UC TAG GUIDELINES FALL 2023 ADMISSION

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA TRANSFER ADMISSION GUARANTEE (TAG)

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- **Six** (6) University of California (UC) campuses offer **guarantee admission** to students from all California community colleges. Students can submit a TAG to only **one** university.
  1. UC Davis (NO LONGER accepts for Computer Science)
  2. UC Irvine
  3. UC Merced
  4. UC Riverside
  5. UC Santa Barbara
  6. UC Santa Cruz (NO LONGER accepts for Computer Science)

- UC Berkeley, Los Angeles, and San Diego **DO NOT** offer TAGs

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA TO SUBMIT A TAG

- Any student transferring **directly** from a California community college including F1-Visa students

- Students MUST have been enrolled in a California community college during the spring 2022 term. (UC Davis requirement)

- Students previously enrolled at a UC campus during a regular session **can only** TAG to a different UC campus.

OTHER ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA TO SUBMIT A TAG

- Students MUST meet required university-specific TAG criteria at the time of submitting the TAG (Please note: meet with a counselor to see if you're eligible before submitting a TAG).

- Students who completed at least 30 semester or 45 quarter UC transferable units from a California community college by the end of summer 2022 (some non-California community college units may/may not be accepted)

- Students must have completed at least one transferable ENGL and MATH course by the end of summer 2022 (individual UC TAG criteria regarding ENGL and MATH completion may vary).

WHO CANNOT SUBMIT A TAG?

- Students with a bachelor's degree, graduate degree, and/or professional degree

- Students cannot TAG to a UC campus that they've already attended.

- Students concurrently enrolled in high school (please meet with a Foothill college counselor for details)

TAG MATRIX 2022-2023

The TAG matrix provides a list of campus-specific requirements to qualify for TAG. The same information is also listed on the individual campuses TAG websites. TAG Matrix information includes...

- GPA requirements

- Basic TAG course requirements

- Answers to unique academic circumstances (example AP, IB, etc.)

- Important dates/deadlines

- University TAG website links and contact information

A revised TAG matrix will be available at the beginning of August. In addition to using the TAG matrix, please visit the individual campus TAG websites for the most current information. See link below for matrix and individual campus TAG information. TAG Matrix

UNIT/CREDIT LIMITATIONS

- If you have AP/IB credit from high school and took a similar class in college, students may not receive duplicate credit for both the AP score and college course.

- Foothill pre-calculus courses **MATH 48A, 48B, and 48C equals 15 units.** The UC will only accept a maximum 7.5 quarter units from these courses.

- A maximum of only **6 quarter units** will be accepted for PHED Activity courses.

- F1-Visa international students cannot receive transferable credit for a language course that is their native language

- Although students are required to input coursework from ALL colleges attended, including international transcripts, it is not a guarantee which courses UC's will accept from non-California community colleges.

WHERE DO I APPLY FOR TAG?

- **Step 1:**
  - Create a "New Student" account before Sept. 30 in the **UC Transfer Admission Planner (UC TAP)** to complete the TAG application (Although students have until Sept. 30 to fill out and submit their TAG, it is recommended that you complete it sooner than later so you have time to meet with a counselor to ask TAG questions). UC TAP account

  - The UC TAP account has a tab labeled "Apply for TAG." Click that button between Sept. 1 – Sept. 30 to begin the TAG submission process.

    Students must submit their TAG Sept. 1st - 30th , 2022

    TAG Application is FREE

- **Step 2:**
  - Students must ALSO fill out the UC admissions application and submit it **Oct. 1st – Nov 30th, 2022. The Fall term UC application opens August 1.** https://apply.universityofcalifornia.edu/my-application/login

TAG APPLICATION PREPARATION

- Have **ALL** of your (unofficial) college transcripts (from all colleges attended) and Advanced Placement (AP) or International Baccalaureate (IB) exam scores when filling out your UC TAP account. It might be helpful to have paper copies.

- Log-in to the UC Transfer Admission Planner **(UC TAP)** and start entering ALL your major and general education coursework in your UC TAP account.

- Once your UC TAP account is filled out accurately and completely, you will be allowed to submit your TAG between Sept. 1 – Sept. 30 **(The TAG cannot be submitted after Sept. 30).**

- Choose the tab, "Apply for TAG" (Sept. 1 – Sept. 30) to begin the TAG submission process.

