

# UC Transfer Admission Guarantee (TAG) for Students Applying for 2025-2026 Admission

Six University of California (UC) campuses offer guaranteed admission to students from **all** California community colleges (CCC). Interested students must meet both the shared TAG criteria as well as campus-specific requirements to qualify for a TAG. By participating in a TAG program, students can ensure their admission to a specific UC campus. Also, students interested in pursuing the [Pathways+](#) transfer option will use a TAG to secure their guarantee.

## Shared TAG criteria

To qualify for a **fall 2025 TAG** at any one of the six participating campuses, students must meet the following criteria:

- Must have completed at least 30 semester/45 quarter UC-transferable units at the time of TAG submission (end of summer 2024);
- Must complete at least 30 semester/45 quarter UC-transferable units at one or more CCC by spring 2025, and a CCC must be the last school of attendance in a regular session;
- Must complete 60 semester/90 quarter UC-transferable units (junior standing) by the end of spring 2025;
- Must complete at least one UC-E (English) and one UC-M (Math) by fall 2024;
- Must complete the remaining [7-course pattern](#) by spring 2025;
- Must require no more than 19 UC-transferable units (semester or quarter) in spring 2025 to reach junior standing;
- Must not exceed 80 semester/120 quarter total UC-transferable units, after applying lower-division limits (students with **only** CCC coursework and AP/IB/A level credits will not exceed this limit);
- Must earn a 2.0 GPA in all UC-transferable coursework in the current fall/winter/spring terms with no grade lower than C;
- Must submit a TAG application through the [UC Transfer Admission Planner \(UC TAP\)](#) between September 1 and September 30, 2024;
- Must submit the [UC application](#) between October 1 and November 30, 2024, and the TAG major and application major for the TAG campus must match;
- Must submit a Transfer Academic Update (TAU) by January 31, 2025; and,
- Must meet all campus-specific TAG criteria outlined in the chart below.

## Not eligible for TAG

The following students are not eligible for a TAG at any campus:

- Students who have already earned a bachelor's or higher degree;
- Students previously enrolled at a UC campus who intend to return to **the same** UC campus;
- Students previously enrolled at a UC campus who were not in good standing when they left that UC; and,
- Students concurrently enrolled in high school at the time of TAG submission.

**Please note:** transfer students do **not** have to participate in TAG to be considered for admission. In fact, approximately two-thirds of transfer students admitted to UC do not have a TAG. Non-TAG students simply apply for UC admission during the appropriate application filing period.

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Specific information about TAG at each of the six participating UC campuses is provided in the table below.

