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WINTER/SPRING 2026
EVENTS, WORKSHOPS & COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY VISITS
VIRTUAL, IN-PERSON & HYBRID

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EVENTS

SPRING 2026 COLLEGE FAIR

Thursday, April 30, 2026

10am – 1pm

Main Campus Quad

For more information visit www.smc.edu/collegefair

SMC Writing & Humanities Tutoring Center
2026 Online Winter Workshop

Writing a Compelling Transfer Essay



Choose one of two dates to learn:

- How to develop concrete and specific details that will help you stand out and underscore your accomplishments and talents.
- How and why to explain academic or personal challenges and missteps.
- How to prove knowledge and understanding of the institution and department you are applying to.
- How to save time by repurposing ideas and paragraphs for different multiple schools.
- How to avoid pitfalls and clichés.



January 23, 2026

10:00am - 11:30am



February 6, 2026

12:00pm - 1:30pm

Thinking about Transferring to UC Campus?

Save the Date



UC Transfer Student Panel
(with UC Berkeley Students)

Real advice from students who transferred from community college



Jan 29, 2026
11AM - 1PM
Santa Monica College
Hybrid: SSC 183 + ZOOM



✓ Transfer Application Tips
✓ What UCs are looking for
✓ Student Panel Q&A



More details coming soon! Register via the QR code

Hosted by Santa Monica College Transfer Center
in partnership with UC Berkeley PASS SoCal





WINTER 2026 DATE & TOPICS:

Tuesday, February 3

Learn more about CalGETC

SPRING 2026 DATES & TOPICS:

Dates TBD

Food will be provided (*while supplies last*)

WORKSHOPS



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COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY – SCHOOL OF GENERAL STUDIES INFORMATION SESSION (HYBRID)

Presented by,
Diana O'Donnell from CUSGS

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2026

11:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Registration Link for virtual or in-person

On-ground: HSS 165

*NOTE: This session is being offered as a Hybrid Workshop.
The workshop will be presented virtually as well as in the classroom.*

[Additional Workshop Information](#)



image of USC sign

HOW TO TRANSFER TO USC – ADMISSION PRESENTATION (HYBRID)

Presented by
Chelsey Kaufman
and
Matthew Mangione from USC

Date TBD

*NOTE: This session is being offered as a Hybrid Workshop.
The workshop will be presented virtually as well as in the classroom.
Workshop WILL NOT be recorded.*

Sign up for the [Mailing List](#)
[Additional workshop information](#)



HOW TO TRANSFER TO LMU – ADMISSION PRESENTATION (HYBRID)

Presented by,
Samantha Reavis from LMU

THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 2026

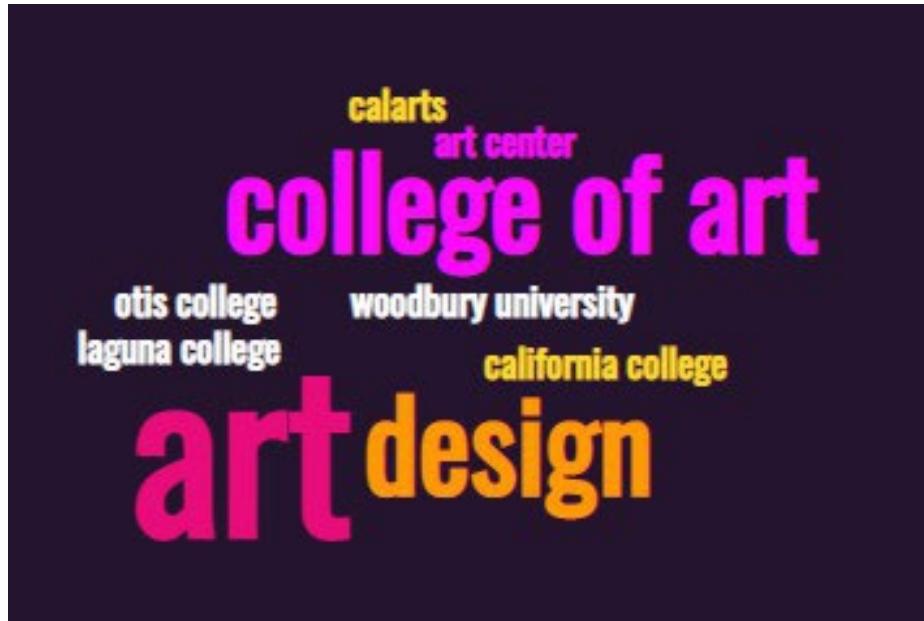
11:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Registration Link for virtual or in-person

