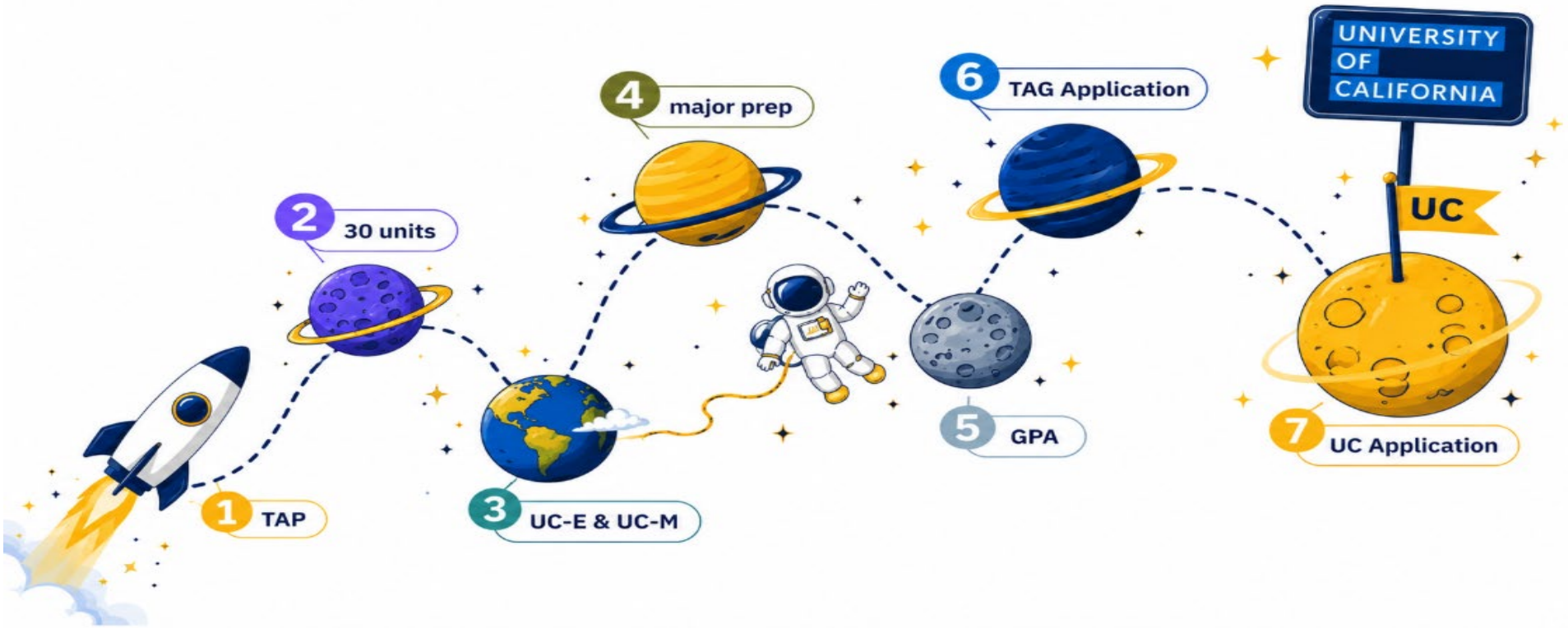


Take off with TAG: Guaranteed landing at UC

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- Questions can be submitted via the Zoom Q&A. Questions will be answered live at the end of the presentation.
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- Recordings and presentation materials will be posted in the coming weeks to the Vision Resource Center and the UC Counselors Website.

Technical support is available. Email conferences@foundationccc.org.

