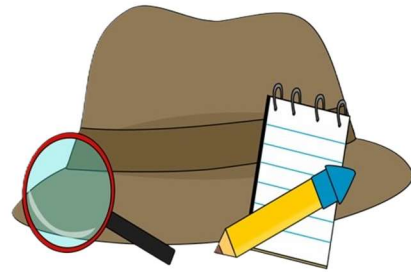


Decoding UC online resources: Sharpen your detective skills and become a super sleuth



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For this session we will review the UC Transfer Admission Planner, the UC Information Center and the UC Counselor Resource Library.

UC Transfer Admission Planner (UC TAP): Prepare the case



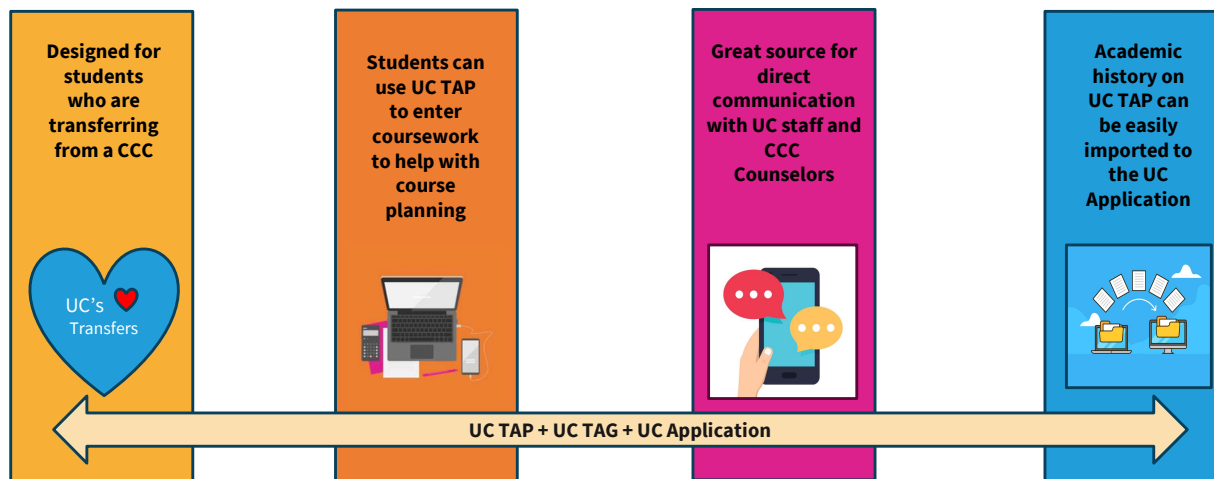
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The UC TAP Tool is a great resource to help prospective students "prepare" for their next academic adventure. For this first section we will overview student account and counselor account features.

UC Transfer Admission Planner (UC TAP) for students



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The UC TAP tool is designed for use by students transferring from California community colleges, including those students who are seeking a Transfer Admission Guarantee (TAG) with one of the six participating UC campuses.

UC TAP helps students plan their coursework and map their progress toward meeting UC minimum requirements

The UC TAP is a place where students can receive important messages regarding upcoming events/visits from UC representatives.

Students may choose the UC application option to import academic information (coursework) from their UC TAP/TAG account to the UC application.

UC TAP – for students

Navigating the UC TAP tool is very straightforward with sections focused on personal information, academic information, and transfer information.



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- A great feature for the students is the Support program section. Students can view available programs and indicate their interests. Additionally, through the “**my transfer plan**” section, students can indicate the UC campuses and majors they are interested in pursuing.
- Through both the ‘**support programs**’ and ‘**my transfer plan**’ sections, students may be considered and invited to transfer programs and events, including summer programs, internships, and research opportunities.