Campus	Is a pre-evaluation of coursework provided as part of TAG?	For which terms is a TAG accepted? What is the TAG filing period?	Is the major guaranteed as part of TAG?	What are the excluded majors for TAG?	Contact Information
<b>Davis</b>	Yes, wait for TAG decision before submitting UC application.	Accepted for fall quarter only. Filing period: Sept. 1-30	Yes, provided all TAG requirements are completed. Applicants to Landscape Architecture are approved in a “pre-major” status (no guarantee to the major).	Undeclared programs, Computer Science, Data Science and Landscape Architecture (applicants are approved in pre-Landscape Architecture with no guarantee to the major).	<a href="#">UC Davis TAG contacts</a> (530) 752-2971
<b>Irvine</b>	No	Accepted for fall quarter only. Filing period: Sept. 1-30	Yes, provided all TAG requirements are completed.	Art, Business Administration, Dance, Music, Nursing Science and ALL majors in the Donald Bren School of Information and Computer Sciences. (The Art major requires a portfolio.)	<a href="#">UC Irvine TAG</a> (949) 824-6703
<b>Merced</b>	Yes, wait for TAG decision before submitting UC application.  Decision release dates: Fall TAG: Nov 15 <sup>th</sup> Spring TAG: July 1 <sup>st</sup>	Accepted for fall; filing period: Sept. 1-30  Accepted for spring; filing period: May 1-31	Yes, provided all TAG requirements are completed.	All majors now open for TAG.  Subject to change.	<a href="#">UC Merced TAG</a> (209) 228-7178 <a href="mailto:transfer@ucmerced.edu">transfer@ucmerced.edu</a>
<b>Riverside</b>	Yes, wait for TAG decision before submitting UC application.	Accepted for fall; filing period: Sept. 1-30  Accepted for winter; filing period: May 1-31	Yes, provided all TAG requirements are completed.	For fall: Art Studio  For winter: Art Studio, and other majors may be subject to change.	<a href="#">UC Riverside TAG</a> (951) 827-3411 <a href="http://Admissions.ucr.edu/ask">Admissions.ucr.edu/ask</a>
<b>Santa Barbara</b>	No	Accepted for fall quarter only. Filing period: Sept. 1-30	Yes, for College of Letters & Science (L&S) majors that do not have a pre-major.  No for L&S majors that have a pre-major; the pre-major is guaranteed, but further requirements must be met at UCSB after transfer in order to be accepted into the full major.	All majors in the College of Creative Studies; all majors in the College of Engineering; Dance B.A., Dance B.F.A., Music B.M., Theater B.F.A. in the College of Letters & Science.	<a href="#">UC Santa Barbara TAG</a> (805) 893-2881
<b>Santa Cruz</b>	Yes, wait for TAG decision before submitting UC application.	Accepted for fall quarter only. Filing period: Sept. 1-30	Yes, for all screening majors. For the most current list of screening majors, please visit <a href="#">UC Santa Cruz TAG</a> .	Computer Science B.A and B.S.	<a href="#">UC Santa Cruz TAG</a> (831) 459-4008 <a href="mailto:tag@ucsc.edu">tag@ucsc.edu</a>

Accurate as of July 19, 2024, for the 2025-2026 TAG application cycle. Subject to change. For future TAG application cycle information refer to each individual UC campus admissions website.

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Campus	Minimum UC Transferable GPA required for a TAG	Is completion of IGETC required?	Majors that require major preparation
<b>Davis</b>	<p>College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences: 3.2                      College of Biological Sciences: 3.2                      College of Letters and Science: 3.2                      College of Engineering: 3.5.  <b>GPA's listed above required by end of summer 2024.</b></p> <p>There are also specific major prep GPA requirements for each selective major.</p> <p>For the most current information, please visit <a href="#">UC Davis TAG</a>.</p>	No	Complete course group requirements for selective majors; see <a href="#">UC Davis TAG criteria</a> for details.
<b>Irvine</b>	<p>3.4 minimum GPA <b>by end of fall 2024.</b></p> <p>For the most current information, please visit <a href="#">UC Irvine TAG</a>.</p>	No	Complete major prerequisites for specific majors; see <a href="#">UC Irvine transfer requirements</a> .
<b>Merced</b>	<p>School of Engineering majors: 3.0                      School of Natural Science majors: 2.9                      School of Social Sciences, Humanities and Arts majors: 2.8                      [Exception: Psychology 3.0]                      [Exception: Public Health 3.0]  <b>GPA's listed above required by end of summer 2024.</b></p> <p>For the most current information, please visit <a href="#">UC Merced TAG</a>.</p>	Yes, <b>for Public Health only.</b> No for all other majors.	Complete minimum course prerequisites for specific majors; see <a href="#">UC Merced TAG</a> .
<b>Riverside</b>	<p>College of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences (CHASS): 2.8                      [Exceptions: Psychology, and Theater, Film &amp; Digital Production 3.3]                      Marlan and Rosemary Bourns College of Engineering (BCOE): 3.0                      [Exceptions: Computer Science 3.6; Computer Science w/Business Applications 3.3; Computer Engineering 3.3; Mechanical Engineering 3.1]                      College of Natural and Agricultural Sciences (CNAS): 2.8                      School of Business: 2.8                      Graduate School of Education: 2.7                      School of Public Policy: 2.7  <b>GPA's listed above required by end of summer 2024.</b></p> <p>For the most current information, please visit <a href="#">UC Riverside TAG</a>.</p>	No; The School of Business Administration highly recommends completion of IGETC.	<p>All majors in the Bourns College of Engineering (BCOE), College of Natural &amp; Agricultural Sciences (CNAS), School of Business Administration, and Business Economics, Economics, Psychology, and Neuroscience majors in the College of Humanities, Arts &amp; Social Sciences (CHASS).</p> <p>See <a href="#">UC Riverside Majors Preparation Guide</a> for major preparation and <a href="#">UC Riverside transfer admission</a> for campus details.</p>
<b>Santa Barbara</b>	<p>3.4 GPA <b>by end of fall 2024</b> for all majors.</p> <p>All majors in Biological Sciences, Chemistry and Biochemistry, Economics, Mathematics, and Physics have a minimum GPA required for major preparation courses.                      See "By Major" articulation agreements at <a href="#">ASSIST</a> for details.</p>	No	<p>All Biological Sciences, Chemistry and Biochemistry, Economics, Mathematics, and Physics majors in the College of Letters and Science.</p> <p>See <a href="#">UC Santa Barbara selective majors</a> for more details.</p>
<b>Santa Cruz</b>	<p>3.0 GPA <b>by end of summer 2024</b> for all majors.</p> <p>Additional GPA requirements for major preparation courses for some majors.</p> <p>For the most current information, please visit <a href="#">UC Santa Cruz TAG</a>.</p>	No	All screening majors. See <a href="#">UC Santa Cruz TAG</a> for more details.

