCLA.
  - As a supportive community, they are committed to increasing students’ access to and awareness of campus resources and enrichment opportunities. The group also promotes campus and community engagement that enrich and support students' academic and professional goals.

• **Pilipino Transfer Student Partnership (PTSP)**
  - Instagram: @ptspatucla
  - PTSP at UCLA is an organization dedicated to easing the transition of and guiding Pilipino Transfers throughout their years at UCLA and beyond. PTSP also aims to raise awareness about cultural and academic issues regarding the transfer experience by advocating the needs of transfer students, providing a space for student support and encouraging leadership and community responsibility.
• **Pre-Law Transfer Society (PLTS)**
  ○ Instagram: @plts_ucla
  ○ The Transfer Pre-Law Society is the first pre-law society that seeks to help transfer students at UCLA learn more about the law school admissions process.

• **SEACLEAR (Transfer Component)**
  ○ Instagram: @uclaseaclear
  ○ The Transfer Component of SEACLEAR seeks to equip Southeast Asian transfers with the skills needed to become empowered students that are conscious of their unique intersectionalities, while fostering their inclusion and participation in the Southeast Asian community at UCLA.

• **STEM Transfer Community (STC)**
  ○ Instagram: @stemtransfersbruins
  ○ STEM Transfer Community (STC) aims to inform, empower, and unite STEM transfer students at UCLA. This program will create a transfer receptive culture for these students and provide them with a centralized collection of resources that will ensure their success at UCLA and beyond. By equipping STEM transfer students with the necessary knowledge and support systems at an early stage in their UCLA career, they will be better prepared for the rigors of South campus life.
• **Student Opportunity and Mentorship Program (STOMP)**
  - Location: 2385 John Wooden Center
  - Instagram: @stompatucla
  - We are excited to introduce you to a program where you can use your transfer and academic experiences to help other transfer and community college students make the transition to UCLA. The Student Transfer Opportunity and Mentorship Program (STOMP) is a volunteer-based campus organization established by UCLA transfer students to provide educational partnerships to students at community colleges.

• **Student Veterans of America @ UCLA (SVAUCLA)**
  - Instagram: @sva_ucla
  - SVA's sole mission is to provide military veterans with the resources, support, and advocacy needed to succeed in higher education and after graduation. The SVA works closely with the Veteran Resource Center, often having many of its student workers be a part of the SVA. The SVA hosts a number of events at and in collaboration with the Veteran Resource Center.
• **Tau Sigma National Honor Society**
  ○ Instagram: @uclatausigma
  ○ This is the only transfer-specific honor society on the UCLA campus that recognizes and celebrates transfer students who earn a 3.5 or higher GPA their first quarter at UCLA. An email will be sent out to all eligible students after their first quarter with instructions on how to join the honor society. A formal induction ceremony is planned every year to celebrate our newest members, usually taking place in Winter or Spring quarter. There is also an active leadership team that hosts regular membership meetings and a variety of different social and academic events.

• **TransferMed**
  ○ Instagram: @transfermeducla
  ○ A Pre-Med/Pre-Health organization that serves to facilitate UCLA transfers toward obtaining opportunities, clinical exposure, resources on and off-campus. TransferMed is here to bridge the gaps for connections of all levels and help develop one's professionalism, increase support groups/friendships and more. The goal is for transfers to become the best pre-med/health student they can be.

• **Transfer Undergraduate Students at Hillel (TUSH)**
  ○ Instagram: @uclatush
  ○ Transfer Undergraduate Students of Hillel aka T.U.S.H. is an organization that brings Jewish UCLA transfer students together!
1. Transfer Student Center

- Location: Kerckhoff 128
- The Transfer Student Center is UCLA's central hub for all things transfer! The TSC is committed to serving the diverse population of transfer students at UCLA and the needs particular to this community. We help students hit the ground running by connecting them to the university system and offering support and the tools they need to achieve their desired goals at UCLA and beyond.

- Contact TSC!
  - Instagram: @uclatransfers
  - Facebook Page: https://www.facebook.com/UCLAtransfers/
  - Facebook Group: https://www.facebook.com/groups/uclatransfers
  - Email: transfers@saonet.ucla.edu

- Get involved!
  - Be a volunteer
  - Be a Transfer Mentor
  - Be a Transfer Mentee
  - Join the Team as student intern (rolling basis)
2. **Office of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Student Advisory Board**

3. **New Student Advisor Position**
   - App opens at the end of Fall quarter

4. **CAE Student Advisory Board Undergraduate Student Representative**
   - App opens in Spring

5. **Center for Community College Partnerships Peer Mentor/Femtor**
   - Instagram: @cccp_ucla
   - CCCP at UCLA is responsible for developing and strengthening academic partnerships between UCLA and California community colleges, particularly those with large historically underrepresented student populations
6. **Bruin Resource Center/Transfer Student Center Leadership Board (through referral)**
   - Location: SAC B44
   - Instagram: @uclabrc
   - The BRC serves all UCLA students, with a particular focus on current and former foster youth, students with dependents, students in recovery, formerly incarcerated, and undocumented students. The BRC also offers programs that promote holistic development and education of the student and the larger campus community, such as the Intergroup Dialogue Program.