<https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/admission-requirements/transfer-requirements/transfer-planning-tools/uc-transfer-admission-planner.html>

How to create a UC TAP account



- Create/login to access UC TAP account for counselors.
- IT Support available if you face any technical issues.
- Counselors must have a unique login for each college they represent, even within the same district

The screenshot shows the 'Counselor Access - Set up account' page on the University of California website. The page has a blue header with navigation links: Admissions, Requirements, How to apply, Tuition & financial aid, and Campuses & majors. The main content area is white and contains a form for creating a counselor account. The form includes fields for Full Name (First, Middle, Last), Email, Re-type Email, and Birthdate (Month, Day, Year). To the right of the form is a yellow sidebar with the heading 'California Community College Students' and a note that this is not the section for creating an account. Below this is a green section titled 'Having trouble?' with a link to contact technical support.

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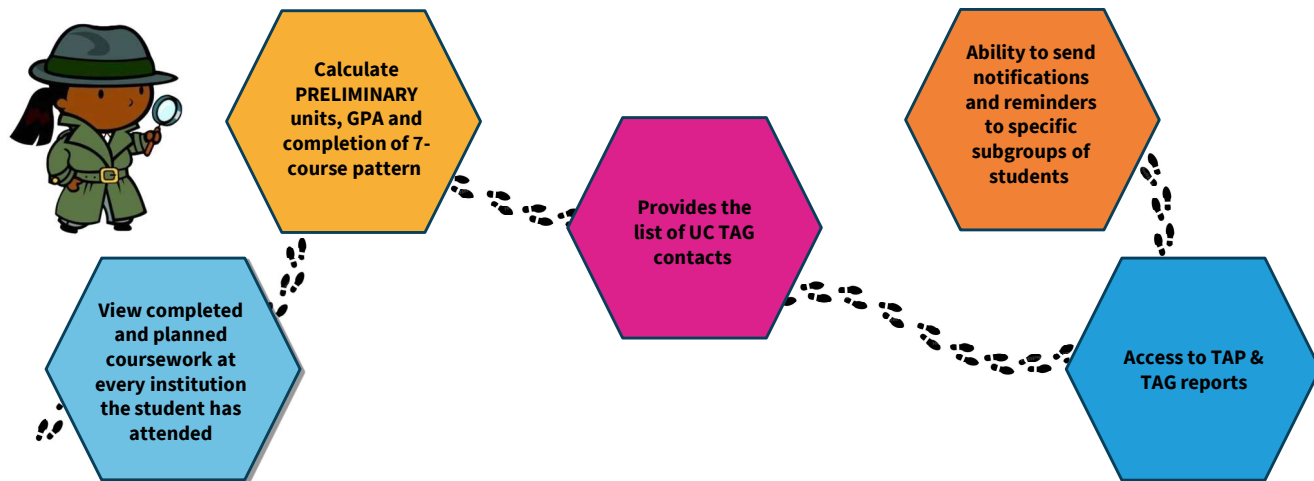


How to access UC TAP

- Access to the UC TAP is determined by designees at individual California community colleges. Only authorized counselors will be granted access to UC TAP, as all information collected in the planning tool is considered confidential.
- Counselors will only have access to the students from the CCC that gave the counselor the TAP account, even though the counselor might work at multiple CCCs.

<https://uctap.universityofcalifornia.edu/counselors/account/>

UC Transfer Admission Planner (UC TAP) for counselors



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Counselor Benefits to using the UC TAP include:

- Access to a student's TAP account, easily allows you to see if a student is meeting the UC Transfer admission requirements (GPA, units, etc.)
**Please note: that unit and GPA calculations are preliminary and based on student self-reported information*
- Counselors can access campus contacts and information regarding UC TAP Administrators, UC Campus TAG Contacts, and UC Representative Appointments
- Counselors have the ability to communicate with individual students, as well as send notifications and reminders to specific subgroups of students.
- The UC TAP tool provides counselors with access reports and outcome data from students at your CCC which we will show in more detail in the next slide.

