Benefits of UC TAP & TAG

This session is two parts, we will be highlighting the ways in which you can utilize the Transfer Admission Planner to prepare your students for their transfer journey as they prepare to apply to one or all of the UC campuses! The second part we will be discussing what our TAG campuses are looking for to get the guarantee and some of the common mistakes that can impact a student’s guarantee.
Poll

- Are you familiar with the UC Transfer Admission Planner?

- Have you used it when advising your students who are applying to a UC campus?
To get us started I want to share a really great resource that we have for you and your students. So what is the UC transfer admission planner? The UC TAP is a free tool to help students track and plan their coursework and is used by all the UC campuses. This is available to California community college counselors and their students. In addition to it being used as a tool, it also required for students who planning on applying to one of our 6 TAG campuses.

We highly encourage students to create their TAP account as soon as possible. The sooner they can create it the sooner we can provide them with the tools they need to be successful applicants! A reminder that the UC TAP tool is used by all the UC campuses!
While we know that each of you use your own tools at your specific campus, we want to highlight the ways in which the TAP tool can serve as another resource for you. Through the counselor view you can view all the coursework completed and planned at every institution that your student has attended. And please remind your students to include their fall 2023 and spring 2024 planned courses if your students are planning to apply for fall 2024 cycle. It also calculates preliminary units, GPA and completion of the 7 course pattern. You can communicate with students by sending notifications and reminders to specific subgroups of students. Additionally, you can also access reports and outcome data.
Now that we’ve highlighted some of the benefits for you as a counselor, we will highlight how students will also benefit from creating and utilizing a TAP account. When they create a TAP account they will be able to receive communication regarding upcoming events/visits from UC representatives and college counselors. This will also allow counselors to track student progress towards meeting admission goals.
Once they’ve created their TAP account and are ready to apply to a UC campus, they can import the data from their TAP account into their UC application.
It’s also a place where they can keep track of all their coursework when they’ve attended multiple CCC’s.
And last but not least it is required for TAG!
We encourage those who are interested in gaining access to the UC TAP to reach out to your Transfer Center Coordinator/Director as they are likely the administrator for the UC TAP at your campus. They can approve your access.

Now we’re going to go over how to utilize the tool. This is how the community college counselors page looks

1) This is where you can log in
2) This is what you would see when you log into your account
- You can see who has administrator access at your community college
- TAG contact for each of the UC campuses that offer TAG
- UC Dual Admission news (NEW)

These pages will always be personalized by each community college
Additionally, you have a wide array of tools at your disposal: For example you can pull:

3) Search for your students by first and last name to view their profile
4) UC TAP Reports - this will allow counselors to pull information from each UC campus
5) NEW ~ UC Dual Admission Reports - https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/admission-requirements/transfer-requirements/uc-transfer-programs/dual-admission.html
6) TAG reports - will help you track your students TAG application/process.
Now that I’ve talked about the ways that you can use the TAP account, I want talk a little bit about what this looks like for students.

1) Navigation bar for your students UC TAP account
2) Students can view specific community college update/news (only transfer centers at the community college can make updates here).
If you are assisting students filling out their UC TAP, we recommend that you quickly check #1, 2, and 3:

1) Under **Support programs**, the University of California Office of the President (UCOP) displaced Transfer Prep initiative. Each UC campus has transfer support services. Please encourage your students to reach out to the programs.

2) Under **Schools attended**, if your student is enrolled at multiple schools, have them only report yes on their primary school. There should only be one.

3) Under **When and where I plan to transfer**, please remind your students to report the appropriate term. For example, if students put past term, they will not get communication from UC rep/transfer center at their CC. Most UC campuses only offer Fall term. This is important for TAG, because once tag is submitted, student’s profile will freeze and they will not be able to sign in to make changes. Lastly, please don’t forget to press save! Another area that students usually skip over is the student ID question.

4) Under **Personal Information**, if students scroll down to the end of the page, they will be able to report their student ID from their community college.