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Additional campus requirements:

## **Merced**

- No unrepeated grades of C-, D, F or NP in UC-transferable courses.
- No more than two W grades (including EW grades) in major preparatory courses.
- No more than one deficient grade in major preparatory courses, even if courses have been repeated.

## **Winter/Spring 2026 TAG applicants**

- Merced (Spring 2026):
  - First UC-E must be completed by end of spring 2025.
  - Second UC-E must be completed by end of summer 2025.
  - UC-M must be completed by end of fall 2025.
  - All other TAG qualifications must be met by end of fall 2025.
- Riverside (Winter 2026):
  - First UC-E must be completed by end of spring 2025.
  - Second UC-E must be completed by end of fall 2025.
  - UC-M must be completed by end of spring 2025 for non-selecting and selecting majors.
  - All other TAG qualifications must be met by end of fall 2025.

## 2025-26 TAG Matrix summary of changes

### Shared updates:

- All campuses require at least one UC-E and one UC-M by end of fall 2024, with the remaining courses from the 7-course pattern completed no later than spring 2025
- No campus will allow more than 19 UC-transferable units (semester or quarter) in spring 2025 **if all 19 units are needed to meet junior standing**
- All campuses will use the same high-unit junior/senior definition (80 semester/120 quarter UC-transferable units) for TAG purposes only; students may not exceed that total
  - **NOTE: if all coursework is from one or more CCC, students will not exceed the unit cap**
  - Only students with UC coursework and/or upper-division courses from a 4-year institution may be affected by the cap
- All campuses require a 2.0 GPA in all UC-transferable coursework during the final academic year before transfer (i.e., fall 2024, winter 2025, spring 2025) with no grade lower than C in any of those terms

### Campus updates:

- The final page of the TAG Matrix includes additional requirements for UC Merced, as well as information for winter/spring 2026 TAG applicants to Merced and Riverside
- Riverside will pre-evaluate TAG applications and notify students before the UC application deadline
  - Riverside GPA requirements must be met by end of summer 2024
- Merced will now accept TAGs for all majors
  - Merced's Public Health major requires a minimum 3.0 GPA (by end of summer 2024) and completion of IGETC

All information accurate as of July 19, 2024. Information subject to change. Campus specific questions should be directed to the individual campus.