Agenda

- What is UC TAP
- TAG requirements
- Campus updates
- Strengthening TAG applications
- After TAG submission
- Case studies and myths
- Resources

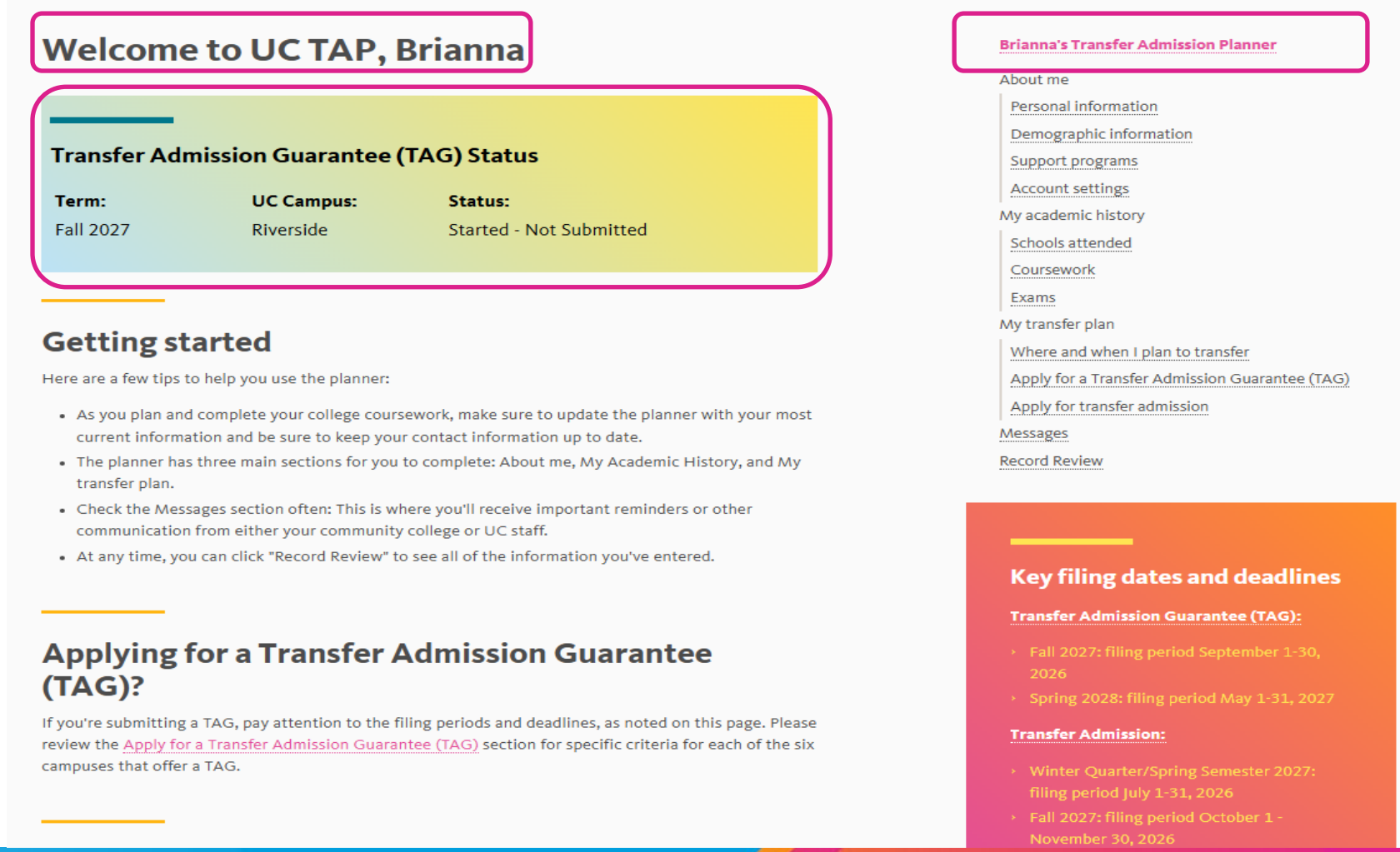


What is UC TAP



UC Transfer Admission Planner (UC TAP)

