



# Facilitating Transfer Student Pathways to Success

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*National  
Student  
Success  
Conference*

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# The Transfer Challenge

- 41.9 million Americans have “Some college, no credential”.
- More than 8.8 million students attended Community Colleges in 2020-21, representing over 43% of undergraduates nationwide.



About 80% of CC students aspire to transfer to four-year institutions.

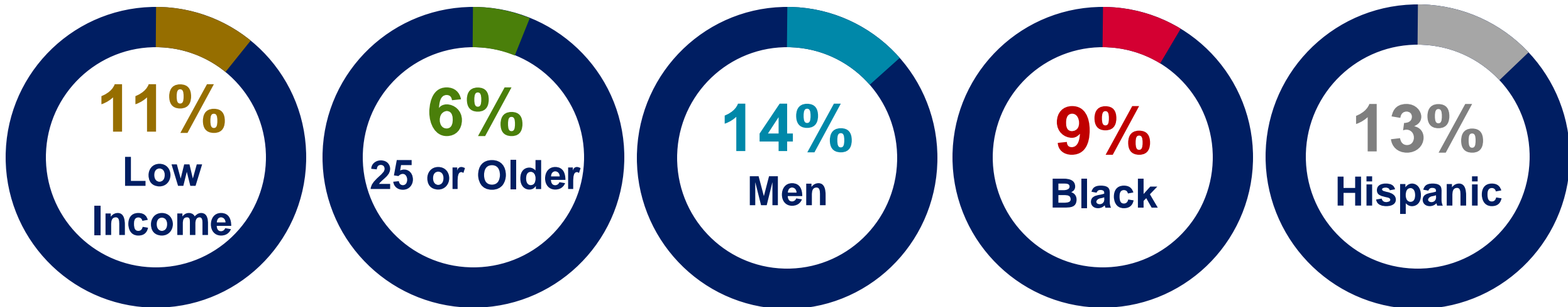
**33%** of students enrolled in CCs transfer to four-year institutions.

**16%** of CC students attain a bachelor's degree within six years.



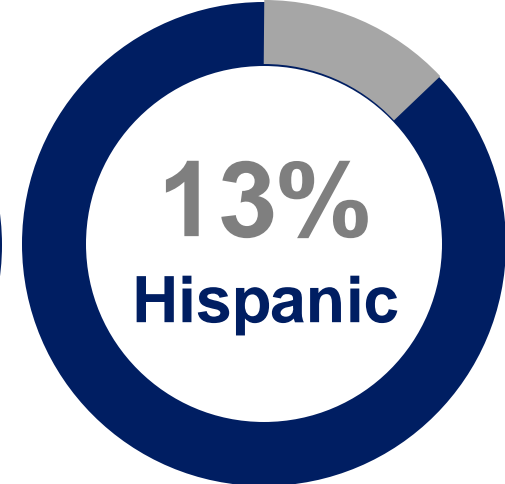
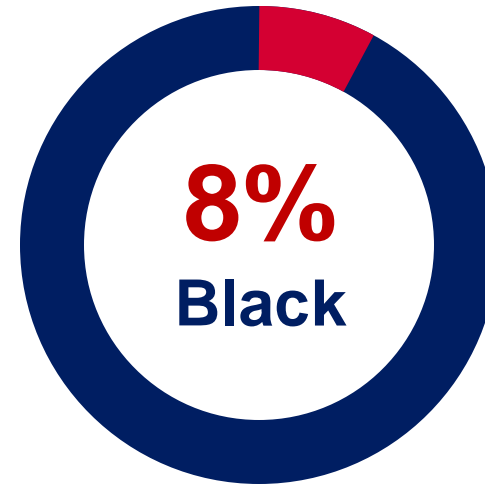
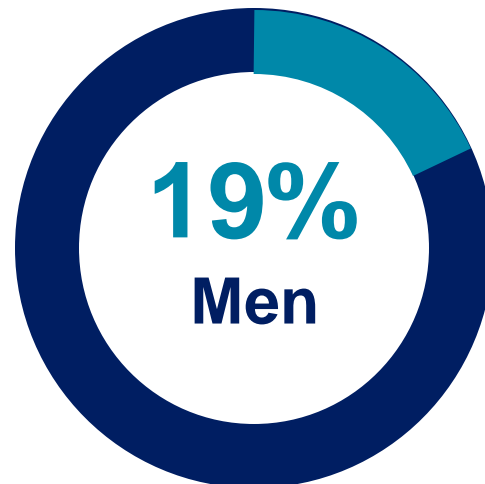
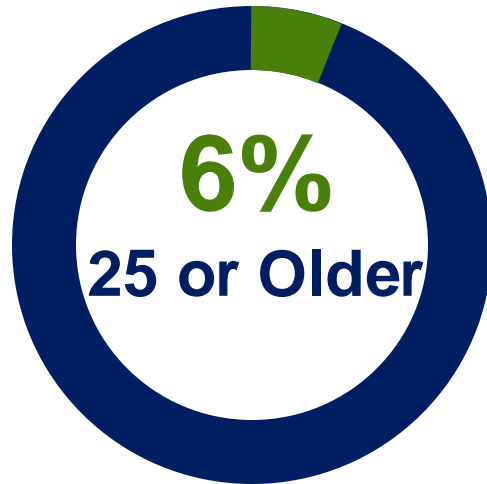
# Transfer Student Bachelor's Completion Rates: National

Lower bachelor's completion rates among CC students for low-income, male, older, Black, and Hispanic students.



# Transfer Student Bachelor's Completion Rates: Illinois

- **35%** of students enrolled in IL CCs transfer to four-year institutions
- **20%** of IL CC students attain a bachelor's degree within six years



# Barriers to Transfer Student Success

Credit loss when transferring

Degree programs without room for electives or general transfer credits

Lack of coordinated advising

Lack of degree planning to understand requirements

Lack of transfer admission guarantees or degree pathway programs

No opportunities to catch up on required courses

Reduced financial aid and wraparound support programs

# Pathways to Excellence: A Plan for Transfer Student Success in Illinois

Break down institutional silos and address cross-institutional challenges to help students move to and through college and into careers



Increase bachelor's degree attainment rates for students starting at Chicago Public Schools, enrolling at City Colleges of Chicago, and transferring to UIC



Expand the program to students at high schools and community colleges throughout Illinois

# Chicago Public Schools – City Colleges of Chicago – University of Illinois Chicago



- 4th largest public K-12 district in U.S.
- Serves over 320,000 students across 634 schools in Chicago
- Primarily serves racially underrepresented students
- 46% identify as Hispanic
- 35% identify as African American



- One of the largest CC districts in U.S.
- Hosts 7 campuses that serve over 60,000 students annually
- Federally designated Minority-Serving Institution (MSI)
- 5 campuses identified as HSIs
- 3 campuses identified as Predominantly Black Institutions
- 1 campus identified as an AANAPISI



