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# UC Transfer Admission Guarantee (TAG)

CCC Webinar Series: 2025-2026

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## Agenda

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- UC transfer basics
- TAG details & overview
- UC Transfer Admission Planner
- TAG campus panel

## Minimum junior transfer admission requirements

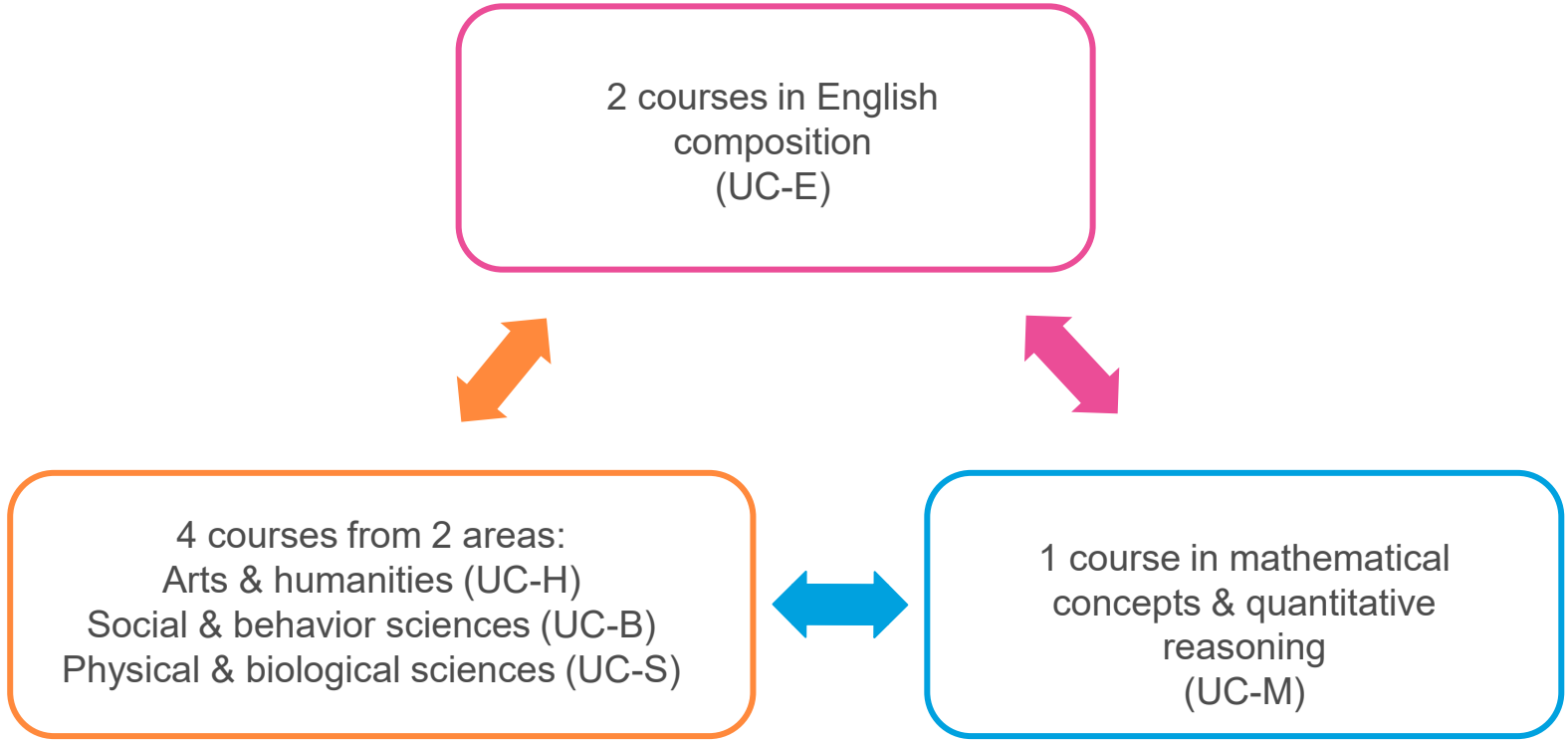
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**Courses**  
7-course pattern