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA Admissions Home My Information Student Search My TAGs Reports Sign out TRANSFER ADMISSION PLANNER

TAP Reports

- [Student Counts by UC Campus of Interest](#)
- [Student Counts by UC College & Major](#)
- [Student List by UC Campus](#)
- [Student Export](#)

TAG Reports

Status Reports

- [Counts by UC campus](#)
- [Counts by UC College & Major](#)
- [Counts by Ethnicity](#)
- [Student List by UC Campus, Status](#)

Outcome Reports

- [TAG App Counts by UC campus](#)
- [TAG App Counts by UC College & Major](#)

UC Dual Admission Reports

- [Student List](#)

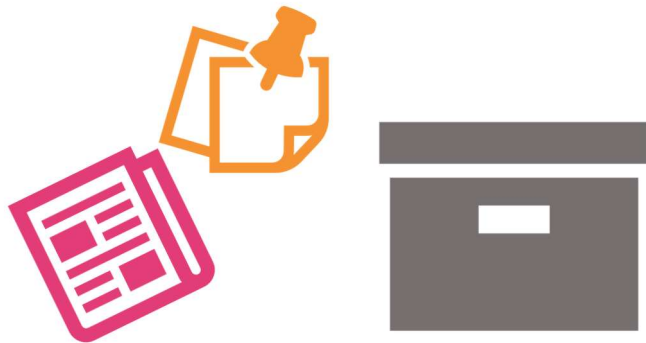
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This slide shows a snapshot of the various tools available for counselors with respect to reports and outcome data.

- Student search
- TAG/TAP reports (including status & outcome)
- Student counts by UC campus
- Student counts by UC college/majors
- Student list by UC campus
- UC Dual Admission reports

Counselors have the option to request additional reporting needs or provide feedback and ideas to better improve the TAP and TAG report section.

UC Information Center: Gather evidence



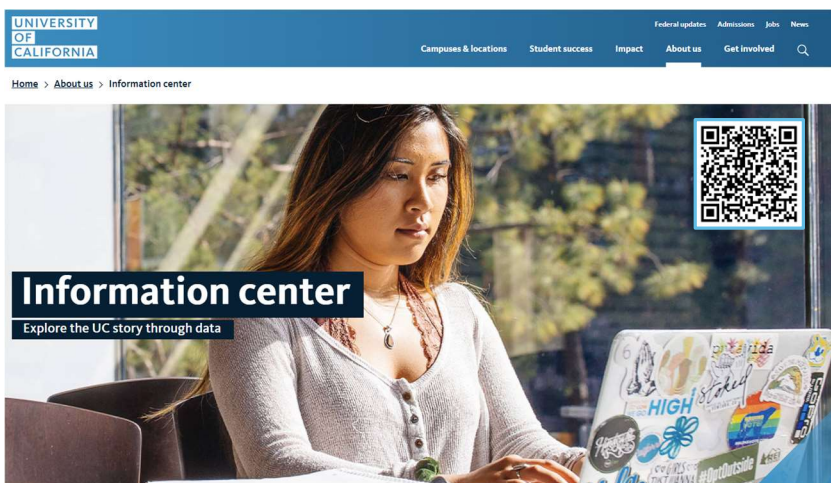
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We will now talk about gathering evidence as a detective using the UC Information Center, or Info Center for short.

UC Info Center: Quick links



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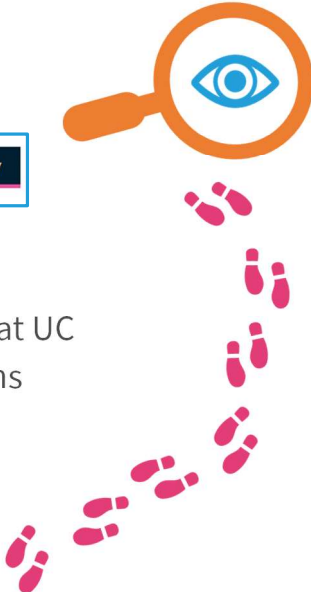
The Info Center offers powerful visuals, filters, and reports that can support with being data-informed.

There are two primary ways to navigate the Info Center. The first is to look at the **Quick Links**. Think of it like an evidence board that maps out the bigger picture clues your case is building off.