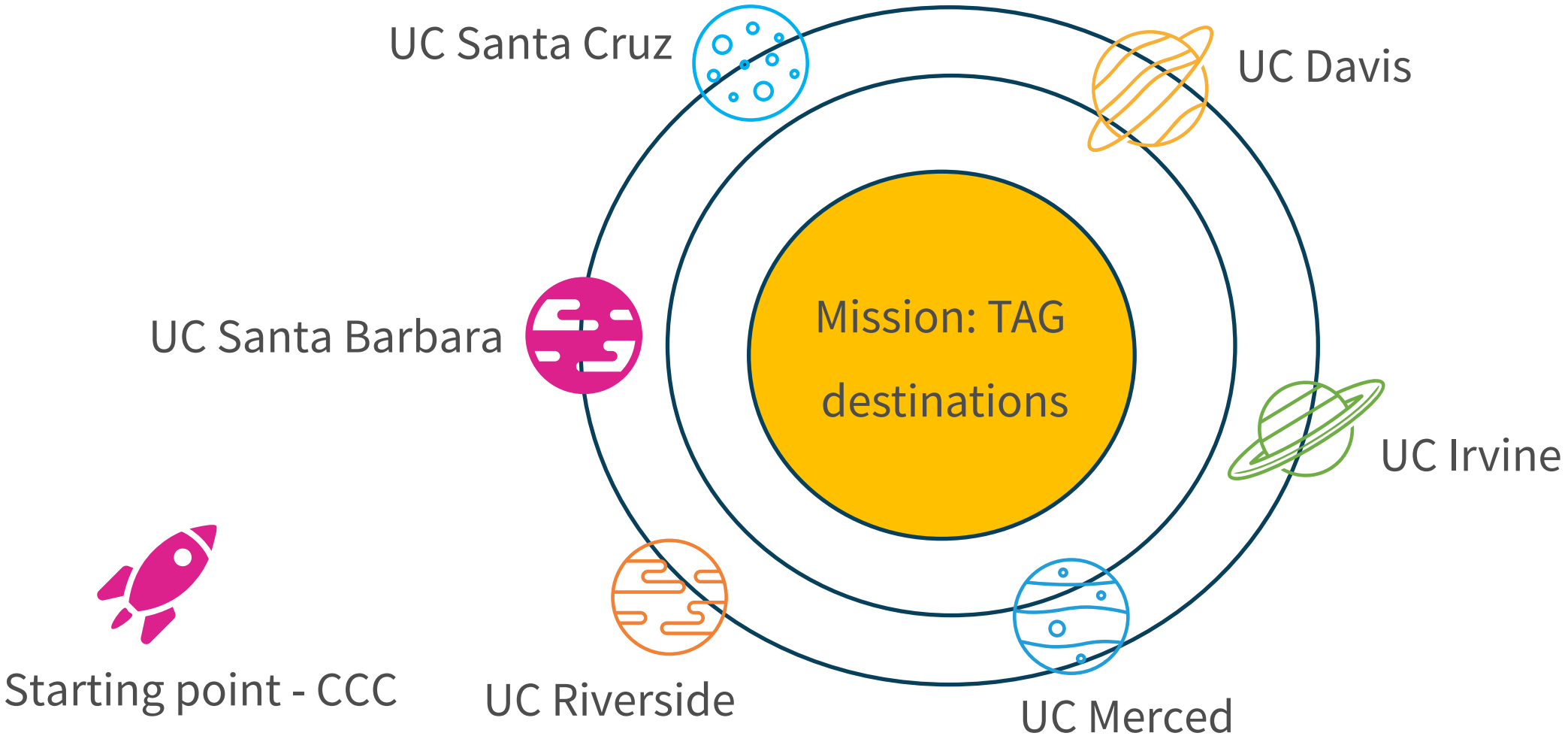
UC Transfer Admission Planner (UC TAP) is a free online tool that can be used to help prospective UC transfer students track and plan their coursework and where students apply for TAG.





UC TAG requirements

Mission: TAG destinations



Fueling your TAG mission

Shared TAG requirements

- Complete 30 UC transferable semester units by TAG submission date
- Complete 60 UC transferable semester units by spring prior to transfer
- Complete UC-E and UC-M requirements
- Meet GPA criteria (2.7-3.6*, varies by campus/major/college)



