

Residency Policies

All UCLA College undergraduates must meet the senior and major residency requirements. Residency is established by completing units during a regular term at UCLA or through UCLA Summer Sessions as a Letters and Science student (does not include units taken through UCLA Extension).

Major Residency

Major residency is established when a minimum of 24 upper division units used on the major (excluding allied fields) are completed in residence at UCLA as a Letters and Science student.

Senior Residency

Senior residency is established when 35 of the last 45 units are completed in residence at UCLA as a Letters and Science student. In compliance with this requirement, UCLA College undergraduates are allowed to transfer in a maximum of 10 units from another institution within the last 45 units of the degree.

Waiving Residency

For students studying abroad in their final year at UCLA, the College may waive the senior residency requirement. For EAP, please consult Honors. Non-EAP students should consult their appropriate college counseling unit for a waiver.

Waiving residency requires that you submit a Blue Petition to the appropriate counseling unit.

Frequently Asked Questions

Can I take courses at a community college to complete my degree?

Yes, only if you need to fulfill a requirement and do not need the unit credit.

However, if you need unit credit to reach the 180 units necessary to graduate, then you cannot take courses at a community college.

Simultaneous enrollment at UCLA and another college is only allowed during summer.

How do I know if the units from another institution will transfer back to UCLA?

Courses completed at UCLA Extension that are numbered as X or XL 1-199 will transfer back to UCLA for unit credit. Courses numbered XLC will transfer back to UCLA for both unit credit and grade point credit.

Courses completed at a community college will transfer back to UCLA for course credit only. No unit credit will be awarded if the student has already completed a total of 105 units.

Courses completed at another UC campus will transfer back to UCLA for both unit credit and grade point credit.

What if I want to transfer in more than 10 units from another institution?

Please see a full-time counselor immediately at your academic counseling unit before enrolling in classes at another institution.

For any other questions, please see a counselor at your counseling unit.