**Units**  
60 semester/  
90 quarter  
UC-transferable  
units

**GPA**  
2.4 (CA residents)  
2.8 (nonresidents)

7-course pattern



## Unit requirement

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### Junior standing

- Complete 60 semester (90 quarter) units of UC-transferable college credit
- No more than 14 semester (21 quarter) units may be taken Pass/No Pass



## GPA minimum requirement

- California residents: **2.4**
- Nonresidents: **2.8**

**TAG GPA varies by campus**

## How the transfer GPA is calculated

- Includes all UC-transferable units attempted, including college courses completed while in high school
- Grade points are based on the letter grade received; plus (+) and minus (-) grades are recognized
- Academic Renewal (AR), Pass/No Pass, Credit/No Credit, Satisfactory/Non-Satisfactory, Excused Withdrawal (EW), and/or Withdrawal are not included in the GPA calculation

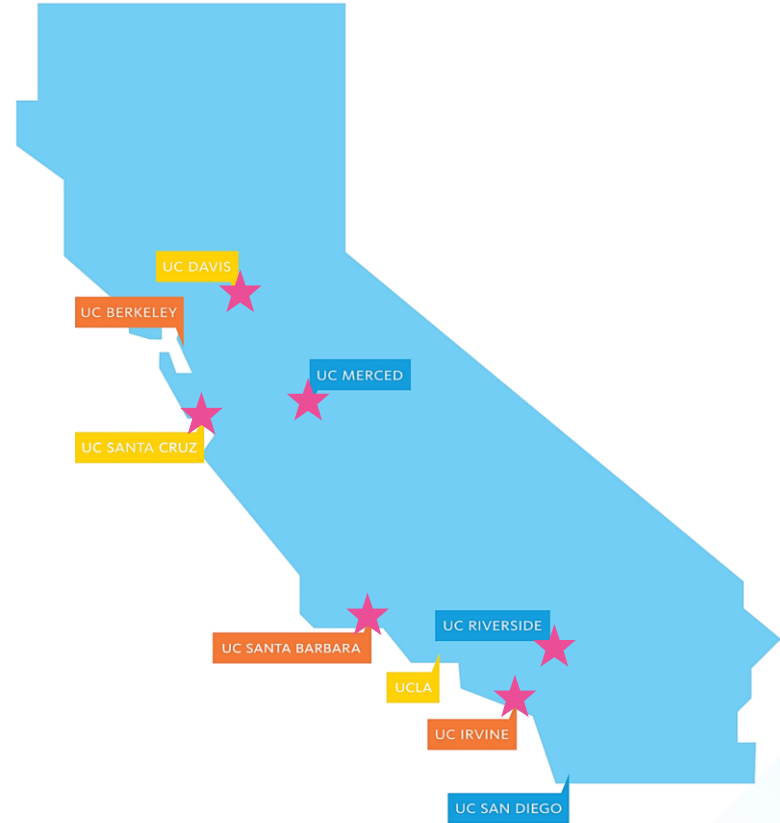
## TAG requirements are based on minimum junior transfer admission requirements

- Academic preparation remains a top consideration for transfer admission
- A higher standard is set to guarantee admission
- TAG builds on admission requirements with:
  - **Earlier deadlines for certain requirements**
  - **A specific TAG GPA**



## A guaranteed place at UC for California community college students.

- 6 campuses participate
- A wide range of majors available
- Prescribed course and minimum GPA requirements



## A helpful resource for counselors and students.

- Shared TAG criteria
- TAG eligibility information
- Campus-specific information
- Summary of changes (*New!*)

[View the 2026-27 TAG matrix](#)



## Who can TAG?

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### To be eligible, students must:

- ✓ Transfer from a California community college (CCC)
- ✓ Last attend a CCC before transfer
- ✓ Can include students with non-CCC coursework

### Not eligible for TAG:

- × High school students
- × Students previously enrolled at a UC campus who intend to return to the same campus
- × Students previously enrolled at a UC campus who were not in good standing when they left that UC
- × Students who have already earned a bachelors or higher degree