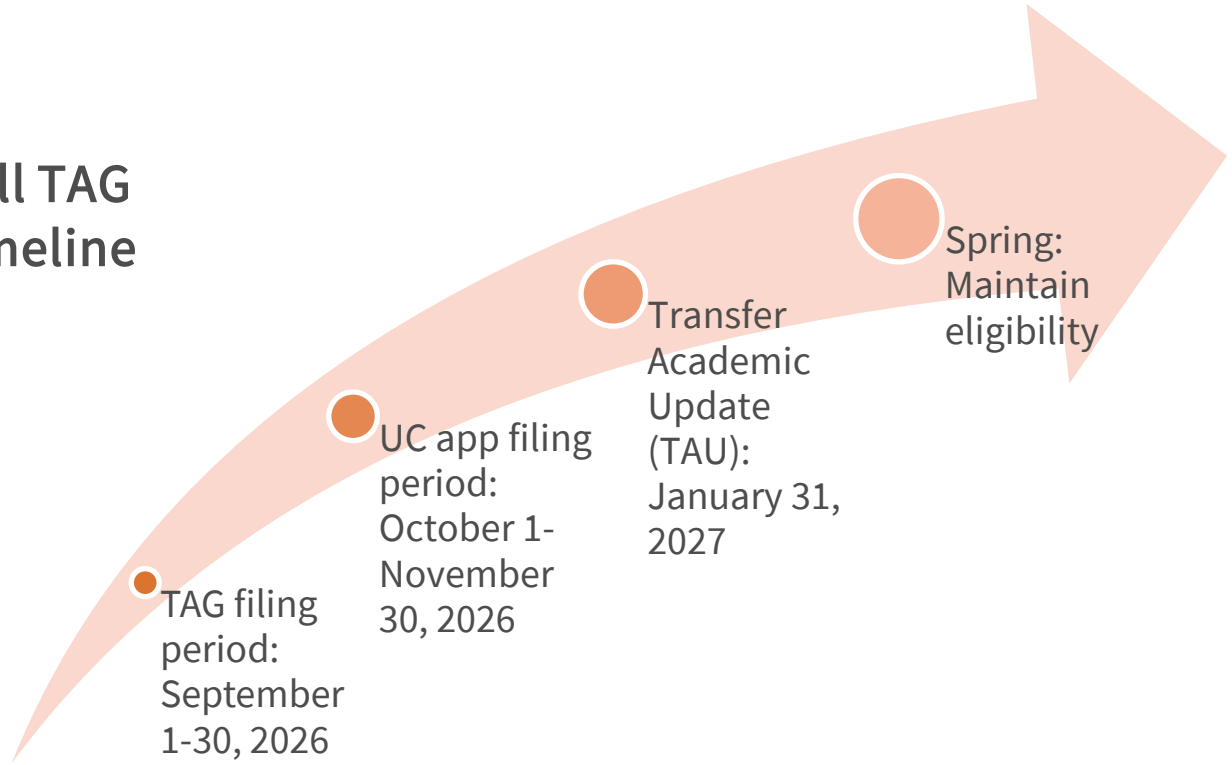
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***See TAG matrix for all requirements by campus**

