
UC Transfer Admission Guarantee (TAG)

CCC Webinar Series: 2026-2027

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

Minimum junior transfer admission requirements

Courses

7-course pattern

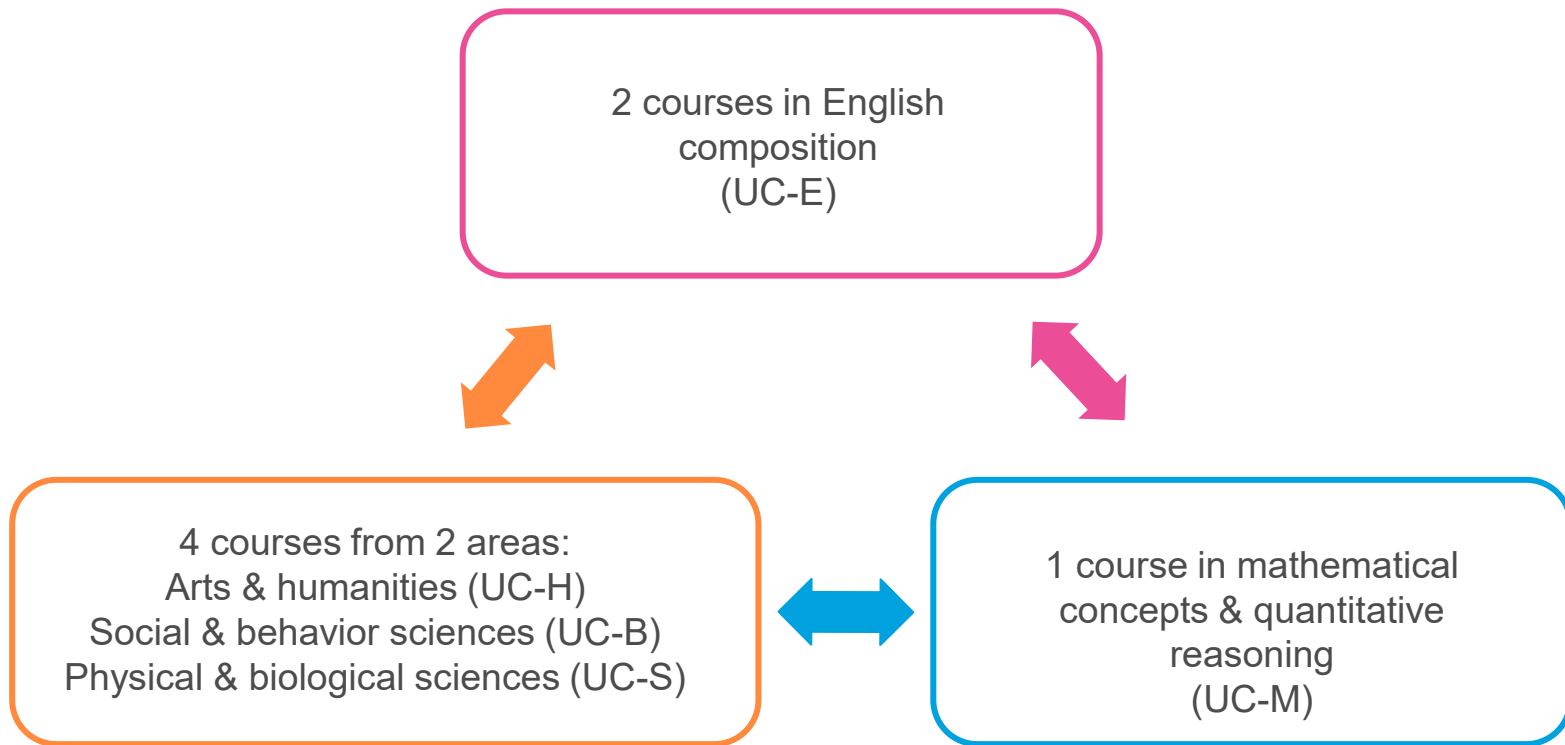
Units

60 semester/
90 quarter
UC-transferable
units

GPA

2.4 (CA residents)
2.8 (nonresidents)

7-course pattern



Unit requirement

Junior standing

- Complete 60 semester (90 quarter) units of UC-transferable college credit
- Up to 14 semester (21 quarter) units of Pass/Credit grades can be used to reach the unit requirement



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
- Campus TAG contact information
- Summary of changes

[View the 2027-28 TAG matrix](#)



Who can TAG?

