

Fall 2026 University of California Transfer Admission Guarantee (TAG) Requirements

Website: <https://uctap.universityofcalifornia.edu/students/index.cfm>

Important Dates and Deadlines for Fall 2026 TAGs

- **Sept. 1 - 30, 2025:** TAG submission period for students
- **October 1 – December 1, 2025:** Fall 2026 UC application filing period - **ALL** TAG Students must file a UC Admission Application, in addition to the TAG application!!!
- **Students can only TAG at one UC, but they can apply to all other UC campuses during the regular admission application cycle.**

International students with foreign coursework are eligible for all TAGs.

To be eligible and get the benefits of a TAG, you must meet the following criteria in addition to all campus-specific TAG criteria:

All Campuses Require:

- Complete at least 30 UC-transferable units by the end of summer 2025, including units earned via AP, IB or A levels
- Complete at least 30 UC-transferable units at one or more CCC by spring 2026, and a CCC must be the last school of attendance in a regular session
- Must complete at least one UC-E (English) and one UC-M (Math) by the end of fall 2025, and complete the second UC-E (English) by the end of spring 2026
- By the end of Spring 2026: complete 60 UC-transferable units, complete [7-course pattern](#)
- Last term must have no more than 19 UC-transferable units (semester or quarter) in spring 2026 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
- Note: The major on your UC application must match the major on your TAG application.
- Must submit a Transfer Academic Update (TAU) by January 31, 2026.
- **Check each campus for major requirements. SMC major course equivalencies can be found at www.assist.org**

Davis - <http://admissions.ucdavis.edu/tag/>

- Full-time enrollment is not required but is strongly recommended to be adequately prepared for UCD. Students who are enrolled part-time should provide justification in the Additional Comments section of the TAG application.
- By the end of Summer 2025, have a minimum UC GPA as follows:
 - **College of Agricultural & Environmental Sciences:** 3.2*
 - **College of Biological Sciences:** 3.2*
 - **College of Engineering:** 3.5*
 - **College of Letters & Science:** 3.2*

*There are also specific major prep GPA requirements for each selective major. Check the link below for details:

<http://tag.ucdavis.edu/students/majors.cfm>

Irvine - <https://www.admissions.uci.edu/apply/transfer-students/guaranteed-admissions.php>

- **Majors that do not offer TAG:** 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)
- By the end of Fall 2025, have a minimum 3.4 UC GPA.
- Specific major courses required for a TAG: <https://www.admissions.uci.edu/apply/transfer-students/requirements.php>

UC TAG MATRIX:

https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/_assets/files/transfer-requirements/2025-26-tag-matrix-with-summary-of-changes.pdf

Los Angeles

- Must be in [Scholars Program](#) and certified by the SMC Scholars Office.

Merced - <http://admissions.ucmerced.edu/transfer/tag>

- By the end of Summer 2025, have a minimum UC GPA as follows:
 - All majors in the School of Natural Sciences: 2.9
 - All majors in the School of Engineering: 3.0
 - All majors in the School of Social Sciences, Humanities & Arts (except Psychology): 2.8
 - Psychology Majors and Public Health Majors: 3.0
- Specific major courses required for TAG: <https://admissions.ucmerced.edu/transfer/tag#major-prep>
- IGETC is required for Public Health majors

Riverside - <https://admissions.ucr.edu/transfer/transfer-admission-guarantee>

- By the end of Summer 2025, have a minimum UC GPA as follows:
 - College of Humanities, Arts, and Social Science (except Psychology, Theatre, Film & Digital Production): 2.8*
 - Psychology, Theatre, Film & Digital Production: 3.3*
 - School of Business: 2.8*
 - College of Natural Sciences and Agricultural Science (except Data Science): 2.8*
 - Data Science: 3.0
 - Graduate School of Education: 2.7
 - School of Public Policy: 2.7
 - Marlan and Rosemary Bourns College of Engineering (excluding exceptions below): 3.0*
 - Computer Science: 3.6
 - Computer Engineering and Computer Science w/ Business Applications: 3.3
 - Mechanical Engineering: 3.1 UC GPA
- The School of Business Administration highly recommends completion of IGETC.

*Specific major courses required for a TAG: <https://admissions.ucr.edu/transfer/majors-preparation-guide>

Santa Barbara - <http://admissions.sa.ucsb.edu/applying/transfer/tag>

- TAG does not apply to:
 - College of Letters & Science: Dance (B.A., B.F.A.), Music (B.M.), and Theater (B.F.A.)
 - Any major in the College of Creative Studies
 - Any major in the College of Engineering (including Computer Science)
- By the end of Fall 2025, have a minimum 3.4 UC GPA.
- Majors in Biological Sciences, Chemistry and Biochemistry, Economics, Mathematics, and Physics majors in the College of Letters and Sciences require major preparation: <https://admissions.sa.ucsb.edu/selective-majors>

Santa Cruz - <https://admissions.ucsc.edu/transfer-admission-guarantee-tag>

- Majors that do not offer TAG: Computer Science B.A. and B.S.
- By the end of Summer 2025, have a minimum 3.0 UC GPA.*
- All screening majors require major preparation: <https://admissions.ucsc.edu/transfer-admission-guarantee-tag>

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