Quick Links enables users to access specific reports and databases, including:

- The **UC at a glance report**, which provides a snapshot of how UC impacts the lives of people in California and around the world: ucop.edu/institutional-research-academic-planning/_files/uc-facts-at-a-glance.pdf
- The **UC Accountability Report**, which provides an assessment of the UC's progress in meeting key goals: accountability.universityofcalifornia.edu/
- The **More analyses** link takes users to the Institutional Research and Academic Planning Content & Analysis (IRAP) page which includes topic briefs, reports, and analyses that concentrate in key areas of UC: ucop.edu/institutional-research-academic-planning/content-analysis/index.html
- And lastly, the **UC in California map** allows users to explore and visualize the reach of UC's teaching, research, and public service mission geographically: ucop.cisr.ucsc.edu/

UC Info Center: Search bar



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- Admissions by source school
- California community college new enrollments at UC
- California community college outreach programs
- Enrollment destinations of UC admits
- Transfer fall admissions summary
- Transfers by major

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The second approach for navigating the Info Center is looking for evidence reports using the **Search Bar** and utilizing key words such as "community college" and "transfer" as depicted on the slide.

Upon a search with these key words, the following relevant reports will populate:

- **Admissions by source school** provides applicant, admit, and enrollment data: universityofcalifornia.edu/about-us/information-center/admissions-source-school
- **California Community College new enrollments** shares the enrollees from campuses by year and UC campus: universityofcalifornia.edu/about-us/information-center/california-community-college-new-enrollments-uc
- **California community college outreach programs** is a portfolio and dashboard that highlights the efforts of UC's Transfer Prep Program: universityofcalifornia.edu/about-us/information-center/uc-ccc-outreach
- **Enrollment destinations of UC admits** shows the colleges that students admitted to a UC end up enrolling at: universityofcalifornia.edu/about-us/information-center/admit-destinations
- **Transfer fall admissions summary** details the most recent fall admission data: universityofcalifornia.edu/about-us/information-center/transfer-admissions-summary
- And lastly, **Transfers by major** provides data on transfer applicants based on their field of study: universityofcalifornia.edu/about-us/information-center/transfers-major

We are going to highlight two of these reports that offer valuable insights to counselors.

Admission by source school

TR Eth by Yr
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TR GPA by Yr
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Full year transfers average GPA by year and UC campus

☒ California public 2-year college
☐ California public 4-year college (CSU)
☐ California private 4-year college
☐ University of California

Academic year: 2024-25*
Search by college:

Campus: Universitywide
Search by city:
County: (All)

School	County	App GPA	Adm GPA	Enr GPA
ALLAN HANCOCK COLLEGE	Davis	3.39	3.49	3.48
AMERICAN RIVER COLLEGE	Los Angeles	3.45	3.55	3.60
ANTELOPE VALLEY COLLEGE	Merced	3.44	3.57	3.59
BAKERSFIELD COLLEGE	Riverside	3.36	3.50	3.47
BARSTOW COMMUNITY COLLEGE	San Diego	3.27	3.41	3.65
BERKELEY CITY COLLEGE	Santa Barbara	3.52	3.59	3.62
BUTTE COLLEGE	Orville	3.45	3.64	3.63
CABRILLO COLLEGE	Aptos	3.40	3.49	3.48
CANADA COLLEGE	Redwood City	3.41	3.53	3.54
CERRITOS COLLEGE	Nonwalk	3.41	3.54	3.55
CERRILLO COMMUNITY COLLEGE	Ridgecrest	3.60	3.66	3.67
CHABOT COLLEGE	Hayward	3.49	3.59	3.62
CHAFFET COLLEGE	Rancho Cucamonga	3.35	3.52	3.54
CITRUS COLLEGE	Glendora	3.43	3.59	3.62
CITY COLLEGE OF SAN FRANCISCO	San Francisco	3.53	3.61	3.63
COASTLINE COMMUNITY COLLEGE	Fresno	3.43	3.52	3.55
COASTLINE COMMUNITY COLLEGE	Fountain Valley	3.50	3.62	3.63

- UC's applicant, admit and enrollee information
- Ethnicity, gender and GPA reports
- Filter by community college, academic year, UC campus



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If you would like to view and click through the reports yourself, scan the QR codes on the bottom right of the screen for each report.