On-ground: SSC 290

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[Additional Workshop Information](#)



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ART SCHOOL PANEL & PORTFOLIO REVIEW

Art schools presenting (Tentative List):

Art Center
California College of the Arts (CCA)
California Institute of the Arts (CalArts)
Laguna College of Art and Design (LCAD)
Otis College of Art and Design
Woodbury University

PRESENTATION (HYBRID)

TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 2026

11:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Registration Link for virtual or in-person
On-ground: SSC 183, Orientation Hall

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The workshop will be presented virtually as well as in the classroom.*

PORTFOLIO REVIEW (IN-PERSON)

Representatives from each school will be available to review portfolios.

1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

SSC 230, Transfer Lounge

To view a calendar of all transfer workshops scheduled for **WINTER/SPRING** [visit our website!](#)

UNIVERSITIES OF CALIFORNIA (UC)

UC, IRVINE		REPRESENTATIVE: BRYAN PARKER
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		Virtual Appointments & 1:1 Appointments Website Link

UCLA		REPRESENTATIVE: Inez Gonzalez & REPRESENTATIVE: Diana Torres
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UCLA-CCCP		REPRESENTATIVE: Blen Ashebir	
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Monday, January 26	6-8	Virtual Drop-in Visit	Zoom link
Friday, January 30	6-8	Virtual Drop-in Visit	Zoom link
Monday, February 2	6-8	Virtual Drop-in Visit	Zoom link
Friday, February 6	6-8	Virtual Drop-in Visit	Zoom link
Monday, February 9	6-8	Virtual Drop-in Visit	Zoom link
Friday, February 20	6-8	Virtual Drop-in Visit	Zoom link
Monday, February 23	6-8	Virtual Drop-in Visit	Zoom link
Friday, February 27	6-8	Virtual Drop-in Visit	Zoom link
Monday, March 2	6-8	Virtual Drop-in Visit	Zoom link
Friday, March 6	6-8	Virtual Drop-in Visit	Zoom link
Monday, March 9	6-8	Virtual Drop-in Visit	Zoom link
Friday, March 13	6-8	Virtual Drop-in Visit	Zoom link
Monday, March 16	6-8	Virtual Drop-in Visit	Zoom link
Friday, March 20	6-8	Virtual Drop-in Visit	Zoom link

UCLA-CCCP		REPRESENTATIVE: Haylee Nguyen	
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Wednesday, January 21	2:30-5	In-person Drop-in Visit	SSC 230, Transfer Lounge
Thursday, January 22	2-4	Virtual Visit	Appointment link
Monday, January 26	2:30-5	In-person Drop-in Visit	SSC 230, Transfer Lounge
Wednesday, January 28	2:30-5	In-person Drop-in Visit	SSC 230, Transfer Lounge
Thursday, January 29	2-4	Virtual Visit	Appointment link
Monday, February 2	2:30-5	In-person Drop-in Visit	SSC 230, Transfer Lounge
Wednesday, February 4	2:30-5	In-person Drop-in Visit	SSC 230, Transfer Lounge
Thursday, February 5	2-4	Virtual Visit	Appointment link
Monday, February 9	2:30-5	In-person Drop-in Visit	SSC 230, Transfer Lounge
Wednesday, February 11	2:30-5	In-person Drop-in Visit	SSC 230, Transfer Lounge
Thursday, February 12	2-4	Virtual Visit	Appointment link
Wednesday, February 18	2:30-5	In-person Drop-in Visit	SSC 230, Transfer Lounge
Thursday, February 19	2-4	Virtual Visit	Appointment link
Monday, February 23	2:30-5	In-person Drop-in Visit	SSC 230, Transfer Lounge
Wednesday, February 25	2:30-5	In-person Drop-in Visit	SSC 230, Transfer Lounge
Thursday, February 26	2-4	Virtual Visit	Appointment link
Monday, March 2	2:30-5	In-person Drop-in Visit	SSC 230, Transfer Lounge
Wednesday, March 4	2:30-5	In-person Drop-in Visit	SSC 230, Transfer Lounge
Thursday, March 5	2-4	Virtual Visit	Appointment link
Monday, March 9	2:30-5	In-person Drop-in Visit	SSC 230, Transfer Lounge
Wednesday, March 11	2:30-5	In-person Drop-in Visit	SSC 230, Transfer Lounge
Thursday, March 12	2-4	Virtual Visit	Appointment link
Monday, March 16	2:30-5	In-person Drop-in Visit	SSC 230, Transfer Lounge
Wednesday, March 18	2:30-5	In-person Drop-in Visit	SSC 230, Transfer Lounge
Thursday, March 18	2-4	Virtual Visit	Appointment link