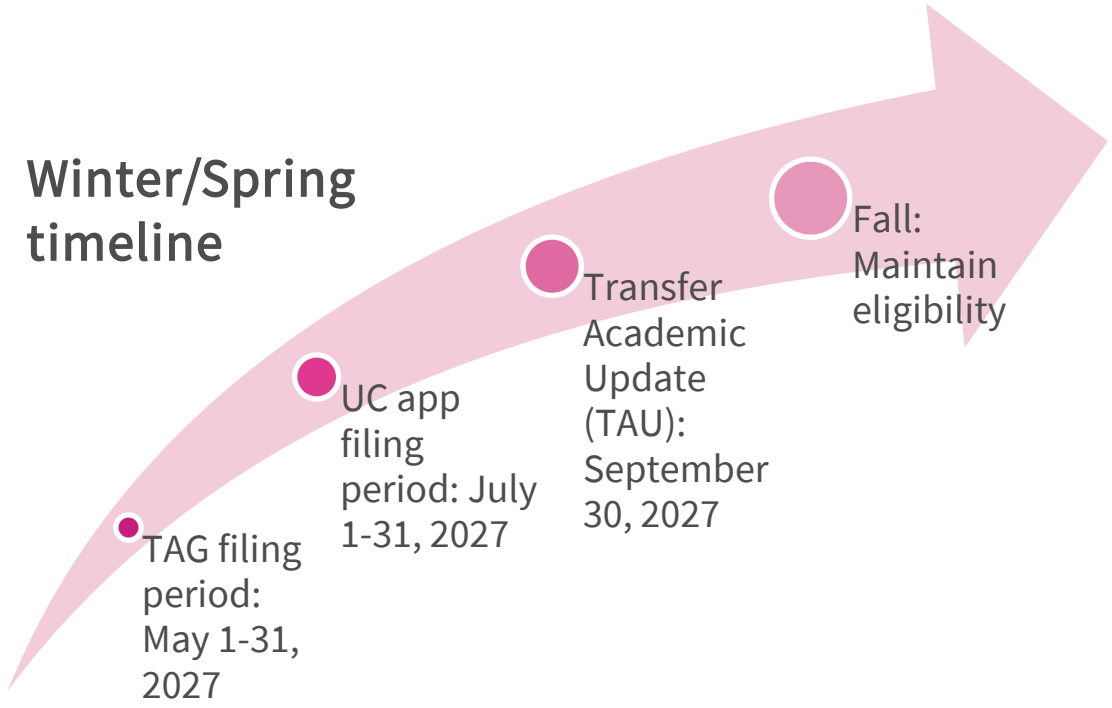
Mission trajectory

TAG dates and deadlines

Fall TAG timeline



Winter/Spring timeline



TAG matrix

A centralized TAG resource for counselors and students.

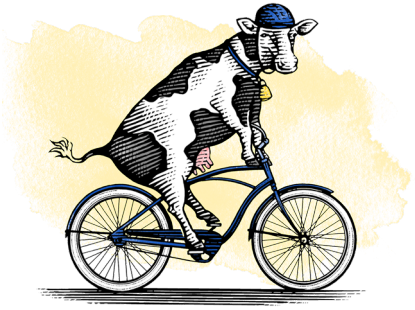
In the TAG matrix you'll find:

- Shared TAG criteria
- TAG eligibility information
- Campus-specific requirements
- Summary of changes, and more!

Campus updates



UC DAVIS (Voyager 🚀)



Updates:

- Fall 2027 Selective majors:
  - Animal Biology
  - Animal Science
  - Wildlife and Conservation Biology

Reminders:

- Majors **not open** for TAG:
  - Business
  - Computer Science
  - Data Science

UC Davis TAG website

Note:

- TAG/Regular Admission requirements are based on the 25-26 articulation agreements on Assist.org for Fall 2027
- Biological Science (BIS) 002A/B/C/D will be discontinued. Fall 2028 applicants should continue to monitor the ASSIST website for the new Biological Science, (BIO), course code articulation agreements.

UC Irvine (Eclipse 🌑)

No changes for fall 2027 but the following majors will be removed from TAG for **Fall 2028**:

Charlie Dunlop School of Biological Sciences

- Biological Sciences
- Ecology & Evolutionary Biology
- Biology/Education

Henry Samueli School of Engineering

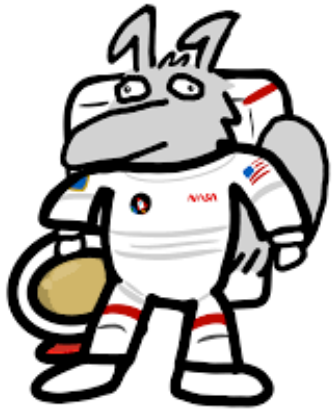
- Aerospace Engineering
- Computer Engineering
- Electrical Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering

School of Social Ecology

- Psychology, B.A.

School of Social Sciences

- Business Economics
- Cognitive Sciences
- Economics
- Psychology, B.S.
- Quantitative Economics



UC Irvine TAG website

UCMERCED (Nova ✨)



UC Merced TAG website

- All majors are now open for TAG!
- Accepting TAG applications for fall and spring!
- Public Health major requires a minimum 3.0 GPA (by end of summer 2026) and completion of IGETC or Cal-GETC.
- Required TAG GPA varies depending on chosen major (2.8 - 3.0)
- Review the major selection requirements and TAG criteria for chosen major.