The first report we want to highlight is the **"Admission by source school"** report, which presents info on UC's applicants, admits, and enrollees: universityofcalifornia.edu/about-us/information-center/admissions-source-school

As seen on the top of this slide, the report utilizes clickable tabs, and for the purposes of Ensuring Transfer Success, we want to focus on the tabs beginning with capital **"TR,"** which stands for **Transfer**

Users are able to click the tabs to pull reports on **ethnicity (Eth)**, **gender (Gnd)**, and **mean GPA (GPA)** and filter them **by community college, academic year,** and **UC campus.**

This info is especially helpful for identifying historical trends based on your own campus's data, and counselors have primarily used this report to pull info on students' average GPA as pictured on this slide. As you can also see, we can filter the GPA data by a specific academic year, like 2020-2021, and a specific UC campus, like UCLA for example.

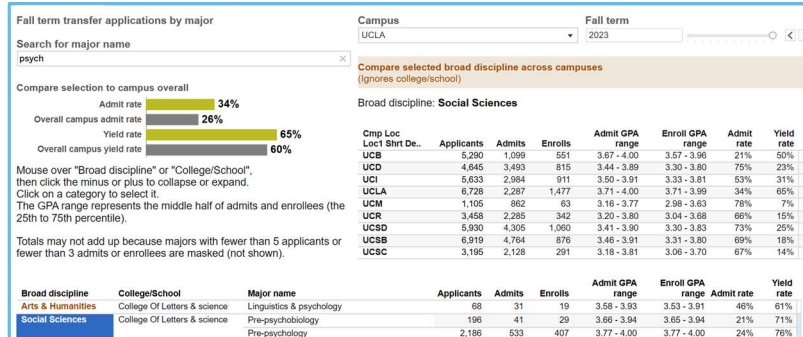
Transfers by major



By major name

By federal CIP category

By community college



- CIP: Classification of Instructional Programs
- Cannot separate out specific majors.



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The second report we want to highlight is the "Transfers by major" report: universityofcalifornia.edu/about-us/information-center/transfers-major

Similar to the other report, this one also utilizes tabs that users can click on to filter by **major name**, **federal Classification of Instructional Programs or CIP category**, and **community college**.

We want to preface that this report is based on discipline groupings and cannot separate out specific majors since those aren't always equivalent across campuses. As you explore this data, be advised to use it as a general guide to understand selectivity, not as a predictor of any one student's admission chances to a specific campus major.

With that said, searching **by major name** enables users to compare selected broad disciplines across multiple UC campuses as pictured on this slide.

The **by federal CIP category** tab allows one to compare the selected subfamily across campuses and help users see what majors are included within each discipline.

Lastly, the **by community college** tab allows users to pull info for a specific campus and compare data across multiple academic years.

Now that we've shown you the Info Center and examples of some of existing evidence reports you can utilize, we will now highlight resources from the Counselor Resource Library.

UC Counselor Resource Library: Be an investigator



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Now, let's shift our focus from gathering data to being an investigator. If you're seeking a reliable way to stay updated on all things related to the UC system, the Counselor Resource Library is a great place to start.

UC Counselor Resource Library

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Preparing first-year students | **Preparing transfer students** | UC graduation requirements | Connect to resources | Events

UC Admissions

Preparing transfer applicants
Gaining admission into the UC system as a transfer student requires careful planning. But it can be done!

Understanding the transfer process
Nearly 30 percent of UC undergraduates are transfer students. And the data prove that they do just as well academically as students who enter as first-years.

Preparing transfer students

- Transfer requirements
- Transfer routes
- Transfer credit practices
- General education and IGETC
- Transfer comprehensive review
- International records for transfer
- Second baccalaureate
- Transfer class profile

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Part of being an investigator means following evidence wherever it leads. The Resource Library is a valuable hub where you can sign up to explore all UC related transfer admission topics. Every campus has created a list with specific resources. In particular, I would like to highlight the transfer credit practices, you can get information on pass-along credit, limits on transfer credit, repeated courses and much more. Just a heads-up, the library is updated throughout the year based on the admissions cycle, so be sure to check back regularly for the latest updates.