- Chicago's only public R-1 university
- Serves over 33,000 students, including 14,000 Latinx, Black, Asian, and Indigenous undergraduates
- 50% of undergraduates receive Pell
- 52% first-generation students
- Federally designated MSI
- Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institution (AANAPISI)
- Hispanic-Serving Institution (HSI)



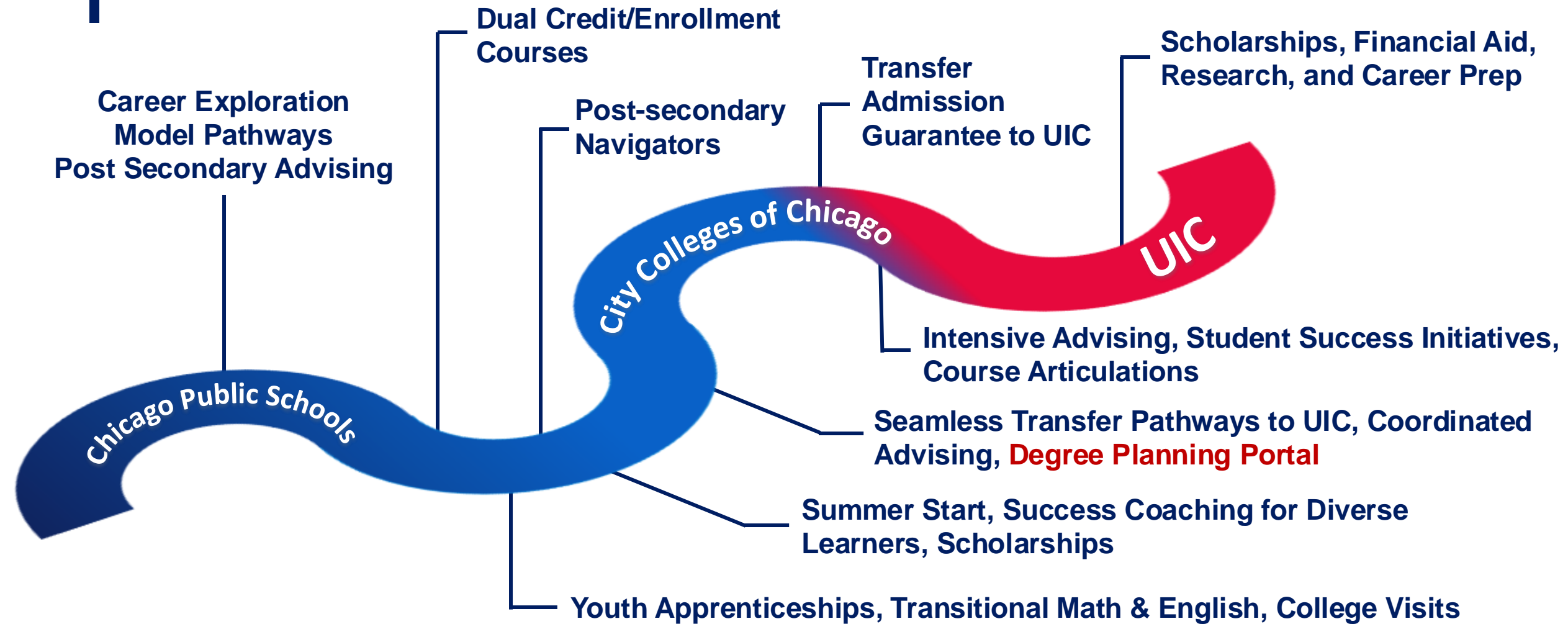


# Chicago Roadmap 2.0: Key Activities





# Chicago Roadmap 2.0: CPS → CCC → UIC



**Roadmap 1.0: CPS → CCC**

*Launched on June 30, 2020*



# Activity 1: Collaborative Agreements

Chicago Roadmap 2.0:  
CPS → CCC → UIC

Transfer  
Admission  
Guarantee  
Program (TAG)

U of I System  
Transfer  
Guarantee  
Program

TAG:  
Admission at the  
program level with  
required major  
prep. courses and  
GPA > 3.0

UIC



# Activity 2: Transfer Pathways

Chicago Roadmap 2.0:  
CPS → CCC → UIC

Term-by-Term  
Transfer Degree  
Plans across  
Institutions

Credit Loss  
Reduction

Course  
Equivalency  
Articulation

UIC



# Chicago Roadmap 2.0: Transfer Pathways

## Sample Plan



**CITY COLLEGES**  
OF CHICAGO



## Transfer Degree Plan

### CPS Healthcare Model Pathway

### Associate in Science, Biology Pathway

### Bachelor of Science in Liberal Arts & Sciences, Major in Biological Sciences

#### Starting Schools

Chicago Public Schools (CPS)

City Colleges of Chicago (CCC)

#### Starting Programs

Health Sciences Model Pathway (CPS)

Associate in Science Degree, Biology Pathway (CCC)

#### Career Opportunities

#### Post Baccalaureate Education Opportunities

#### Recommended Plan of Study

#### Destination School

University of Illinois Chicago (UIC)

#### Destination Program

Bachelor of Science in Liberal Arts and Sciences with a Major in Biological Sciences

# Chicago Roadmap 2.0: Transfer Pathways

## CCC – Associate in Science Degree/Biology Pathway

### Term 1

	Course	Credit Hours	Associate of Science Requirement satisfied	Course Notes / Commonly applied Test Based Credit	UIC Equivalency
<input type="checkbox"/>	ENGLISH 101	3	Composition	ACT English sub score 27; SAT EBRW score 630; AP Engl Lang/Comp score 3-5; IB English Language A: Language and Literature-Standard or Higher Level score 6-7	ENGL 160
<input type="checkbox"/>	BIOLOGY 116 or other BIOLOGY Elective	4	AS Pathway Elective	Healthcare Model Pathway Course	ANAT & PHYS elective
<input type="checkbox"/>	BIOLOGY 120 or other Elective	3	AS Pathway Elective	Healthcare Model Pathway course	Alt Med Term elective
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mathematics	3	Mathematics	e.g. MATH143: prerequisite for MATH 207	Elective/QR
<b>Total credits for Term 1</b>		<b>13</b>			

### Term 2

<input type="checkbox"/>	ENGLISH 102	3	Composition		ENGL 161
<input type="checkbox"/>	BIOLOGY 121	5	Life Science	AP Biology score 3-5; IB Biology-Standard or Higher Level score 5-7	BIOS 110/ Analyzing the Natural World GE
<input type="checkbox"/>	Social and Behavioral Sciences Selective	3	Social and Behavioral Sciences GE	See test-based credit policy for potential exams.	Choose U.S. Society GE Equivalent
<input type="checkbox"/>	MATH 207	5	Mathematics	AP Calculus AB score 4-5, AP Calculus BC score 4-5 with any sub score for Calculus AB; IB Mathematics: Analysis and Approaches-Higher Level score 6-7	MATH 180/QR
<b>Total credits for Term 2</b>		<b>16</b>			

Each course in the degree pathway has been mapped to course equivalents in CPS, CCC, and UIC.