UC, RIVERSIDE		REPRESENTATIVE: Camilla Valadez
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UC, SANTA BARBARA		REPRESENTATIVE: Betsabe Lopez Morales
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UC, SANTA CRUZ		REPRESENTATIVE: Sandra Ponce	
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		Virtual Appointments	Appointment Link

UC, SANTA CRUZ - INTERNATIONAL		REPRESENTATIVE: Laura Gail	
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		Virtual Appointments	Appointment Link

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITIES (CSU)

CSU, CHANNEL ISLANDS - INTERNATIONAL		REPRESENTATIVE: Ali Yalkin	
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Tuesday, February 17	10-1	In-Person Visit	SSC 3 rd floor lobby

CSU, DOMINGUEZ HILLS		REPRESENTATIVE: Paola Fajardo Perez	
EMAIL: pfajardoperez1@csudh.edu		PHONE: (310) 243-2044	
Wednesday, February 18	11:30-1:30	In-Person Visit	Main Campus Quad
Wednesday, February 25	11:30-1:30	In-Person Visit	Main Campus Quad
Monday, March 9	10:15-11:15	Next Steps for Fall 2026 Admitted Students Registration Link	Location TBD
Tuesday, March 24	12-2	In-Person Visit	Main Campus Quad
Tuesday, April 7	10:30-12:30	In-Person Visit	Main Campus Quad
Tuesday, April 21	10:30-12:30	In-Person Visit	Main Campus Quad
Wednesday, May 6	12-2	In-Person Visit	Main Campus Quad
Tuesday, May 12	10:30-12:30	In-Person Visit	Main Campus Quad

CSU, FULLERTON		REPRESENTATIVE: Talani Solia	
EMAIL: tsolia@fullerton.edu		PHONE: (657) 278-8116	
Tuesday, February 17		In-Person Visit	Main Campus Quad
Wednesday, March 25		In-Person Visit	SSC 230, Transfer Lounge Appointment Link

CSU, LOS ANGELES		REPRESENTATIVE: Dale Alexander	
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CSU, NORTHRIDGE		REPRESENTATIVE: Yesenia Cardenas	
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Tuesday, February 17	10-2	In-Person Visit	SSC 3 rd floor lobby
Wednesday, March 18	10-12	In-Person Visit Appointment Link	SSC 230, Transfer Lounge
	12-2	In-Person Visit	SSC 3 rd floor lobby

CALIFORNIA PRIVATE COLLEGES/UNIVERSITIES

ANTIOCH UNIVERSITY		REPRESENTATIVE: Harry McDonough
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AZUSA PACIFIC UNIVERSITY (APU)		REPRESENTATIVE: Aaron Paek
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CALIFORNIA COLLEGE OF THE ARTS		REPRESENTATIVE: Djavan Nascimento
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		Virtual Appointments Appointment Link
		Admission/Tours and Events/Financial Aid/and more Web Link

CALIFORNIA LUTHERAN UNIVERSITY		REPRESENTATIVE: Aaron Acevedo
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Thursday, February 19	9-11	In-Person Visit
Thursday, March 19	9:30-11	Virtual Visit
Thursday, April 23	9:30-11	Virtual Visit
Wednesday, May 13	9-11	In-Person Visit
		Main Campus Quad
		Zoom Link
		Zoom Link
		Main Campus Quad