UC RIVERSIDE (Astro 🪐)



UC Riverside TAG website

Updates:

- New selective majors starting fall 2027:
  - Computer Science with Applications
  - Genetics and Molecular Biotechnology
- Computer Science with Business Applications is closed for fall 2027 and onward (TAG and regular admission)

Reminders:

- Pre-evaluation for TAG applicants for fall 2027 cycle
- All majors are available for fall 2027 TAG, except for Art Studio
- GPA requirements must be met by end of summer 2026

UC Santa Barbara (Comet)



- Open to majors in the College of Letters and Science, except performance or portfolio-based majors
  - Not open to College of Engineering or College of Creative Studies
- Students applying to selective majors in the College of Letters and Science must also meet additional selection requirements
  - Selective majors at UCSB include: Biological Sciences, Chemistry/Biochemistry, Economics majors, Mathematics majors, Statistics and Applied Probability majors, and Physics
- 3.4 GPA by end of fall term

UC Santa Barbara TAG website

UC SANTA CRUZ (Nebula)



- All majors are now open for TAG!
  - This includes the Computer Science B.A. and the Computer Science B.S.



UC Santa Cruz TAG website

Strengthening TAG applications



Major requirements

Don’t delay your launch: Common reasons TAGs are denied

Not meeting major screening requirements

Ensure that students will be meeting all major specific requirements.



Reporting colleges/exams

Don’t delay your launch: Common reasons TAGs are denied

Not reporting all colleges attended or exam scores

All college attended, including dual enrollment, and AP/IB scores must be reported on the TAG application



Reporting coursework

Don’t delay your launch: Common reasons TAGs are denied

Not listing in progress and planned coursework through the spring term

Ensure that all planned coursework through the spring term prior to transfer are listed on the TAG application



Communication requests

Don’t delay your launch: Common reasons TAGs are denied

Non-response to requested information

When submitting a TAG, students should regularly check the email associated with their UC TAP/TAG for requests for additional information during the review process (such as unofficial transcripts, gap explanations, etc.)



UC math in progress

Don’t delay your launch: Common reasons TAGs are denied

UC-M planned for the upcoming spring term

To be TAG-eligible, students need to have their first UC-E and the UC-M completed by the end of the fall term prior to transfer



Mission control to counselors

Counselor review practices

- In previous cycles, a counselor evaluation was part of the TAG process for some campuses
- The option for counselors to review a student's TAG application is no longer required at any of the six UC TAG campuses



TAG application best practices

All systems go: Tips for ensuring application accuracy

- Encourage students to start early - at least a year before they plan to transfer
- Students should fill out the UC TAP using unofficial transcripts and ensure that all coursework and grades are up to date prior to TAG submission
- Guide students to consider campus choice selection with their major preparation as the priority



Tips for TAG-eligible students

Jet fuel boosters for take off

Remind your students to:

- Use the same email address for both UC TAP and the UC application
- Select the same major for TAG as their primary major on the UC application
- Explain any breaks or gaps in education on both the TAG and UC application, and to confirm periods of non-enrollment when applicable



More Tips for TAG-eligible students

Navigating a successful journey

- Review major requirements annually because they can change
- Students cannot be enrolled in more than 19 units in last term prior to transfer, if those units are needed to meet the 60
- UC-E and UC-M courses should be completed early



After TAG submission



Campuses with no pre-evaluation

Including:

- UC Irvine
- UC Santa Barbara

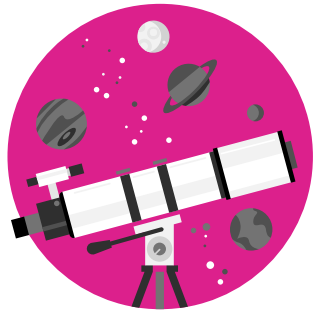
Submit TAG application by September 30th