### Term 3

<input type="checkbox"/>	CHEM 201	5	Physical Science	AP Chemistry score 4-5; IB Chemistry-Standard Level score 6-7, Higher Level score 5-7	CHEM 122 + CHEM 123/ Additional GE
<input type="checkbox"/>	SPEECH 101	3	Oral Communication		COMM 100/ Individual Society GE
<input type="checkbox"/>	Foreign Language 103 or Humanities Selective	4	Humanities	See test-based credit policy for specific language and scores.	FL Requirement or choose Understanding The Past GE Equivalent
<input type="checkbox"/>	Fine Arts Selective	3	Fine Arts GE	See test-based credit policy for potential exams.	Choose Creative Arts GE Equivalent
<b>Total credits for Term 3</b>		<b>15</b>			

### Term 4

<input type="checkbox"/>	BIOLOGY 122	5	Life Science Elective	AP Biology score 3-5; IB Biology-Standard or Higher Level score 5-7	BIOS 120/ Analyzing the Natural World GE
<input type="checkbox"/>	CHEM 203	5	Physical Sci Pathway Elective	AP Chemistry score 4-5; IB Chemistry-Standard Level score 7, Higher Level score 6-7	CHEM 124 + CHEM 125/ Additional GE
<input type="checkbox"/>	Social and Behavioral Sciences Selective /HD	3	Social Behavioral Science- Human Diversity	See test-based credit policy for potential exams.	Choose World Cultures GE Equivalent
<input type="checkbox"/>	Foreign Language 104 / Humanities Selective	3-4	Elective	See test-based credit policy for specific language and scores.	FL Requirement or Choose Understanding the Past GE Equivalent
<b>Total credits for Term 4</b>		<b>16-17</b>			

**Total Credits for AS degree/Biology pathway: 60-61 credit hours**





# Chicago Roadmap 2.0: Transfer Pathways

## UIC - BS Degree in Liberal Arts & Science, Major in Biological Sciences

### Term 5

Course Name	Credit	UIC Requirement Satisfied
BIOS 220 Genetics	3	Major Requirement
BIOS Experimental Tech/Data Analysis	3	Concentration Requirement
Advanced Elective	3	College ADV Hours
BIOS 222 Cell Biology	3	Major Requirement
PHYS 131 Physics for Life Sci I	4	Major Prerequisite/Collateral
<b>Total credits for Term 5</b>	<b>16</b>	

The degree pathway mapping extends to the UIC courses required to earn a BS degree without credit loss in transfer.

### Term 6

BIOS Experimental Tech/Data Analysis	2	Concentration Requirement
BIOS Experimental Tech/Data Analysis	2	Concentration Requirement
PHYS 132 Physics for Life Sci II	4	Major Prerequisite/Collateral
BIOS 230 Evolution and Ecology	3	Major Requirement
CHEM 230 Org Chem/Biol Syst	4	Major Prerequisite/Collateral
<b>Total Credits for Term 6</b>	<b>15</b>	

### Term 7

BIOS Experimental Tech/Data Analysis	3	Concentration Requirement
BIOS Elective	3	Major Requirement
CHEM 233 Synthesis Tech Lab	2	Major Prerequisite/Collateral
BIOS Elective	3	Major Requirement
Advanced Elective	3	College ADV Hours
<b>Total credits for Term 7</b>	<b>14</b>	

### Term 8

BIOS Elective	3	Major Requirement
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BIOS Elective	3	Major Requirement
Advanced Elective	3	College ADV Hours
Advanced Elective	3	College ADV Hours
<b>Total credits for Term 8</b>	<b>15</b>	

**Total UIC Credits: 60**



## Transfer Plan Credit Summary:

**CCC earned credits:** 60-61 for AS program

**UIC earned credits:** 60 additional for BS program

## Total Transfer credits:

60-61 credit hours transfer; **zero credit loss!**

## Total Degree Hours:

60-61 credit hours CCC + 60 credit hours UIC  
= **120-121 Total Credit Hours**



# Activity 3: Coordination in Advising

Chicago Roadmap 2.0:  
CPS → CCC → UIC



Training Led by  
UIC Pathways  
Developers



CPS Early  
College  
Navigators

CCC Transfer  
Specialists



# Activity 4: Student Success Programs

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# Activity 5: Degree Planning Portal