**To qualify for a fall 2026 TAG, students must meet the following criteria:**

1. Complete at least 30 semester/45 quarter UC-transferable units by TAG submission
2. Complete one UC-E and one UC-M course by fall 2025
3. Complete the rest of the 7-course pattern by spring 2026
4. Complete the unit requirement (60 semester/90 quarter) by spring 2026
5. Complete at least 30 semester/45 quarter units at one or more CCC by spring 2026
6. Require no more than 19 units (semester or quarter) in spring 2026 or last term to reach junior standing

## Shared TAG criteria, part two

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7. Must not exceed 80 semester/120 quarter total units, after applying lower-division limits
8. Must earn a 2.0 GPA in all UC-transferable coursework in the current fall, winter, and/or spring terms with no grade lower than C
9. Must submit a TAG application through the UC Transfer Admission Planner (UC TAP) during the month of September
10. Must submit the UC application between October 1 – December 1, 2025, and the TAG major and the UC application major for the TAG campus must match
11. Must submit a Transfer Academic Update (TAU) by January 31, 2026, and
12. Must meet all campus-specific TAG criteria

**TAG: GPA requirement by campus**

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**Davis:** 3.2 or 3.5 based on college, by the end of summer 2025

**Irvine:** 3.4 minimum GPA by the end of fall 2025

**Merced:** 2.8–3.0 based by school, by the end of summer 2025

**Riverside:** 2.7–3.6 based on college/major, by the end of summer 2025

**Santa Barbara:** 3.4 minimum GPA by the end of fall 2025

**Santa Cruz:** 3.0 GPA by the end of summer 2025

**Davis, Merced, Riverside & Santa Cruz**

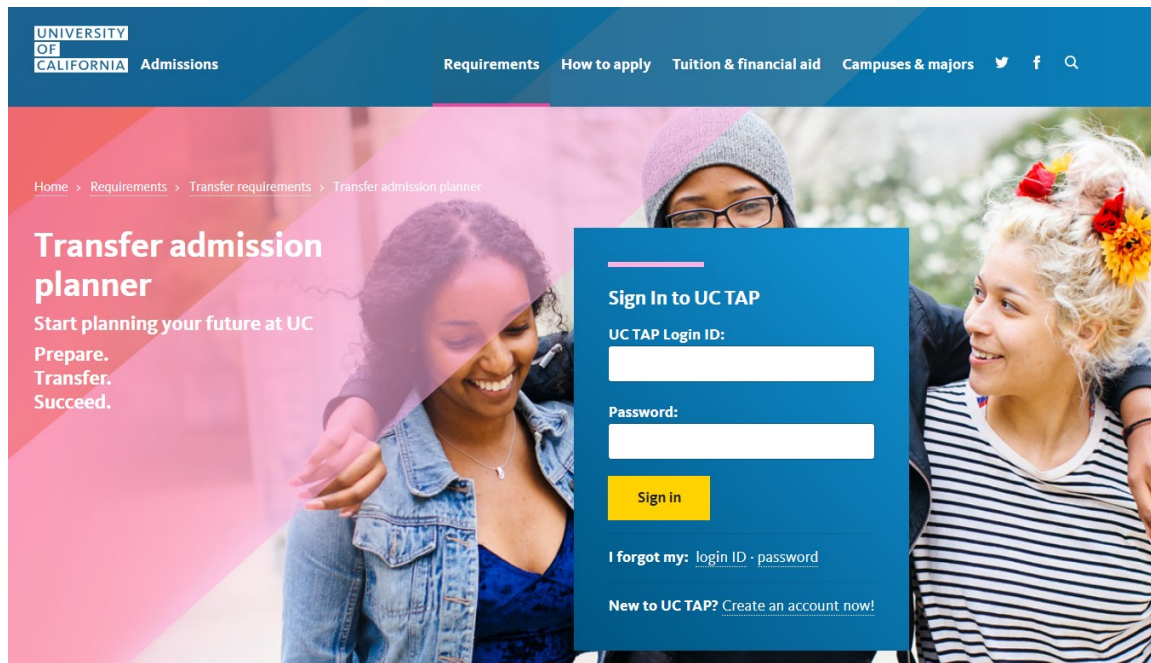
Yes. Students should wait for TAG decision before submitting UC application.

**Irvine & Santa Barbara**

No. Students should submit UC application before the filing deadline.

## UC Transfer Admission Planner

Once students are ready to apply, their UC TAP account is home to the TAG application.