7. **USAC Elections Board**

8. **Academic Senate**
UC-Wide Opportunities
University of California Student Association (UCSA)

- UCSA Appointed Officer (stipend for 2021-22)
- Collective Bargaining Representatives
- Systemwide Committee Representatives
- Student Advocates to the Regents
- Student Observer
- Student Regent Position (Open in April)
Other Resources
1. **Bruin Resources Center**

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   - Instagram: @uclabrc
   - The BRC serves all UCLA students, with a particular focus on current and former foster youth, students with dependents, students in recovery, formerly incarcerated, and undocumented students.
   - Programs:
     - Bruin Guardian Scholars Program
     - Students with Dependents Program
     - Bruin Underground Scholars Program
     - Undocumented Student Program
     - Collegiate Recovery Program

2. **Career Center**

3. **Community Programs Office**

   - Writing Success Program
   - Undergraduate Writing Center
   - Math Success Program
   - Basic Needs Program
   - Student Retention Center

4. **LGBTQ Resource Center**

5. **UCLA ONE (Alumni Networking)**

6. **UCLA Financial Wellness**

   - Financial coaching
7. Academic Programs

- College Academic Counseling
- Academic Advancement Program
- College Honors
- Sustainable LA Grand Challenge Research Program
  Sustainability | SLA GC URSP (ucla.edu)
- SAR (Sustainability Action Research) Student-led research on sustainability under UCLA’s Institute of the Environment and Sustainability
- Chancellor’s LINK Program
- Undergraduate Research Center
  ○ Undergraduate Research Center – Sciences
  ○ Undergraduate Research Center – Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences
  ○ Research & Creative Activities
- UCLA Library
- Bruinwalk
- New Student Mentor network – an extension of orientation for new transfers who want guidance and opportunities to meet other bruins their first quarter only.
8. Greek Life

• **Social Fraternity/Sorority Life**
  - Asian Greek Council (AGC)
  - Interfraternity Council (IFC)
  - Latinx Greek Council (LGC)
  - Multicultural Greek Council (MIGC)
  - National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC)
  - Panhellenic Council (Panhel)

• **Professional Fraternity - Search for Professional Fraternities under UCLA SOLE**
  - Chi Alpha Psi (Transfer Fraternity)
  - Phi Delta Epsilon (Pre-med)
    [https://www.uclaphide.org/](https://www.uclaphide.org/)
  - Alpha Epsilon Delta (Pre-Health Honor Society)
    [https://aedatucla.com/](https://aedatucla.com/)
  - Alpha Phi Omega National Co-Ed Service Fraternity
    [http://www.apo-x.org/](http://www.apo-x.org/)
Basic Needs

1. Housing [https://portal.housing.ucla.edu/](https://portal.housing.ucla.edu/)
   a. Bruin Shelter

2. Parking/Commuting

3. Food Insecurity
   - Calfresh
     - [https://www.basicneeds.ucla.edu/services/calfresh](https://www.basicneeds.ucla.edu/services/calfresh)
   - UCLA CPO Food Pantry (Located in Student Activities Center)

4. Good Clothes Good People

5. Emergency Crisis Response Team (ECRT)

6. UCLA Center for Accessible Education (CAE)
   [https://cae.ucla.edu/students](https://cae.ucla.edu/students)

7. Parenting Resources:
   - [Child Care Resources for UCLA Faculty, Staff, and Students](https://www.ucla.edu/services/careers/careforchildren)
   - [UCLA Early Child Care and Education Centers](https://earlychildcare.ucla.edu)
   - [Child Care at University Village](https://studentlife.ucla.edu/services/child-care-university-village)
Employment

1. On Campus

- Food service
- MyUCLA portal is helpful for finding jobs/work study
- Most places on campus hire students in some capacity, so if there’s a place you’re interested in look into it and ask!
  - (i.e. Undergraduate Admissions, Center for the Art of Performance at Royce, libraries, LGBTQ Center, Transfer Center)
- New Student Advisors / New Student Mentors

2. Off Campus

3. The Handshake app on Google Play and Apple/website
Pre-Health and Pre-Law Advising

- **Pre-Law Transfer Society**
  - @plts_ucla on Instagram - follow for update regarding events - admissions officer / alumni webinars, LSAT prep workshops, etc.

- **Law Fellows Program**
  - application open in Fall

- **Pilipinx Pre-Law Pipeline**
  - https://linktr.ee/pppatucla

- **Graduate Student Mentorship**
  - GUM (Graduate-Undergraduate Mentorship) Program

- **Justice Corps student member**
  - Various internship opportunities for undergraduates and postgraduates

- **TRIALS HARVARD & NYU**
  - 5 week summer program that allows students to live and learn at these campuses. Fully subsidized summer program. Must apply and come from a low income underrepresented community.