**Chicago Roadmap 2.0:**  
**CPS → CCC → UIC**

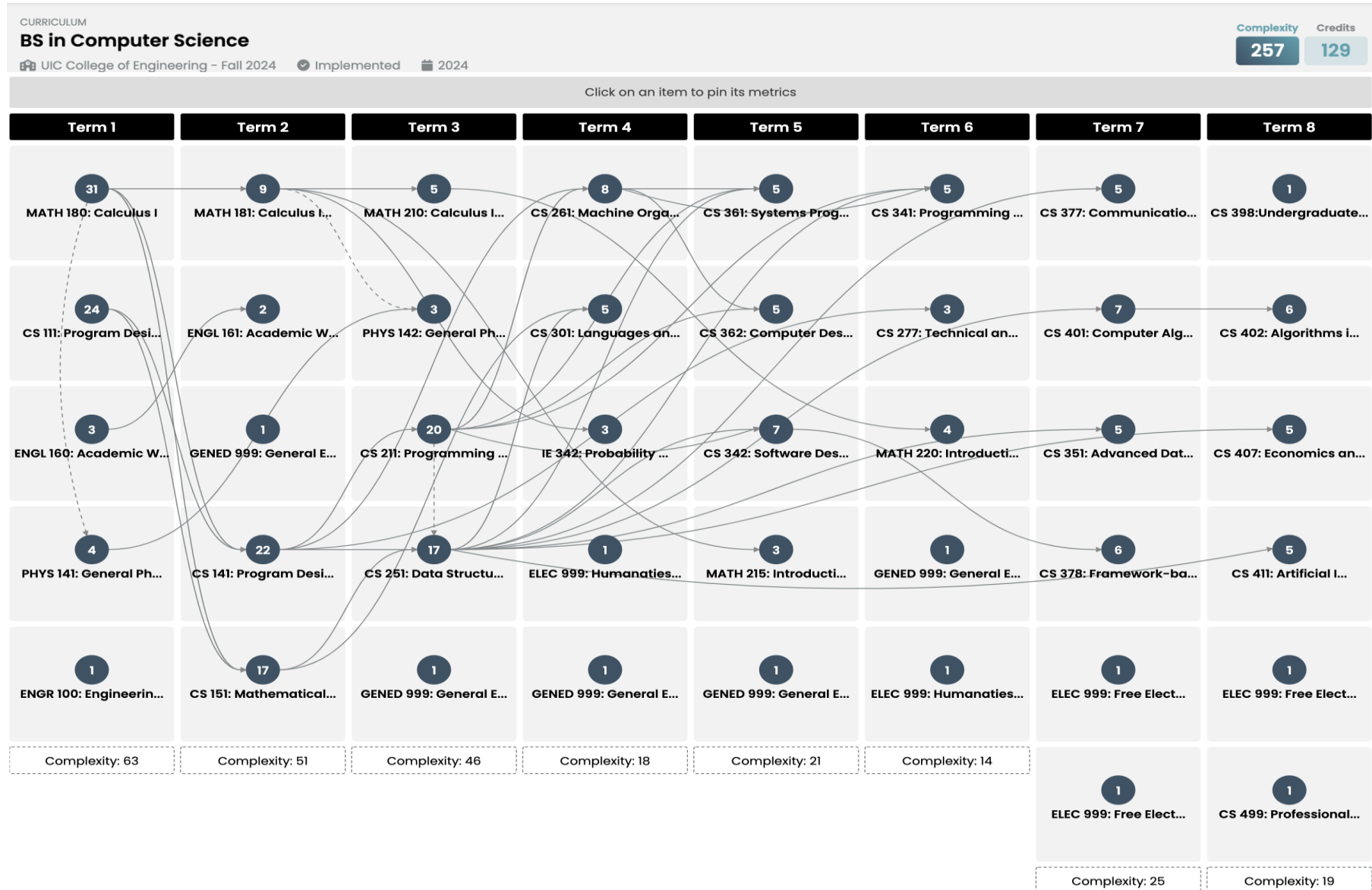


# Curricular Analytics

- **Curricular Analytics** is an open-source data analysis and visualization toolkit of degree plans that facilitates:
  - Identification of curricular bottlenecks and structural complexities
  - Data-informed curriculum reform/revision efforts – faculty engagement
  - Comparison of curricula within and across institutions
  - Relationship between curricular structure and equitable student outcomes
- UIC is one of 30 research universities participating in this project
- Project is led by the Association for Undergraduate Education at Research Universities ([UERU](#))
  - Supported by a \$2M 4-year grant from the Ascendium Education Group

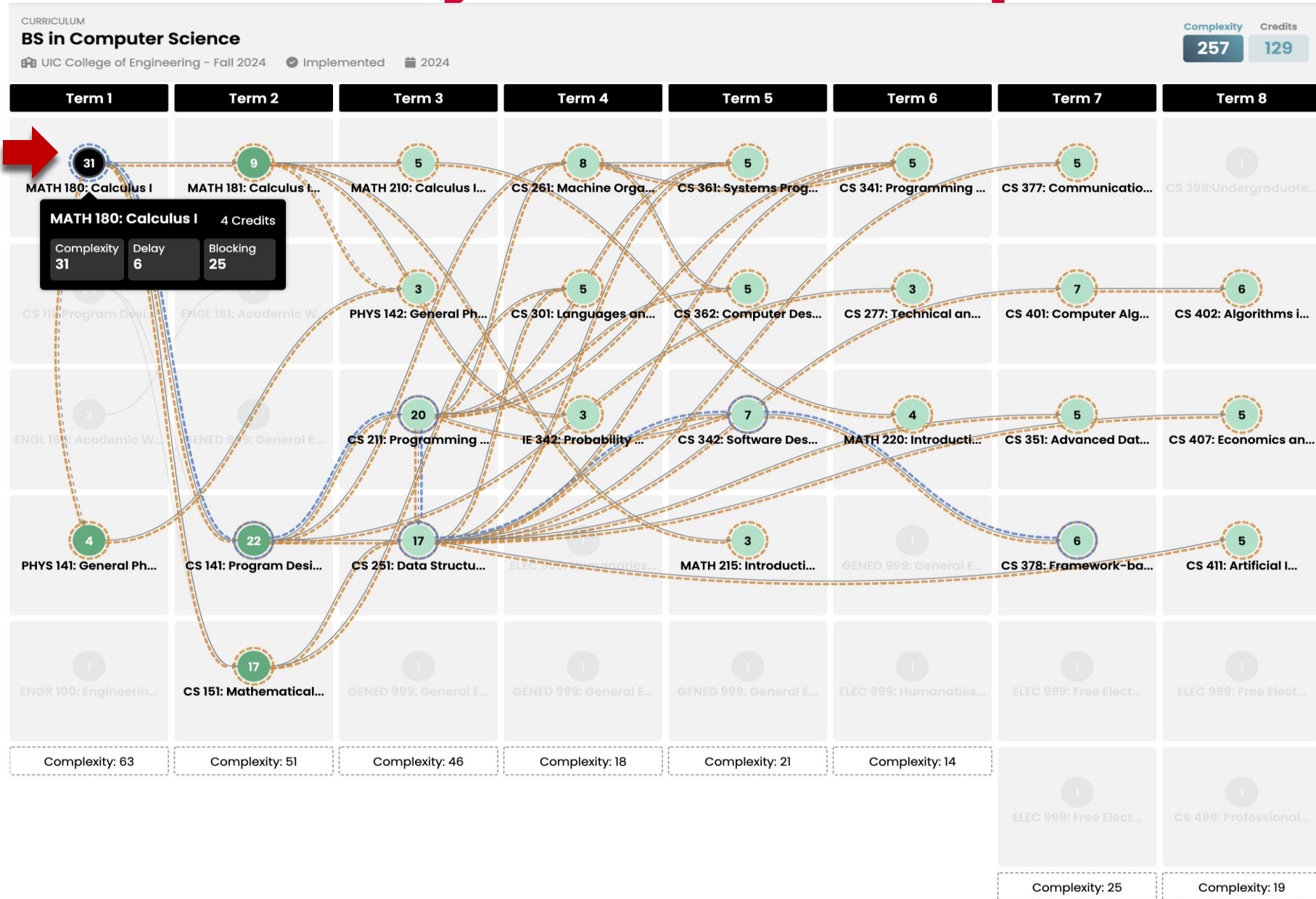


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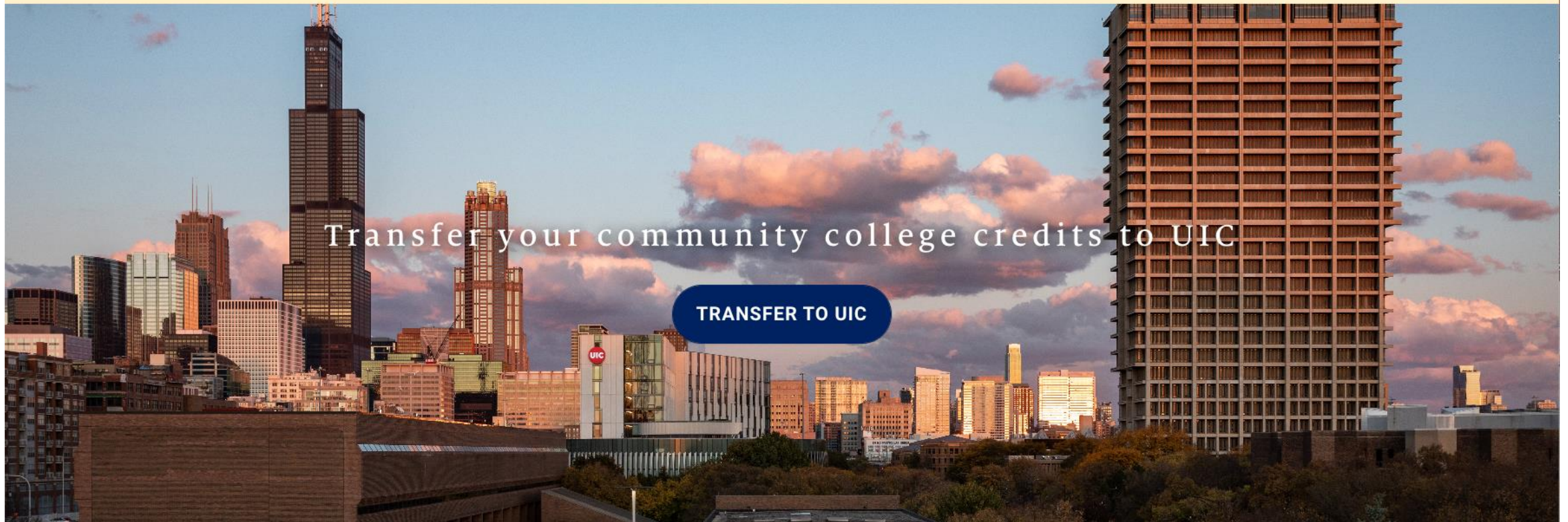