The screenshot displays the UC Transfer Admission Planner website. At the top, the University of California logo is on the left, and navigation links for Admissions, Requirements, How to apply, Tuition & financial aid, and Campuses & majors are on the right. Below the navigation is a breadcrumb trail: Home > Requirements > Transfer requirements > Transfer admission planner. The main heading is "Transfer admission planner" with the subtext "Start planning your future at UC" and the slogan "Prepare. Transfer. Succeed." A blue login box is overlaid on the right side of the page, containing the text "Sign In to UC TAP", input fields for "UC TAP Login ID:" and "Password:", a yellow "Sign in" button, and links for "I forgot my: login ID - password" and "New to UC TAP? Create an account now!". The background of the page features a photograph of three smiling young women.

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA Admissions

Requirements How to apply Tuition & financial aid Campuses & majors

Home > Requirements > Transfer requirements > Transfer admission planner

### Transfer admission planner

Start planning your future at UC

Prepare.  
Transfer.  
Succeed.

**Sign In to UC TAP**

UC TAP Login ID:

Password:

**Sign in**

I forgot my: [login ID](#) - [password](#)

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### My Transfer Plan > Apply for a TAG

- Students will need to identify their current CCC, term and year they plan to transfer and TAG campus
- If they are a Dual Admission student, the TAG campus will be pre-populated

### Apply for a Transfer Admission Guarantee

Six UC campuses offer guaranteed admission to California community college students who meet specific requirements. By participating in a Transfer Admission Guarantee (TAG) program, you may receive early review of your academic records, early admission notification and/or specific guidance about major preparation and general education coursework.

The [TAG matrix \(PDF\)](#) contains campus-specific information for all six UC TAG campuses. Use the campus TAG website links below to review the TAG requirements for the campus you are interested in. If you have questions or are unsure about your ability to meet these criteria, consult with your community college counselor.

### TAG term & campus choice

If you are interested in applying for a TAG, please review the TAG criteria for each campus below. You will need to agree to each item during the TAG submission process. Select the UC TAG campus and major to which you are seeking a guarantee. Your TAG application is limited to a **single UC TAG campus**. To begin the TAG filing process, look for the [Start TAG Submission](#) button at the bottom of the page if the filing period is open.

Your current California Community College:

ALLAN HANCOCK COLLEGE

Indicate the term and year you plan to transfer:

Fall 2026

UC TAG campus to which you plan to apply:

Merced

### Apply for a TAG > TAG checklist

- Next, students will need to select their major and the TAG checklist (i.e., requirements) will appear
- If they are a Dual Admission student, the major will be pre-populated
- Submission only available during filing periods by term

#### UC Davis - [view campus TAG details & requirements](#)

Choose a major:

Spanish

**Note:** The majors offered for a TAG might not include all those offered by a campus during the UC application filing period.

#### UC Davis TAG Checklist - Fall 2026:

You must agree to these campus-specific requirements in order to submit your TAG application.

- I understand that my UC Davis TAG agreement is valid only if the major I select on my UC application matches the major I have indicated on my UC TAG Application.
- I have completed 30 semester/45 quarter UC-transferable units or more by the end of summer 2025, which may include units from Advanced Placement (AP) and International Baccalaureate (IB) examination credit.
- To meet the definition of a California community college (CCC), I will have completed at least 30 semester (45 quarter) UC transferable units from one or more CCCs, excluding Advanced Placement (AP) or International Baccalaureate (IB) credit by the end of spring 2026.
- By the end of fall 2025, I will complete and pass (C grade or better) one UC-required English composition course and the required math course. [UC transfer admission requirements](#). The second English composition course will be completed by the end of spring 2026. My UC TAG application includes in-progress coursework to satisfy these requirements by the stated deadlines.
- I have completed, or will complete remaining [UC transfer admission subject and unit requirements](#) (including the second English composition course) by the end of spring 2026. My UC TAG application includes in-progress and planned courses to meet these requirements by the specified deadline.