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 2027 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 2026
3. Complete the rest of the 7-course pattern by spring 2027
4. Complete the unit requirement (60 semester/90 quarter) by spring 2027
5. Complete at least 30 semester/45 quarter units at one or more CCC by spring 2027
6. Require no more than 19 units (semester or quarter) in spring 2027 or last regular term to reach junior standing

Shared TAG criteria, part two

7. Must not exceed 80 semester/120 quarter total units, after applying lower-division limits
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) during the month of September
10. Must submit the UC application between October 1 – November 30, 2026, 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, 2027, and
12. Must meet all campus-specific TAG criteria

TAG: GPA requirement by campus

Davis: 3.2 or 3.5 based on college, by the end of summer 2026

Irvine: 3.4 minimum GPA by the end of fall 2026

Merced: 2.8–3.0 based by school, by the end of summer 2026

Riverside: 2.7–3.6 based on college/major, by the end of summer 2026

Santa Barbara: 3.4 minimum GPA by the end of fall 2026

Santa Cruz: 3.0 GPA by the end of summer 2026

Davis, Merced, Riverside & Santa Cruz

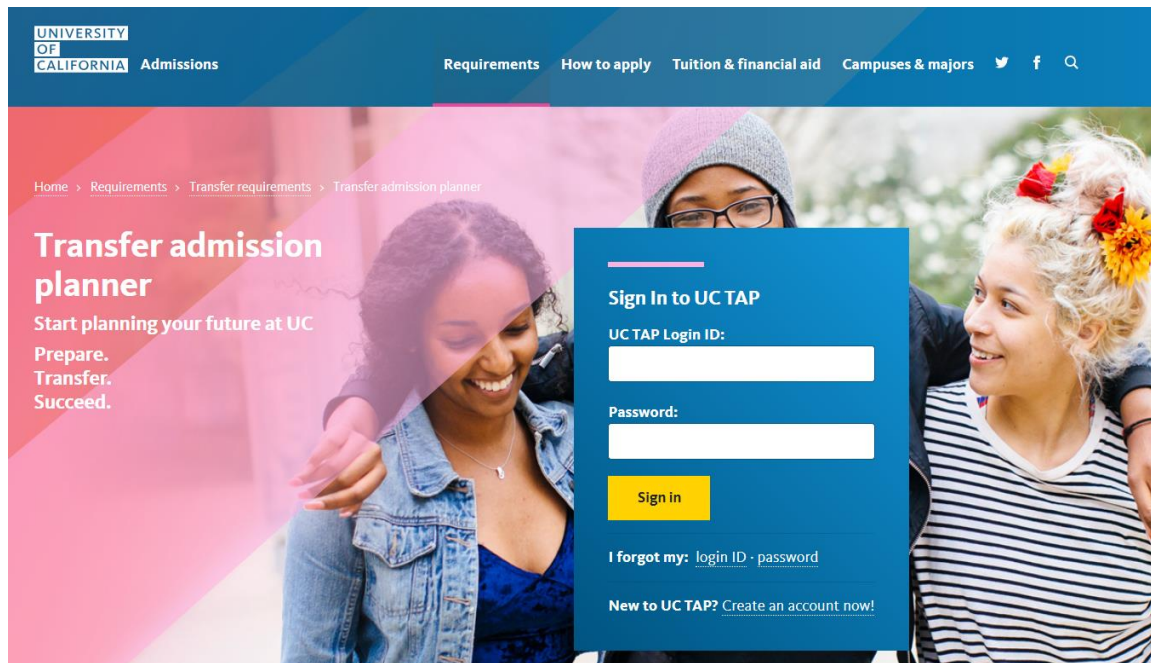
Yes. Students should wait for TAG decision before submitting UC application.

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 image is a screenshot of the UC Transfer Admission Planner website. The top navigation bar is dark blue with the University of California logo and links for Admissions, Requirements, How to apply, Tuition & financial aid, and Campuses & majors. Below this, a breadcrumb trail shows the path: Home > Requirements > Transfer requirements > Transfer admission planner. The main heading is 'Transfer admission planner' in a large, bold font. Below it, a subheading reads 'Start planning your future at UC' followed by the motivational text 'Prepare. Transfer. Succeed.' on three separate lines. On the right side, there is a blue login box titled 'Sign In to UC TAP'. It contains two input fields: 'UC TAP Login ID:' and 'Password:'. Below these fields is a yellow 'Sign in' button. At the bottom of the login box, there are two links: '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 diverse students smiling and interacting.