# Degree Planning Portal: Prototype

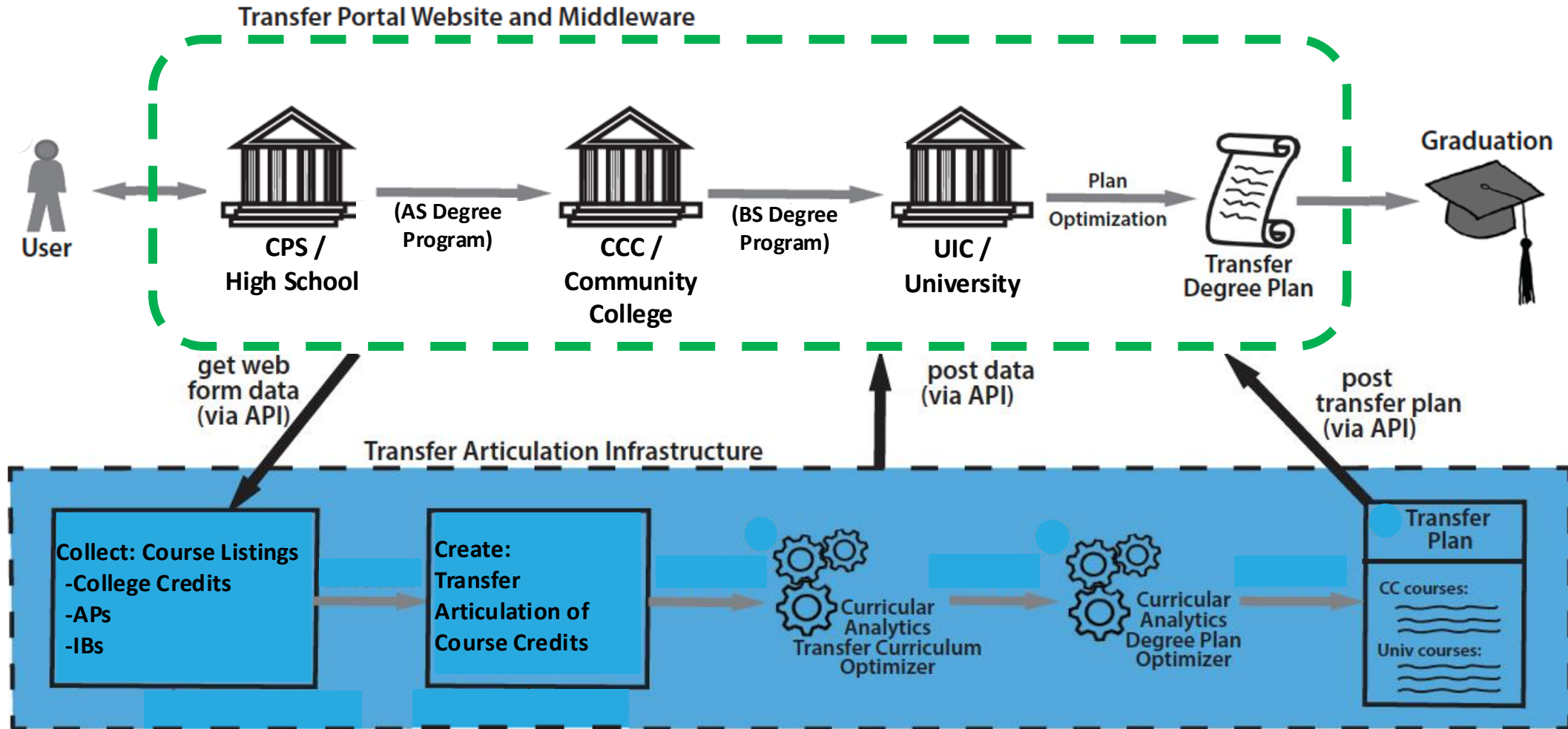


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# Portal Prototype: Functional Description