## General tips for a successful TAG – To share with your students!

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Carefully review TAG requirements – both shared and campus-specific

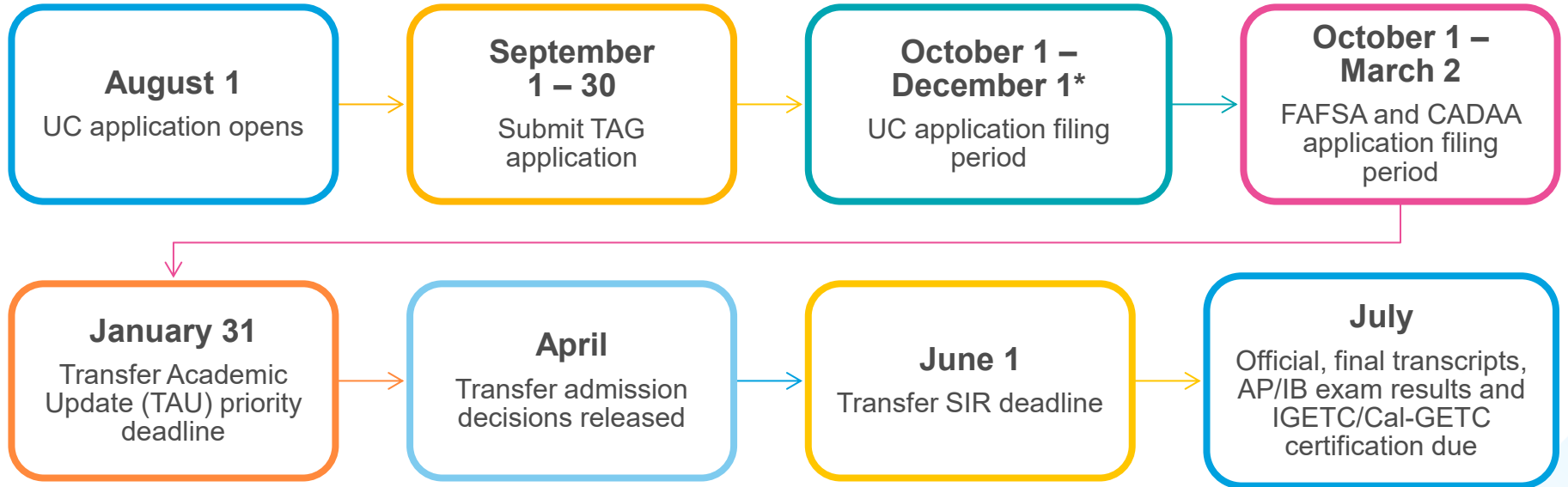
Have UC TAP properly filled out with all colleges and courses listed

Report all completed, in progress and planned courses along with any exam scores

Monitor email for any messages from their TAG campus; respond accordingly

Have a question? Contact your TAG campus!

## Transfer admission timeline



**TAG panel**





Our panelists

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UC Santa Cruz

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Can students make changes to a TAG once it has been submitted?

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What does the TAG process look like for students?

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For the campuses that do provide an early review of TAG, what does the messaging look like if a student's TAG is approved? What if it is not approved?

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What happens if a student decides to change their major after submitting their TAG but before submitting the UC application?

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What is the most common reason a TAG is not approved or granted? If a TAG is not granted, is the student considered for regular admission?

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When can TAG applicants expect their decision?

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# Questions from the audience

## Campus TAG websites and contacts

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**UC Davis:** [ucdavis.edu/admissions/undergraduate/transfer/transfer-admission-guarantee](https://ucdavis.edu/admissions/undergraduate/transfer/transfer-admission-guarantee)

**UC Irvine:** [admissions.uci.edu/apply/transfer-students/guaranteed-admissions.php](https://admissions.uci.edu/apply/transfer-students/guaranteed-admissions.php)

**UC Merced:** [admissions.ucmerced.edu/transfer/tag](https://admissions.ucmerced.edu/transfer/tag)

**UC Riverside:** [admissions.ucr.edu/transfer/transfer-admission-guarantee](https://admissions.ucr.edu/transfer/transfer-admission-guarantee)

**UC Santa Barbara:** [admissions.sa.ucsb.edu/tag](https://admissions.sa.ucsb.edu/tag)

**UC Santa Cruz:** [admissions.ucsc.edu/transfer-admission-guarantee-tag](https://admissions.ucsc.edu/transfer-admission-guarantee-tag)

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# Thank you