

UC Transfer Admission Guarantee (TAG) for students applying for fall 2027 or spring 2028 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 2027 TAG** at any one of the six participating campuses, students must meet the following criteria:

1. Must have completed at least 30 semester/45 quarter UC-transferable units at the time of TAG submission (end of summer 2026);
2. Must complete at least one UC-E (English) and one UC-M (Math) by fall 2026;
3. Must complete the remaining [7-course pattern](#) by spring 2027;
4. Must complete 60 semester/90 quarter UC-transferable units (junior standing) by the end of spring 2027;
5. Must complete at least 30 semester/45 quarter UC-transferable units at one or more CCC by spring 2027, and a CCC must be the last school of attendance in a regular session;
6. Must require no more than 19 UC-transferable units (semester or quarter) in spring 2027 (or in the last regular term) to reach junior standing;
7. 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);
8. Must earn no grade lower than C in the current fall, winter and/or spring terms and remain in good academic standing;
9. Must submit a TAG application through the [UC Transfer Admission Planner \(UC TAP\)](#) between September 1 and September 30, 2026;
10. Must submit the [UC application](#) between October 1 and November 30, 2026, and the TAG major and application major for the TAG campus must match;
11. Must submit a Transfer Academic Update (TAU) by January 31, 2027; and,
12. 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. Transfer students are responsible for accurately reporting all college coursework on their TAG and UC applications.

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

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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?
Davis	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, Business, Computer Science, Data Science and Landscape Architecture (applicants are approved in pre-Landscape Architecture with no guarantee to the major).
Irvine	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.) Note: In addition to the majors above, see additional notes for a list of majors that will be excluded for TAG applicants applying for fall 2028 admission.
Merced	Yes, wait for TAG decision before submitting UC application. Decision release dates: Fall TAG: Nov 15 Spring TAG: July 1	Accepted for fall; filing period: Sept. 1-30 Accepted for spring; filing period: May 1-31. See additional notes for further information.	Yes, provided all TAG requirements are completed.	All majors now open for TAG. Subject to change.
Riverside	Yes, wait for TAG decision before submitting UC application.	Accepted for fall; filing period: Sept. 1-30	Yes, provided all TAG requirements are completed.	Art Studio
Santa Barbara	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.A. -Theater Design Emphasis, and Theater B.F.A.-Acting Emphasis in the College of Letters & Science.
Santa Cruz	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 UC Santa Cruz TAG .	All majors now open for TAG.

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Campus	Minimum UC Transferable GPA required for a TAG	Is completion of Cal-GETC or IGETC required?	Majors that require major preparation
Davis	<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</p> <p>GPA's listed above required by end of summer 2026.</p> <p>There are also specific major prep GPA requirements for each selective major. For the most current information, please visit UC Davis TAG.</p>	No	Complete course series/group requirements for selective majors; see UC Davis TAG criteria for details.
Irvine	<p>3.4 minimum GPA by end of fall 2026.</p> <p>For the most current information, please visit UC Irvine TAG.</p>	No	Complete major prerequisites for specific majors; see UC Irvine transfer requirements .
Merced	<p>School of Engineering majors: 3.0 School of Natural Science majors: 2.9 School of Social Sciences, Humanities and Arts majors: 2.8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exception: Psychology 3.0; Public Health 3.0 <p>GPA's listed above required by end of summer 2026.</p> <p>For the most current information, please visit UC Merced TAG.</p>	<p>Yes, for Public Health only.</p> <p>No for all other majors.</p>	Complete minimum course prerequisites for specific majors; see UC Merced TAG .
Riverside	<p>College of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences (CHASS): 2.8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exceptions: Psychology, and Theater, Film & Digital Production: 3.3 <p>Marlan and Rosemary Bourns College of Engineering (BCOE): 3.0</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exceptions: Computer Science 3.6; Computer Science w/ Business Applications 3.3; Computer Engineering 3.3; Mechanical Engineering 3.1 <p>College of Natural and Agricultural Sciences (CNAS): 2.8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exception: Data Science 3.0 <p>School of Business: 2.8 School of Education: 2.7 School of Public Policy: 2.7</p> <p>GPA's listed above required by end of summer 2026.</p> <p>For the most current information, please visit UC Riverside TAG.</p>	No; The School of Business Administration highly recommends completion of Cal-GETC/IGETC.	<p>All majors in the Bourns College of Engineering (BCOE), College of Natural & Agricultural Sciences (CNAS), School of Business Administration, and Business Economics, Economics, Psychology, and Neuroscience majors in the College of Humanities, Arts & Social Sciences (CHASS).</p> <p>See UC Riverside Majors Preparation Guide for major preparation and UC Riverside transfer admission for campus details.</p>
Santa Barbara	<p>3.4 GPA by end of fall 2026 for all majors.</p> <p>All majors in Biological Sciences, Chemistry and Biochemistry, Economics, Mathematics, Physics, and Statistics and Applied Probability have a minimum GPA required for major preparation courses.</p> <p>See "By Major" articulation agreements at ASSIST for details.</p>	No	<p>All Biological Sciences, Chemistry and Biochemistry, Economics, Mathematics, Physics, and Statistics and Applied Probability majors in the College of Letters and Science.</p> <p>See UC Santa Barbara selective majors for more details.</p>
Santa Cruz	<p>3.0 GPA by end of summer 2026 for all majors.</p> <p>Additional GPA requirements for major preparation courses for some majors.</p> <p>For the most current information, please visit UC Santa Cruz TAG.</p>	No	All screening majors. See UC Santa Cruz TAG for more details.

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Spring 2028 TAG applicants

- UC Merced:
 - First UC-E must be completed by end of spring 2027.
 - Second UC-E must be completed by end of summer 2027.
 - UC-M must be completed by end of fall 2027.
 - All other TAG qualifications must be met by end of fall 2027.

Campus TAG websites and contact information

Davis

- [Find your UC Davis advisor](#)
- (530) 752-2971

Irvine

- (949) 824-6703

Merced

- (209) 228-7178
- transfer@ucmerced.edu

Riverside

- (951) 827-3411
- [Admissions.ucr.edu/ask](https://admissions.ucr.edu/ask)

Santa Barbara

- (805) 893-2881

Santa Cruz

- (831) 459-4008
- tag@ucsc.edu

2027–28 TAG Matrix summary of changes

Shared criteria:

- Shared requirement #8 has been revised to state: “Students must earn no grade lower than C in the current fall, winter and/or spring terms and remain in good academic standing”

Campus updates:

- UC Merced: The final page of the TAG Matrix includes guidance for spring 2028 TAG applicants.
- UC Riverside: Several academic school names have been updated to reflect current institutional nomenclature.
- UC Davis: The Business major is not available through TAG.
- UC Santa Barbara:
 - The Statistics and Applied Probability major requires completion of major preparation coursework and a specified major preparation GPA.
 - The Theater B.A. (Theater Design emphasis) major is no longer available through TAG.
- UC Santa Cruz: TAG is currently available for all majors.
- UC Irvine: In addition to the current majors excluded from TAG, applicants applying for fall 2028 admission will no longer be able to utilize TAG for the following majors: Aerospace Engineering, Biological Sciences, Biology/Education, Business Economics, Cognitive Sciences, Computer Engineering, Ecology & Evolutionary Biology, Economics, Electrical Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Psychology (B.A. and B.S); and Quantitative Economics.