Students will receive an acknowledgement letter to submit UC application

Student will be notified in April



Campuses with pre-evaluation



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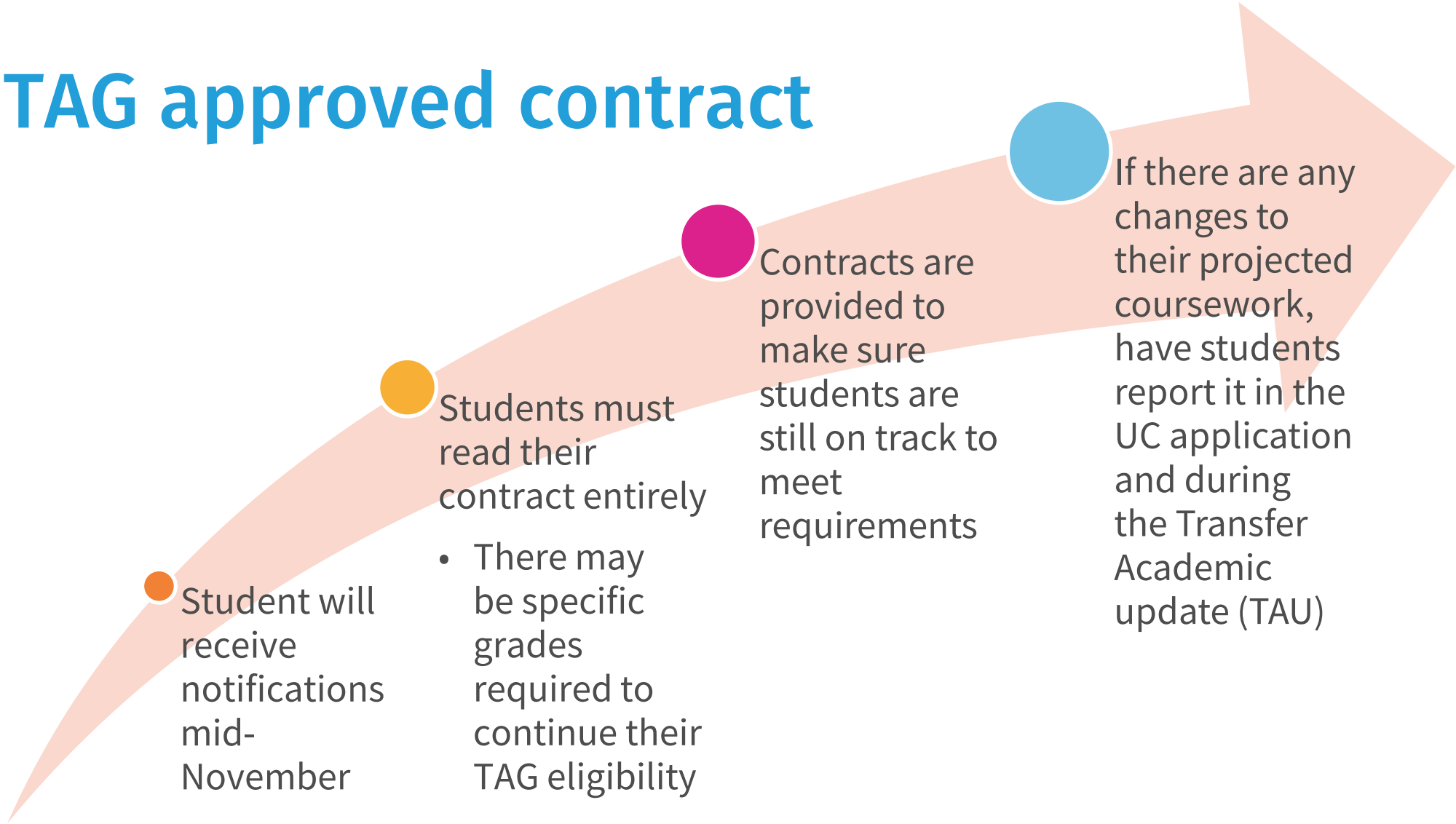
- UC Davis
- UC Merced
- UC Riverside
- UC Santa Cruz

