GCC Transfer Center

Tips for Ranking the UCSD Colleges

When you APPLY to UCSD you will be expected to rank the UCSD colleges in the order of your preference. For transfer students, we do not believe it really matters which college you attend AT UCSD in terms of your experience. After speaking with representatives from UCSD, we have learned that while your assigned college does build a sense of community it is essentially the place to process your administrative paperwork. Your major is not related to the college you attend. If you had started UCSD as a freshman then your GE's would have been shaped by the mission of each college. This is not the same for transfers as your GE's are, in most cases, complete.

With this in mind, we have ranked the colleges from the least additional requirements to the most. We believe students would be happy at any of the colleges even if they have to take a couple of extra classes. EXCEPT FOR REVELLE!!! We have worked with the students who sometimes have to take at least 8 - 10 EXTRA courses because they selected Revelle! Yikes!

Though students might be able to switch colleges once they are at UCSD, it appears it is seldom approved.

Ranking the UCSD Colleges (GCC Transfer Center's recommended order)

1. **Muir College**
   Mission: Celebrating the independent sprit
   IGETC: Complete all GE requirements
   Also need: One U.S. cultural diversity course (before or after transfer) and one analytic writing course at UCSD
2. **Marshall College**
   Mission: Developing the scholar and citizen
   IGETC: Completes all GE requirements
   Also need: Two four-unit upper-division courses outside your major field of study including one upper division writing course
3. **Sixth College**
   Mission: Preparing successful citizens for the 21st century
   IGETC: Completes all GE requirements
   Also need: Practicum project/course and CAT 125, the practicum writing requirement
4. **Roosevelt**
   Mission: Developing world citizens through scholarship, leadership and service
   IGETC: Completes all GE requirements
   Also need: Two Making of the Modern World courses
5. **Warren College**
   Mission: Toward a life in balance
   IGETC: Completes all GE requirements
   Also need: Three upper-division courses that are noncontiguous to the major
6. **Revelle College**
   Mission: A renaissance education for leaders of the 21st century
   IGETC: Not Accepted. Need to follow the Revelle college GE pattern.