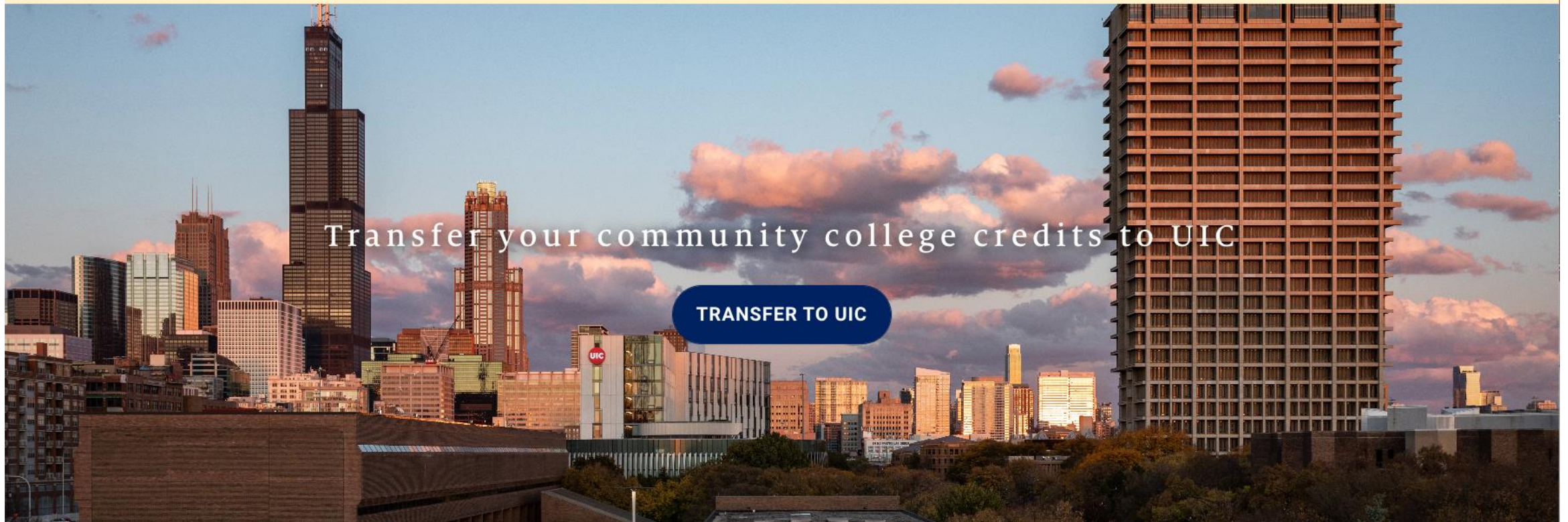
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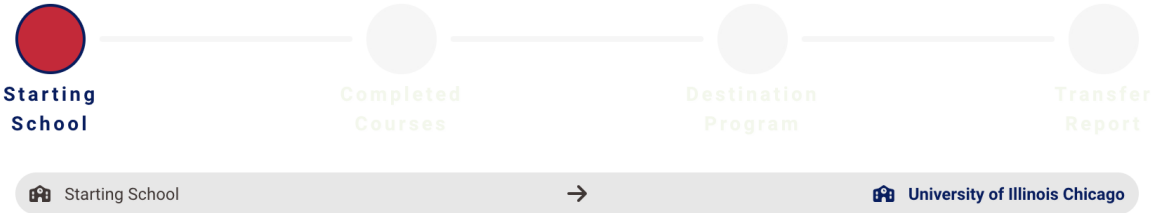
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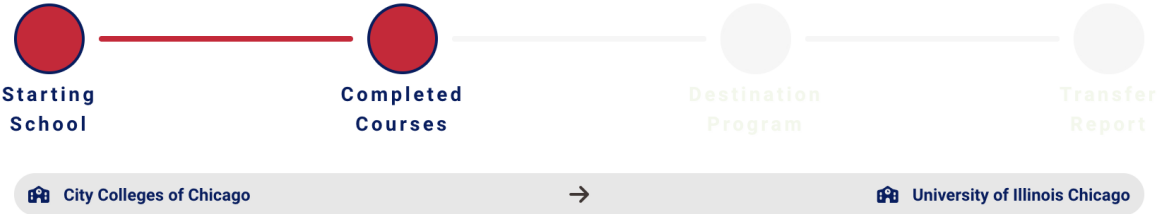


1. Select your community college:



City Colleges of Chicago

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2. Select courses completed at City Colleges of Chicago:

Completed Course

AFRO AM 101 - Introduction to African-American Studies

AFRO AM 102 - Contemporary Conversations in Africana Studies

AFRO AM 190 - Black Women in the African Diaspora

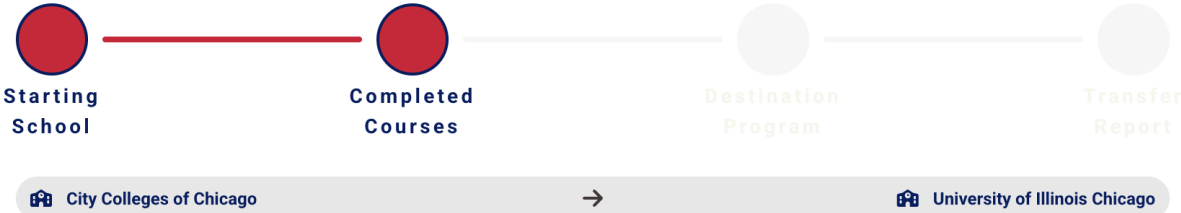
AFRO AM 210 - Black Chicago

AFRO AM 214 - Hip Hop: Culture and Politics

AIR CON 101 - Intro Air Conditioning I

AIR CON 102 - Intro Air Conditioning II

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2. Select courses completed at City Colleges of Chicago:

 Completed Course

CIS 242	× Remove
ENGLISH 101	× Remove
ENGLISH 102	× Remove
HISTORY 142	× Remove
MATH 207	× Remove
PSYCH 201	× Remove
SOC 201	× Remove



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#### 4. Select destination program at UIC:

Computer Science

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#### 4. Select destination program at UIC:

**Selected Program: Computer Science**

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Term 1			16 Credit Hours
MATH 181 - Calculus II			Credit Hours: 4
CS 141 - Program Design II			Credit Hours: 3
CS 151 - Foundations of Computing			Credit Hours: 3
Understanding The Creative Arts			Credit Hours: 3
Humanities/Social Sciences/Art Elective			Credit Hours: 3



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Plan

## Term 1

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## Transfer Plan Summary Report

### Transfer Analysis: City Colleges of Chicago → University of Illinois Chicago Computer Science Program

#### Credit Summary

City Colleges of Chicago credits	23 credits have been earned at City Colleges of Chicago
Transfer credits	23 credit hours transfer
University of Illinois Chicago credits	107 additional credits for a 128 credit hour program

The following courses have been taken at City Colleges of Chicago:

Total credit hours = 23

COURSE AT THE CITY COLLEGES OF CHICAGO	CREDITS AT THE CITY COLLEGES OF CHICAGO	TRANSFER STATUS
CIS 242 C++ Object Oriented Programming II	3	Transferrable
ENGLISH 101 Composition	3	Transferrable
ENGLISH 102 Composition	3	Transferrable
HISTORY 142 Hist World Civiliz Frm 1500	3	Transferrable
MATH 207 Calculus & Analytic Geometry I	5	Transferrable
PSYCH 201 General Psychology	3	Transferrable
SOC 201 Intro To the Study Of Society	3	Transferrable

The above courses transfer to University of Illinois Chicago as follows, satisfying the following degree requirements in the Computer Science program:

Total credit hours = 23

COURSE AT THE CITY COLLEGES OF CHICAGO	COURSE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS CHICAGO	CREDITS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS CHICAGO	SATISFIED REQUIREMENTS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS CHICAGO
CIS 242	CS 111 Program Design I	3	CS 111
ENGLISH 101	ENGL 160 Academic Writing I	3	University Writing Courses
ENGLISH 102	ENGL 161 Academic Writing II	3	University Writing Courses
HISTORY 142	HIST 101 Western Civ Since 1648	3	Understanding the Past
MATH 207	MATH 180 Calculus I	4	Mathematics Courses
PSYCH 201	PSCH 100 Introductory Psychology	4	Understanding the Individual and Society
SOC 201	SOC 100 Introduction to Sociology	3	Understanding U.S. Society

These additional courses satisfy the requirements to complete the Computer Science program at University of Illinois Chicago. Please note that for many requirements these courses are one of many possible selections. Refer to the Undergraduate Catalog for a comprehensive list of degree requirements and course offerings.