<https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/counselors/connect-to-resources/resource-library.html>



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Quick Reference Guide to UC Admissions

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Quick Reference Guide resource toolkit

- Highlights
 - Campus selection charts
 - Campuses policies and procedures for transfer evaluation
 - Campus selection
 - Major selection



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Moving forward, you can also find the Quick Reference Guide. This is your go-to guide for systemwide admission requirements. We encourage you to review the campus selection charts in the quick reference. You will find a comprehensive review of the admission process, policies, and practices for each UC system. The chart will help you understand in depth how each UC evaluates transfer applicants. So if you have not downloaded, be sure to do so and save it for your reference.

Quick Reference Guide:

https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/counselors/_files/documents/quick-reference-guide-to-uc-admissions.pdf

UC Transfer Admission Guarantee (TAG) for students applying for 2026–27 admission

Campus	Minimum UC Transferable GPA required for a TAG	Is completion of IGETC required?	Major that require major preparation
Davis	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 GPAs if	No	Complete course group requirements for selective majors; see UC Davis TAG criteria for details.

UC Transfer Admission Guarantee (TAG) for students applying for 2026–27 admission

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
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, Computer Science, Data Science and Landscape Architecture (applicants are approved in pre-Landscape Architecture with no guarantee to the major).	UC Davis TAG contacts (830) 752-2971
Merced	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.)	UC Merced TAG (840) 624-6703
Riverside	Yes, wait for TAG decision before submitting UC application. Decision release dates: Fall TAG: Nov 15 th Spring TAG: July 1 st	Accepted for fall quarter only. Filing period: Sept. 1–30 Accepted for spring quarter only. Filing period: May 1–31	Yes, provided all TAG requirements are completed.	All majors now open for TAG. Subject to change.	UC Merced TAG (209) 228-7178 transfer@ucmerced.edu
Santa Barbara	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.	Art Studio	UC Riverside TAG (951) 827-3411 Admissions@ucr.edu/link
Santa Cruz	Yes, wait for TAG decision before submitting UC application.	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.	UC Santa Barbara TAG (805) 893-2881
Santa Cruz	Yes, wait for TAG decision before submitting UC application.	Accepted for fall quarter only. Filing period: Sept. 1–30	Yes, for all screened majors. For the most current list of screening majors, please visit UC Santa Cruz TAG .	Computer Science B.A. and B.S.	UC Santa Cruz TAG (831) 459-4008 tag@scic.ucsc.edu

Accurate as of June 23, 2025, for the 2026–2027 TAG application cycle. Subject to change. For future TAG application cycle information refer to each individual UC campus admissions website.

TAG roadmap for counselors

Understanding the TAG basics

- Highlights campus specific requirements
- Helps with accurate planning for TAG eligibility

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Now, let's dive into the TAG Roadmap for Counselors. Understanding the TAG Matrix means knowing what UC campuses expect -this includes GPA, completed units, required courses, and available majors per participating campus. It's a great tool for ensuring accurate planning and assessing eligibility for your students.

TAG Matrix: https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/counselors/_files/documents/uc-tag-matrix.pdf

Presenting yourself on the UC application

Detective tip!

UC application presentation
Available online!

Practical tips to help navigate the
application process

Presenting yourself on the UC application

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Happy application season! A great resource to help support your students during the application process is the “Presenting Yourself” UC application presentation. This is available online. You will find practical tips and insights for guiding students through each section of the application. Whether you're new to the UC system or looking for a refresher, this tool is designed to equip you with the knowledge and confidence to guide your students in the process.

https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/counselors/_files/documents/presenting-yourself-on-the-uc-application-transfer.pdf