LOYOLA MARYMOUNT UNIVERSITY (LMU)		REPRESENTATIVE: Samantha Reavis
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Wednesday, February 25	12-5	In-Person Visit Appointment Link
Thursday, March 26	11:15-12:30	Hybrid Information Session Registration Link
	1-5	In-Person Visit Appointment Link
Wednesday, April 22	12-5	In-Person Visit Appointment Link
Wednesday, May 27	12-5	In-Person Visit Appointment Link
		SSC 230, Transfer Lounge
		On-ground location: SSC 290
		SSC 230, Transfer Lounge
		SSC 230, Transfer Lounge
		SSC 230, Transfer Lounge

MOUNT SAINT MARY'S UNIVERSITY		REPRESENTATIVE: Lovie Binion
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NEW YORK FILM ACADEMY		REPRESENTATIVE: Caroline Goldenberg
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UNIVERSITY OF SAN FRANCISCO		REPRESENTATIVE: Francis Calimlim
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WHITTIER COLLEGE		REPRESENTATIVE: Genevieve Garcia
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OUT OF STATE COLLEGES/UNIVERSITIES

GRAND CANYON UNIVERSITY		REPRESENTATIVE: Sherri Freeman
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THE NEW SCHOOL		REPRESENTATIVE: Sara Konekeo
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[The New School](#) is well known for our five colleges below:

- [Parsons](#) School of Design (offers majors in Art & Design)
- [Eugene Lang](#) College of Liberal Arts (offers Liberal Arts and other majors)
- [College of Performing Arts](#) (offers programs in music and performing arts housed in 3 different schools, Mannes School of Music, School of Jazz, and School of Drama)
- [New School for Social Research](#), Graduate Programs
- [Schools of Public Engagement](#)
 - [Bachelor's Program for Adult & Transfer Students](#) School of Liberal Arts (offers Liberal Arts and other majors for nontraditional paths.)

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY – SCHOOL OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES		REPRESENTATIVE: Gayle Kent
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OHIO UNIVERSITY		REPRESENTATIVE: Renee Dodd
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RHODE ISLAND SCHOOL OF DESIGN		REPRESENTATIVE: LJ Kunz
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RISD has an extensive lineup of webinars like [RISD 101](#), a higher-level introduction to RISD, and [Application Prep](#) and [Portfolio Tips](#), a resource to help your students prepare for their application to art schools. You can see all the events and register on [risd.edu/live](#).

RISD offers multiple opportunities for individual portfolio reviews. There are online [RISD Portfolio Days](#), in-person [National Portfolio Day Association](#) (NPDA) [events](#), and the [Association of Independent Colleges of Art and Design](#) (AICAD) online platform. AICAD includes all the big art schools in North America, including RISD. Your students can upload images of their work to the [AICAD Portfolio Review Portal](#) and check off their desired schools. Then the selected schools will email them with feedback.

Interested in pursuing a fine arts or design education? Reach out for assistance at admissions@risd.edu.

SAVANNAH COLLEGE OF ART AND DESIGN		REPRESENTATIVE: Caroline Kostecky
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SCHOOL OF THE ART INSTITUTE OF CHICAGO		REPRESENTATIVE: Michael Trilling
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TEXAS TECH		REPRESENTATIVE: Jennifer Wang
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Transfer Thursday Virtual Information Sessions

Prospective transfer students are highly encouraged to attend a **Transfer Thursday** session. These virtual sessions are hosted on *the first Thursday of every month*, and your attendance will allow you to learn more about the entire transfer process, including topics like: admissions requirements, the transfer credit evaluation, planning your pathway from a community college, tuition & fees, transfer scholarships, housing, and more.

In the second half of the one-hour session, you will also be able to meet with a department representative to discuss your program of interest in depth.

[Link to calendar](#)

UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI		REPRESENTATIVE: Sarah Anne Kauffman
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SWARTHMORE UNIVERSITY		REPRESENTATIVE: Windsor Jordan
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INTERNATIONAL COLLEGES/UNIVERSITIES

TEMPLE UNIVERSITY, JAPAN		REPRESENTATIVE: Liam O'Neil
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Please note that this schedule is frequently updated, and students should check www.smc.edu/transfer periodically for dates and times of additional representative visits.

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