Total credit hours = 107

COURSE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS CHICAGO	CREDITS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS CHICAGO	SATISFIED REQUIREMENTS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS CHICAGO
AH 100 Intro to Art & Art History	3	Understanding the Creative Arts
CS 141 Program Design II	3	Courses Required in The College of Engineering
CS 151 Foundations of Computing	3	Courses Required in The College of Engineering
CS 211 Programming Practicum	3	Courses Required in The College of Engineering
CS 251 Data Structures	4	Courses Required in The College of Engineering
CS 261 Machine Organization	4	Courses Required in The College of Engineering
CS 277 Technical Comm in Comp Sci	3	Courses Required in The College of Engineering
CS 301 Languages and Automata	3	Courses Required in The College of Engineering
CS 341 Programming Language Concepts	3	Courses Required in The College of Engineering
CS 342 Software Design	3	Courses Required in The College of Engineering
Technical Electives	3	Technical Electives
CS 361 Systems Programming	4	Courses Required in The College of Engineering
CS 362 Computer Design	4	Courses Required in The College of Engineering
CS 377 Ethical Issues in Computing	3	Courses Required in The College of Engineering
Technical Electives	3	Technical Electives
CS 401 Computer Algorithms I	3	Courses Required in The College of Engineering
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Science Electives	4	Science Electives
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GLAS 100 Intro to Global Asian Studies	3	Exploring World Cultures
Humanities/Social Sciences/Art Electives	3	Humanities/Social Sciences/Art Electives
Free Electives	1	Free Electives
Free Electives	4	Free Electives
Free Electives	5	Free Electives
MATH 181 Calculus II	4	Mathematics Courses
MATH 210 Calculus III	3	Mathematics Courses
MATH 220 Differential Equations I	3	Required Math Courses
MATH 310 Applied Linear Algebra	3	Required Math Courses
Humanities/Social Sciences/Art Electives	3	Humanities/Social Sciences/Art Electives
STAT 381 Applied Statistical Methods I	3	IE 342 or STAT 381
Technical Electives	3	Technical Electives

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MATH 210 - Calculus III		Credit Hours: 3
CS 211 - Programming Practicum		Credit Hours: 3
CS 251 - Data Structures		Credit Hours: 4
CS 261 - Machine Organization		Credit Hours: 4
Science Elective		Credit Hours: 4
<b>Term 3</b>		<b>18 Credit Hours</b>
Required Math Courses		Credit Hours: 3
CS 277 - Technical Comm in Comp Sci		Credit Hours: 3
CS 301 - Languages and Automata		Credit Hours: 3
Technical Elective		Credit Hours: 3
Free Elective		Credit Hours: 5
Free Elective		Credit Hours: 1

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**Term 4**

Required Math Courses

CS 377 - Ethical Issues in Computing

IE 342 Or STAT 381

Science Elective

Technical Elective

Exploring World Cultures

**Term 5**

CS 341 - Programming Language Concepts

CS 342 - Software Design

CS 401 - Computer Algorithms I

Technical Elective

Technical Elective

Humanities/Social Sciences/Art Elective

**Term 6**

CS 361 - Systems Programming

CS 362 - Computer Design

Technical Elective

Technical Elective

Free Elective





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CS 261 - Machine Organization

Science Elective

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Technical Elective

Free Elective

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Technical Elective

Free Elective

Free Elective

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MATH 181 Calculus II  <div>4Credits</div>	MATH 210 Calculus III  <div>3Credits</div>	Required Math Courses  <div>3Credits</div>	Required Math Courses  <div>3Credits</div>	CS 341 Programming Language Concepts  <div>3Credits</div>	CS 361 Systems Programming  <div>4Credits</div>
CS 141 Program Design II  <div>3Credits</div>	CS 211 Programming Practicum  <div>3Credits</div>	CS 277 Technical Comm in Comp Sci  <div>3Credits</div>	CS 377 Ethical Issues in Computing  <div>3Credits</div>	CS 342 Software Design  <div>3Credits</div>	CS 362 Computer Design  <div>4Credits</div>
CS 151 Foundations of Computing  <div>3Credits</div>	CS 251 Data Structures  <div>4Credits</div>	CS 301 Languages and Automata  <div>3Credits</div>	IE 342 Or STAT 381  <div>3Credits</div>	CS 401 Computer Algorithms I  <div>3Credits</div>	Technical Elective  <div>3Credits</div>
Understanding The Creative Arts  <div>3Credits</div>	CS 261 Machine Organization  <div>4Credits</div>	Technical Elective  <div>3Credits</div>	Science Elective  <div>4Credits</div>	Technical Elective  <div>3Credits</div>	Technical Elective  <div>3Credits</div>
Humanities/Social Sciences/Art Elective  <div>3Credits</div>	Science Elective  <div>4Credits</div>	Free Elective  <div>5Credits</div>	Technical Elective  <div>3Credits</div>	Technical Elective  <div>3Credits</div>	Free Elective  <div>4Credits</div>
16 Credits	18 Credits	Free Elective  <div>1Credits</div>	Exploring World Cultures  <div>3Credits</div>	Humanities/Social Sciences/Art Elective  <div>3Credits</div>	18 Credits
		18 Credits	19 Credits	18 Credits	

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## ANALYZE TRANSFER PLAN

### COMPLETED COURSEWORK THROUGH TRANSFER - CITY COLLEGES OF CHICAGO

Course name	Credit	Equivalency
HISTORY 142 Hist World Civiliz Frm 1500	3.0	HIST 101
ART 150 Crafts Workshop	2.0	
CIS 242 C++ Object Oriented Programming II	3.0	CS 111
ART 196-4 Ceramics	3.0	
ENGLISH 102 Composition	3.0	ENGL 161
ENGLISH 101 Composition	3.0	ENGL 160

Transfer Plan Summary Report

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Transfer Analysis: City Colleges of Chicago → University of Illinois Chicago  
Computer Science Program

Credit Summary

City Colleges of Chicago credits	17 credits have been earned at City Colleges of Chicago
Transfer credits	12 credit hours transfer
University of Illinois Chicago credits	117 additional credits for a 128 credit hour program

The following courses have been taken at City Colleges of Chicago:

Total credit hours = 17

COURSE AT THE CITY COLLEGES OF CHICAGO	CREDITS AT THE CITY COLLEGES OF CHICAGO	TRANSFER STATUS
ART 150 Crafts Workshop	2	Not Transferrable
ART 196-4 Ceramics	3	Not Transferrable
CIS 242 C++ Object Oriented Programming II	3	Transferrable
ENGLISH 101 Composition	3	Transferrable
ENGLISH 102 Composition	3	Transferrable
HISTORY 142 Hist World Civiliz Frm 1500	3	Transferrable

The above courses transfer to University of Illinois Chicago as follows, satisfying the following degree requirements in the Computer Science program:

Total credit hours = 12

COURSE AT THE CITY COLLEGES OF CHICAGO	COURSE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS CHICAGO	CREDITS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS CHICAGO	SATISFIED REQUIREMENTS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS CHICAGO
CIS 242	CS 111 Program Design I	3	CS 111
ENGLISH 101	ENGL 160 Academic Writing I	3	University Writing Courses
ENGLISH 102	ENGL 161 Academic Writing II	3	University Writing Courses
HISTORY 142	HIST 101 Western Civ Since 1648	3	Understanding the Past

These additional courses satisfy the requirements to complete the Computer Science program at University of Illinois Chicago. Please note that for many requirements these courses are one of many possible selections. Refer to the Undergraduate Catalog for a comprehensive list of degree requirements and course offerings.