<u>**Important Notice:**</u> It is **your** responsibility to make sure the information you report is accurate and complete. Please meet with a counselor sooner than later if you'd like your TAG to be reviewed before submitting.

REPORTING COURSEWORK

The UC TAP system instructs students to list ALL college terms and courses attended in chronological order. (do not input anything for summer 2023).

- Enter grades **exactly as they appear on your transcripts** that you have **attempted**, **repeated, completed, dropped, or failed:** This includes grades "A" thru "F", "I" for incomplete, or "W" for withdrawal, and academic renewal.

- Input ALL courses and grades whether your transcripts are from colleges in the United States or other countries; **Do not work from memory.**

- If you attended a California community college, the UC TAP account will recognize courses that are UC transferable and will automatically populate your course when you search for the course (This allows the UC TAP account to calculate your GPA).

- If the course is either non-transferable to UC or a non-California community college course, you must enter the courses manually because they will not automatically populate. When you type the non-transferable course acronym, the phrase "My course is not listed" appears. Click the phrase to manually enter the courses exactly as they appear on your transcript.

- Students must explain any gaps in education. For example: If you did not attend college for one or more terms. The UC TAP will request you to write in a text box what you were doing during your gap in education (Recommend to be simple and brief).

- Report all courses including your future/ planned courses up to the end of spring 2023.

REPORTING FUTURE/PLANNED COURSEWORK

Work with a counselor to review TAG criteria, your TAG eligibility, and to help you plan your future/planned coursework:

- Use https://www.assist.org/ to plan your future/ planned major course requirements. Use this website by first choosing Foothill College, then choosing your UC, and then your major. Here you will find the courses the UC requires you to take at a California community college for your major.

- Most science/math/ engineering related majors might have courses with prerequisites.

- Your future/ planned courses is a contractual agreement you make with the university. The UC will expect students to complete their listed future/planned courses by the end of spring 2023 (There may/ may not be some exceptions). See examples below.

- If you register for courses in future terms that are different from what you listed in your TAG it may/ may not negatively affect your TAG.
  - For example: If you don't take a major requirement that you listed in your TAG, this could negatively affect your TAG.
  - For example: If you take a different general education course than what you listed in your TAG, it most likely will not negatively affect your TAG.

Please meet with a counselor if you choose to take a different course other than the courses you listed in your TAG.

IMPORTANT NOTES

- **Summer 2023:** This term may not be used to complete courses required for the TAG; all TAG requirements must be completed by the end of spring 2023 **(DO NOT list courses for summer 2023 on your UC TAP account).**

- **Upper division:** If upper division coursework was completed, please check with a counselor to determine if you are at-risk of being denied admission due to over unit limits.

- Not all majors are eligible for TAG with some UC's and selective majors require more specific eligibility criteria.

- TAG does NOT require you to answer Personal Insight Questions (PIQ's) within the TAG. However, students are required to answer their (PIQ's) in their UC application.

- UC Davis has been the only UC that let's students know by mid-November if their TAG was approved. Most UC's usually will not let you know if your TAG was approved until they send your admissions decision.

OTHER IMPORTANT NOTES

- A TAG is a contract between **you** (the student) and the specific **UC** campus. Make sure to complete all coursework & maintain the required GPA requirements in your TAG.

- If you need to make any changes to your TAG after you've submitted it by the Sept. 30th deadline, you may jeopardize your TAG! Work with a counselor to discuss any changes. Since the TAG will be closed after Sept. 30, you will only be able to make changes in your UC application.

- Students can only choose **ONE** major and **ONE** university for TAG.

- Make sure you choose the same major and university on your UC application that you chose on your TAG in the UC TAP account

- TAG conditions must be fulfilled until the end of Spring 2023

- You do not have to apply for TAG to be considered for admission; Students that choose not to apply for TAG can still apply for UC admission Oct. 1st – Nov. 30th, 2022 (students can apply to more than one UC on the UC application).

MEET A COUNSELOR **NOW**

Stop by the Transfer Center or Counseling Center to see if you're eligible to submit a UC TAG.

Deadline to submit: Sept. 1st - Sept. 30th, 2022

We look forward to working with you!

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