Submit TAG application by September 30th

Students will receive a TAG decision by mid-November

Approved TAG=conditional admission offer based on meeting final requirements

TAG approved contract



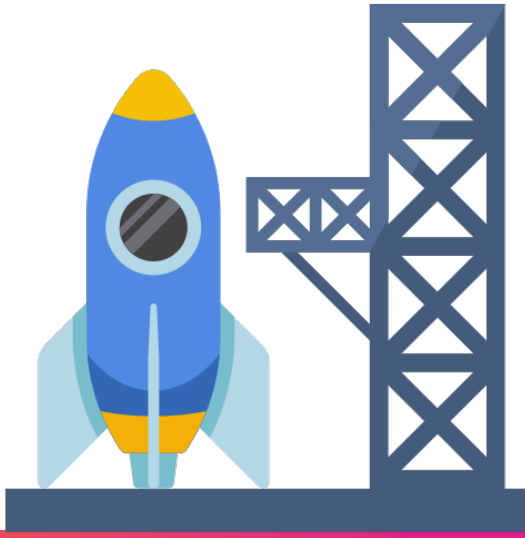
Next steps toward UC application

- Submit UC application (Oct. 1–Nov. 30 filing period for fall)
  - July 1-31 filing period for spring
- Must apply to TAG campus and match major exactly
- Apply broadly—TAG guarantees one campus, not others
- Monitor portals and submit required updates (e.g., Transfer Academic Update in January)



Supporting students post-TAG

- Maintain GPA, complete coursework with "C" grades or better , 60 transferable units and major prep
- Complete Cal-GETC/IGETC or GE pattern when appropriate for transfer readiness
- Encourage consistent advising and academic check-ins
- Support UC application completion (PIQs, accuracy, deadlines)
- Guide next steps: financial aid, SIR, transition planning



Case studies and myths



Case study: Human biology at UC Davis (Pre-evaluation)

Requirements for TAG:

7 Course Pattern:
2- UC-E
1-UC-M
4- UC-Other
Cumulative GPA: 3.2

Major Preparation Courses:
Complete the courses below and maintain a 2.50 GPA in each series:

- General Biology w/lab (full introductory sequence)
- General chemistry w/lab (one-year sequence)
- Calculus for STEM majors (one-year sequence)

TAG Review:

- Cumulative GPA at time of TAG submission: **3.3**
- Units by end of Spring 2027: **63 semester / 94.5 quarter units planned**
- UC English Requirement (UC-E):
  - **1 UC English course completed**
  - **2nd UC English course in progress for Fall 2026**
- UC-M Requirement: **Completed**

Major Preparation Review:

Biology Series (BIS 2A/B/C equivalent)

- **Completed**
- Series GPA: **2.8**

Chemistry Series (CHE 2A/B/C equivalent)

- **Completed**
- Series GPA: **3.0**

Mathematics

- MAT 21A (Calculus I): **Completed with a B**
- MAT 21B (Calculus II): **In progress for Spring 2027**

TAG APPROVED!

Case study: Economics at UC Santa Barbara (No pre-evaluation)

Requirements for TAG:

7 Course Pattern:
2- UC-E
1-UC-M
4- UC-Other
Cumulative GPA: **3.4**

Major Preparation Courses:
Complete with a grade of "C" or better and a cumulative 2.75 major prep GPA

- Microeconomics (one course)
- Macroeconomics (one course)
- Single variable calculus (one-year sequence)

TAG Review:

- Cumulative GPA at time of TAG submission: **3.43**
- Units by end of Spring 2027: **61 semester / 91.5 quarter units planned**
- UC English Requirement (UC-E):
  - **1 UC English course completed**
  - **2nd UC English course in progress for Spring 2027**
- UC-M Requirement: **Completed**

Major Preparation Review:

- Microeconomics
  - **Completed**
  - Grade: **C**
- Macroeconomics
  - **In Progress Spring 2027**
- Mathematics
  - Calculus I: **Completed with AP exam**
  - Calculus II: **In progress for Spring 2027**

Major prep GPA: 2.0

TAG NOT APPROVED! STUDENT DOES NOT MEET MAJOR PREP GPA FOR ECONOMICS

Common myths



TAG approval = mission accomplished

- Students must still submit a UC application
- Admission is still conditional pending final transcript review

Once approved, I can go on autopilot

- Student must still monitor deadlines, their portals, and admission updates
- Important: Students must submit Transfer Academic update by the priority deadline January 31

Dual Enrollment= TAG launch ready

- Students concurrently enrolled in high school at the time of TAG submission are not eligible

No TAG approval means no launch

- Many students are offered admission who are not TAG eligible

Resources

UC admissions Website

UC TAP for Students

UC TAP for Counselors

2027-2028 UC TAG Matrix



Thank You