Total credit hours = 117

COURSE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS CHICAGO	CREDITS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS CHICAGO	SATISFIED REQUIREMENTS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS CHICAGO
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Graph

16 Credit Hours

Credit Hours: 4

Credit Hours: 3

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19 Credit Hours

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18 Credit Hours

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Plan

Term 1

MATH 180 - Calculus I

CS 141 - Program Design II

CS 151 - Foundations of Computing

Understanding The Creative Arts

Humanities/Social Sciences/Art Elective

Term 2

MATH 181 - Calculus II

CS 251 - Data Structures

CS 261 - Machine Organization

CS 211 - Programming Practicum

Science Elective

Term 3

MATH 210 - Calculus III

CS 277 - Technical Comm in Comp Sci

CS 301 - Languages and Automata

# Takeaways



Create statewide seamless transfer pathways linked to careers



Curricular Analytics framework can strengthen curricula planning and advance equitable outcomes



Engage departments and faculty to assess curriculum effectiveness



Develop dynamic, personalized transfer degree plans using technological innovations



Facilitate collaborative advising between 2-year and 4-year institutions



Offer opportunities for transfer students to take required courses at 4-year institutions over summer



Develop student success initiatives to support transfer students and foster a sense of belonging

**Thank You!**

# Curricular Analytics: Additional Information

- UERU is a Boyer-inspired consortium of 120+ research universities, networking leaders with expertise in the theory and practice of undergraduate education
- The APLU Powered by Publics Western Land-Grant and Big Ten Clusters use CA, as do groups of universities in Kentucky and Arizona and those organized by The Gardner Institute for Excellence in Undergraduate Education
- An excellent source on CA is Beth McMurtrie's July 28, 2021 article in *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, "Is Your Degree Program Too Complicated?"
- Scholarly CA studies include Heileman, Abdallah, Slim, and Hickman (2018) and Slim, Yusuf, Abbas, Abdallah, and Heileman (2021).





# Curricular Analytics Metrics

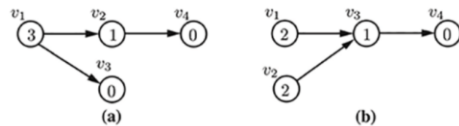
## Curricular Metrics

Curriculum-based metrics are based upon the graph structure of a curriculum. Specifically, assume curriculum  $c$  consists of  $n$  courses  $\{c_1, \dots, c_n\}$ , and that there are  $m$  requisite (prerequisite or co-requisite) relationships between these courses. A curriculum graph  $G_c = (V, E)$  is formed by creating a vertex set  $V = \{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$ , i.e., one vertex for each course, along with an edge set  $E = \{e_1, \dots, e_m\}$ , where a directed edge from vertex  $v_i$  to  $v_j$  is in  $E$  if course  $c_i$  is a requisite for course  $c_j$ .

### Blocking Factor

The blocking factor is an important curriculum-based metric because it measures the extent to which one course blocks the ability to take other courses in the curriculum. That is, a course with a high blocking factor acts as a gateway to many other courses in the curriculum. Students who are unable to pass the gateway course will be blocked from taking many other courses in the curriculum.

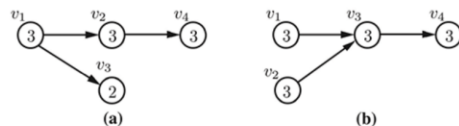
We define the blocking factor of a course  $c_i$  as the number of courses in the corresponding curriculum graph that are reachable from  $v_i$ . As examples of the blocking factor metric, consider the two four-course curricula graphs, with course vertices  $v_1, v_2, v_3$  and  $v_4$ , shown below. In part (a) of this figure,  $v_1$  is a prerequisite for courses  $v_2$  and  $v_3$ , and  $v_2$  is a prerequisite for course  $v_4$ , while in part (b), courses  $v_1$  and  $v_2$  are prerequisites for course  $v_3$ , and  $v_3$  is a prerequisite for course  $v_4$ . The blocking factor of each course are shown inside of the course vertices in this figure.



### Delay Factor

Many curricula, particularly those in science, technology engineering and math (STEM) fields, contain a set of courses that must be completed in sequential order. The ability to successfully navigate these long pathways without delay is critical for student success and on-time graduation. If any course on the pathway is not completed on time, the student will then be delayed in completing the entire pathway by one term. The delay factor metric allows us to quantify this effect.

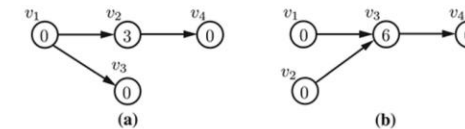
We define the delay factor of course vertex  $c_i$  to be the length of the longest path in the corresponding curriculum graph that contains  $v_i$ . As an example of the delay factor metric, consider the same four-course curricula shown above. The delay factor of each course are shown inside of the course vertices in the figure below.



### Centrality

A course can be thought of as being central to a curriculum if it requires a number of foundational courses as prerequisites, and the course itself serves as a prerequisite to many additional discipline-specific courses in the curriculum. The centrality metric is meant to capture this notion.

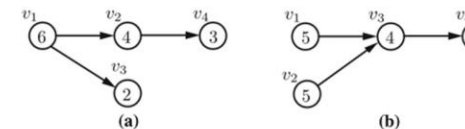
We define the centrality of source and sink vertices to be 0. For all other course vertices, consider all of the long paths (i.e., unique paths from a source to a sink) containing course vertex  $v_i$ . The centrality of  $v_i$  is given by the sum of these path lengths. As an example of the centrality metric, consider the same four-course curricula shown above. The centrality factor of each course are shown inside of the vertices in the figure below. In the case of the curriculum in part (a), there is one long path of length three that includes course  $v_2$ , hence its centrality is 3, while in part (b), there are two long paths of length three that include course  $v_2$ , hence its centrality is 6.



### Structural Complexity

The curricular complexity of a course is meant to capture the impact of curricular structure on student progression. Through experimentation, we have found that a simple linear combination of the delay and blocking factors described above provides a good measure for quantifying the structural complexity of a curriculum. Specifically, we have found a high correlation between increased structural complexity and decreased graduation rates.

As an example of the structural complexity metric, consider the same four-course curricula shown above. The complexity factor of each course, which is simply the sum of the course's delay and blocking factors, are shown inside of the course vertices in this figure.



### Degree Plan Metrics

The aforementioned curricular complexity metrics are independent of how a curriculum is laid out as a degree plan. That is, the curricular metrics will not change as different degree plans are created. Degree plan metrics are related to the manner in which courses in the curriculum are laid out across the terms in the degree plan. These metrics are used in the creation of optimal degree plans as described in Optimized Degree Plans.