

Transfer Edge



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2026

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To UC Santa Barbara



Transfer Edge is a six-week experience that offers individualized opportunities to **map your path to graduation** and get started on crucial courses, all while building a supportive community of peers that will last throughout your undergraduate career.

Begin your successful transition to UC Santa Barbara by working with academic advisors and **peer mentors** to take advantage of a rich selection of courses that will keep you on track toward achieving your educational goals.

During the program, you'll have the opportunity to participate in a variety of social activities, including community lunches, study sessions, and game nights to **foster lasting connections.**

2026 Timeline

Application

April 27th

June 30th*

*or until spots fill, apply early!

Program

August 2nd

September 12th

BENEFITS

For Transfer Students



Start classes early and learn to navigate campus when UC Santa Barbara's beautiful environment is quietest.



Build a community of friends to rely on throughout your undergraduate career by attending cohort events and activities.



Make immediate progress toward degree objectives by developing an academic plan with campus experts.



Explore opportunities like undergraduate research, Education Abroad, campus jobs, and internships to support your success.



Gain a comprehensive intro to campus resources, facilities, and services in INT 186ED, a Transfer Edge seminar course.



Receive dedicated support from peer mentors, program and Transfer Student Center advisors, and staff.



ESTIMATED COSTS

\$291.00	Per-unit course fee (6 unit min.)
\$33.87	Student technology fee
\$575.09	Campus-based fee
\$50.00	Programming and activity fee
\$25.00	Application fee (non-refundable)
\$1,382.00	Housing costs*

* Estimate is based on a double occupancy room in El Dorado Apartments. Rates and occupancy are subject to change.

In Summer 2026, undergraduate unit fees are being capped at 12 units. You can take up to 13 units, but won't pay for more than 12!

FINANCIAL AID & SAVINGS

Are you interested in Transfer Edge but concerned about affordability?

Summer financial aid packages are available for eligible students, with an additional aid pool specifically earmarked for Transfer Edge participants.*

Visit our website for more cost-savings opportunities, such as the Summer Access Grant and courses that offer scholarships to offset the cost of unit fees.

*Note: Students will be considered for financial aid after submitting the 2025–2026 FAFSA. This should be done as soon as possible, but no later than June 30, 2025. The 2025–2026 FAFSA is in addition to the 2026–2027 FAFSA, which applies beginning in Fall 2026.

TWO EASY STEPS TO ENROLL

1. Submit your Statement of Intent to Register (SIR) for Fall 2026 with the UCSB Office of Admissions by June 1st, 2026.
2. Visit summer.ucsb.edu/transferredge and complete the Transfer Edge online application starting April 27, 2026. Have your UC Santa Barbara information (e.g. your perm number) and transcripts ready.



HOUSING OPTIONS

We recognize that our students come from a variety of circumstances, strengthening the vibrant diversity of our living and learning community. You can participate in Transfer Edge whether commuting from a **local residence**, riding your bike from an **Isla Vista sublet**, or opting to live with other Transfer Edge students in the **El Dorado Apartments**.*

Tailor your Transfer Edge experience by selecting housing and dining options that will best allow you to **recharge, refuel, and thrive**.

Commuter students live locally and come to campus each day.

**Please note that space in the El Dorado Apartments is limited and will be assigned to Transfer Edge applicants on a first come, first served basis.*

El Dorado Apartments Amenities

- Fully furnished 1- and 2-bedroom apartments with all utilities included
- 5-minute bike ride from the center of campus
- Community pool, sundeck, BBQ area, and fitness center within the complex
- Full kitchens equipped with cabinets, a sink with garbage disposal, a stove, oven, and a refrigerator
- Beautiful views of the mountains, with open spaces nearby for exploring and recharging in nature

Visit the website for **El Dorado Apartments** to learn more about housing and meal plans.

TRANSFER EDGE

Voices



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I chose Transfer Edge to get ahead in my journey at UCSB and to form a community before Fall came so I didn't feel so lost and alone. The most rewarding aspect of the program was meeting people and being able to understand UCSB without the pressure of the school year.

— Rachel Harvey, TE Alumna

Transfer Edge connected me with other transfer students and prepared me for the Fall Quarter. I became familiar with the whole campus layout, found the paths from my apartment to school, located the dining halls, and learned about resources and opportunities. I even got a role in a summer Shakespeare production. Transfer Edge was a fun and exciting experience.

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—Kate Dewalt, TE Alumna





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Program Dates
August 2nd – September 12

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