UC TAP – Apply for a Transfer Admission Guarantee

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:

EL CAMINO COLLEGE

Indicate the term and year you plan to transfer:

Fall 2027

UC TAG campus to which you plan to apply:

Riverside

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

Choose a major:

Anthropology

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

UC Riverside TAG Checklist - Fall 2027:

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

- I understand my TAG agreement is only valid if the major I select on my UC application matches the major on my UC TAG application.
- I have completed at least 30 semester (45 quarter) UC-transferable units including Advanced Placement (AP) or International Baccalaureate (IB) examination credit by the end of summer 2026.
- I will complete at least 30 semester (45 quarter) UC-transferable units from one or more California Community Colleges (not including AP/IB credit) by the end of spring 2027, meeting the CCC student definition.
- I have completed or will complete the first English Composition (UC-E) and one UC-transferable math (UC-M) course with a grade of 'C' or better by the end of fall 2026. My UC TAG application includes courses I may have in progress to complete these requirements by the date specified.
- I have completed or will complete the remaining UC transfer admission subject and unit requirements (including the 2nd English composition course) by the end of spring term 2027. My UC TAG application includes coursework I have in progress and planned to complete these requirements by the date specified.
- If applying to a selective major, I have completed or will complete any remaining required major preparation by the end of spring 2027. My UC TAG application includes courses I may have in progress to complete these requirements by the date specified. See the UCR Major Preparation Guide <https://admissions.ucr.edu/transfer/majors-preparation-guide>
- If applying to a selective major, I have achieved the minimum required GPAs in specified course groups for any major preparatory courses that have been completed before submitting this UC TAG application.
- I have completed and will maintain the minimum overall UC-transferable GPA for my chosen major. [UC Riverside TAG requirements.](#)

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

Carefully review TAG requirements – both shared and campus-specific

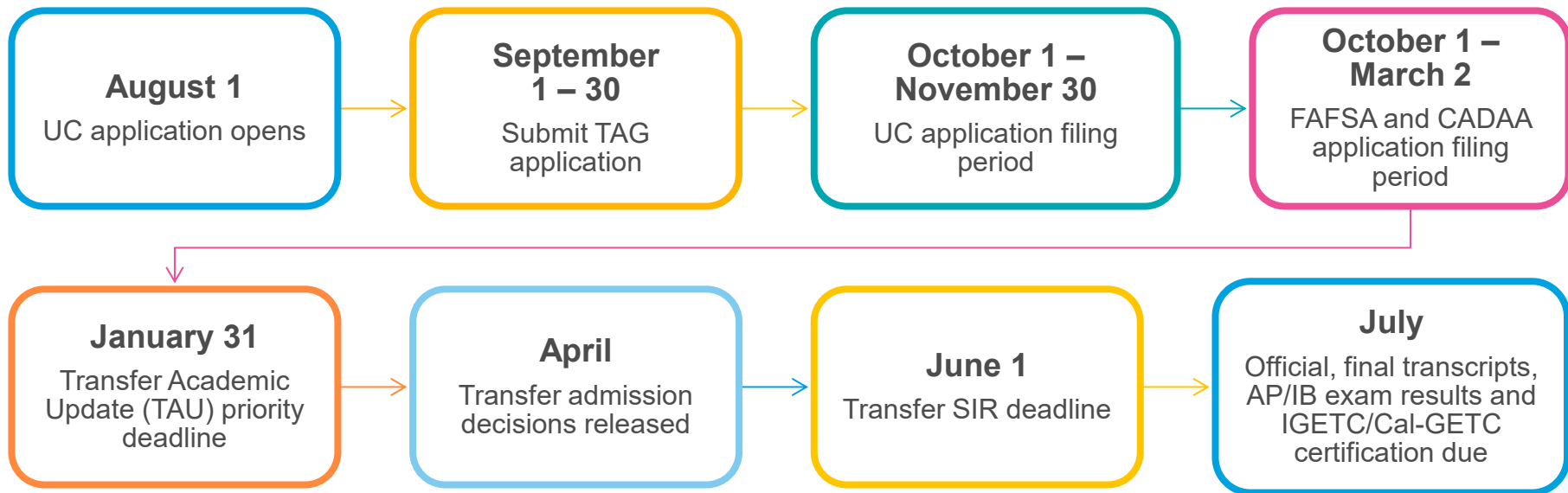
Have UC TAP properly filled out with all colleges and courses listed

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



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

What does the TAG application process look like for students?

For campuses that provide an early TAG review, what messaging do students receive if their TAG is approved? What if it is not approved?

For campuses that provide the pre-evaluation,
can you speak to GPA minimums in major
prep sequences that are not yet completed?

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

How can TAG applicants leverage alternate majors on the UC application knowing that their first choice must be the TAG major?

What are the most common reasons a TAG is not approved? If a TAG is not granted, is the student still considered for regular admission?

Campus TAG websites and contacts

UC Davis: ucdavis.edu/admissions/undergraduate/transfer/transfer-admission-guarantee

UC Irvine: admissions.uci.edu/apply/transfer-students/guaranteed-admissions.php

UC Merced: admissions.ucmerced.edu/transfer/tag

UC Riverside: admissions.ucr.edu/transfer/transfer-admission-guarantee

UC Santa Barbara: admissions.sa.ucsb.edu/tag

UC Santa Cruz: admissions.ucsc.edu/transfer-admission-guarantee-tag

Thank you