Personal Insight Questions (PIQ) resources

- PIQ worksheet
 - Helps students brainstorm and organize responses
- PIQ video

The screenshot shows the University of California Admissions website. The top navigation bar includes links for Admissions, Requirements, How to apply, Tuition & financial aid, Campuses & majors, and an Apply now button. The main content area is titled 'Personal insight questions' and includes a brief introduction: 'Imagine UC was a person. If we met face-to-face, what would you want us to know about you? These personal insight questions allow you to tell us. You could write about your creative side. Your thoughts on leadership. A challenge you've faced. Whatever questions you answer, make sure you show us your personality—just as you would in real life.' Below this is a video player with the title 'How to answer UC's Personal Insight Q' and a thumbnail of a woman speaking. To the right of the video is a list of 8 numbered questions. Below the video is a 'Directions' section with bullet points: 'You will have 8 questions to choose from. You must respond to only 4 of the 8 questions.', 'Each response is limited to a maximum of 350 words.', and 'Which questions you choose to answer is entirely up to you. However, you should select questions that are most relevant to your experience and that best reflect your individual circumstances.' On the right side of the page, there is a 'How to apply' section with links for 'Applying as a first year', 'Dates & deadlines', 'Filling out the application', 'Personal insight questions', 'How applications are reviewed', 'After you apply', and 'Applying as a transfer'. At the bottom right, there is a 'Need more help?' section with a link to 'Download our worksheets' and links for 'English [PDF]' and 'Spanish [PDF]'.

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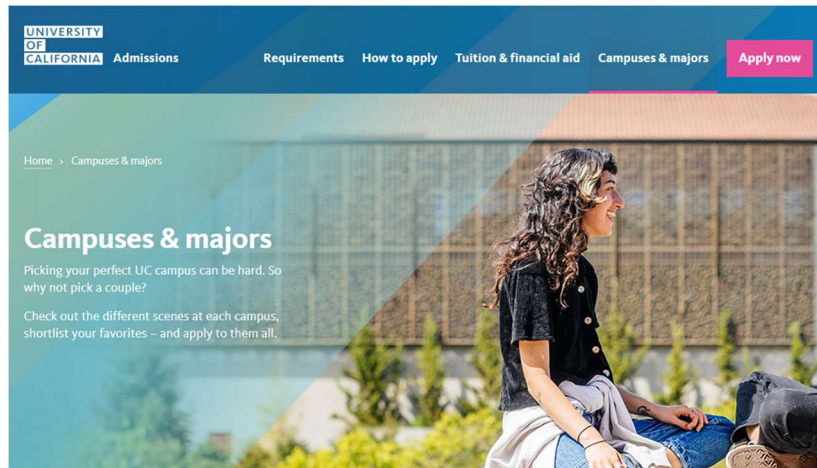
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How to help your students navigate PIQS? We offer Personal Insight Questions Resources on the main admission site. You can find the PIQ worksheet (available in both English and Spanish) - this will allow your students brainstorm and organize their responses. You can also find a helpful YouTube video for your reference.

<https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/how-to-apply/applying-as-a-transfer/personal-insight-questions.html>

UC campus-specific resources



UC campus-specific resources provide tailored information, contacts, and tools unique to each UC campus, helping counselors and students access specialized admissions guidance, program details, and campus support services.



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<https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/campuses-majors/>

Resource breakdown

Campus newsletters

Deliver regular updates on admissions, campus events, deadlines and resources, keeping counselors and students informed about the latest news and opportunities specific to each UC campus.



Virtual resources & events

The UC system offers interactive virtual tours, live webinars and self-guided online resources to help prospective students explore campuses remotely and learn about academic programs and student life.

Campus YouTube channels

Provide virtual tours and insights into campus life and academics, helping students and counselors explore and learn about each UC campus remotely.



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UC Berkeley | <https://admissions.berkeley.edu/apply-to-berkeley/counselors-colleagues/>

UC Davis | <https://www.ucdavis.edu/admissions/undergraduate/counselors>

UC Irvine | <https://admissions.uci.edu/counselors.php>

UCLA | <https://admission.ucla.edu/contact/admission-counselors>

UC Merced | <https://admissions.ucmerced.edu/information/counselors-educators>

UC Riverside | <https://admissions.ucr.edu/counselors>

UC San Diego | <https://admissions.ucsd.edu/counselors/index.html>

UC Santa Barbara | <https://admissions.sa.ucsb.edu/counselor-resources>

UC Santa Cruz | <https://admissions.ucsc.edu/counselors>

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