5) Screenshot of #2

6) Under **My transfer plan**, please remind students to change their term when plans change. If this is not updated or reported correctly, support programs and the CC transfer center coordinator won’t be able to pull reports and we won’t be able to contact them to prepare them.
Transfer Admission Guarantee (TAG)

- Six participating campuses
- Each campus has different TAG requirements and majors offered
- Students may submit a TAG application to only one campus
  - Filing period: September 1-30
- Students must also submit UC application
  - Filing period: October 1 – November 30
- Majors must match between TAG and UC Application

There are 6 UC campuses that participate in the TAG:
UC Davis, UC Irvine, UC Merced, UC Riverside, UC Santa Barbara, and UC Santa Cruz

Students can TAG to only ONE campus but can apply to as many of the others as they choose.
Each campus offers an array of majors for TAG. Please note some majors are excluded from TAG.
Most UC campuses will only accept TAG for fall admissions, however, there are some UC’s that will accept TAG for winter and/or spring terms (i.e. UCM & UCR)

Also, some TAG campuses prefer students to wait to hear from them before students submit their UC application (i.e. UCM & UCD)
Systemwide TAG requirements

- Complete 30 UC-transferable semester units by TAG submission date
  - AP credits will count toward the minimum 30 units required by the TAG submission date
- Complete 60 UC-transferable semester units by spring prior to transfer
  - At least 30 of the 60 units must be completed at a CCC
  - Last term of attendance must be at a CCC
- Complete specific UC-E and UC-M requirements by specific dates – varies by campus
- Meet GPA criteria (2.7-3.6 - varies by campus/major/college)
MC17 adjusted GPA (3.6 is the highest GPA at UCR for CS)
Melissa Chavez, 7/31/2023
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## TAG fall 2024: UC-Math

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- The majority of TAG campuses require a UC-M to be completed by the end of Fall 2023, with the exception of UC Irvine
  - UC Irvine UC-M must be completed by the end of Summer 2023
GPA requirements vary by campus (cumulative GPA!)

- Also note, certain majors have specific major GPA requirements (B or better, or at least a 3.0 GPA in major requirements), in addition to cumulative GPA
- For some campuses GPA must be met at the time the TAG application is submitted and some by the end of fall
- Some campuses also require that the GPA be maintained through spring. Check with the specific TAG campus for details
Note: UC Davis and UC Merced release TAG decisions in November. The other campuses release decisions in the Spring.

- **TAG filing period**: Students will submit their TAG in Sept ‘23 for F’24 admission. UC TAP is where students will submit their TAG
- **Fall Application period**: Regular UC Application can be submitted anytime between October 1st - November 30th. *Must submit both for TAG
- **Transfer Academic Update (TAU)**: Here, students will be able to report all final fall grades and update/finalize their Sp’24 course schedule (TAU is submitted via the UC application)
- **Spring Term**: Students must maintain TAG eligibility and know that each UC will release admission decisions on different days/times. *Check with each campus to verify.*
*Note that counselors can refer to this at their leisure

**UC TAG Matrix:**
Students are not eligible for TAG if they...

- Are senior-level transfers*
- Have already earned a bachelor’s degree, graduate degree, and/or professional degree
- Are seeking readmission to their original UC campus
- Are a high school student

*Note: Some campuses (major specific) may admit senior level transfers. Please check with individual campuses.
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UCSB -

- 3.4 overall GPA is required for TAG applicants
- Selective majors: all majors in biological sciences, economics, mathematics, physics, and chemistry (Fall 2025)
- See ASSIST for course and GPA requirements in selective majors

- Pay close attention to major preparation course requirements
- Review not just the course requirements but also the text on our TAG website and ASSIST
Why are some TAG applications denied?

Common TAG mistakes:

**UC-E, UC-M Deadlines**
- UC-E, UC-M deadlines differ per campus

**Missing a UC Application**
- The TAG application ISN’T the UC application
- All TAG applicants must also submit a UC application under the same major

**Missing required major pre-reqs**
- TAG requirements also indicate that the student must meet their specific major requirements for some majors

*Note – verify all TAG requirements to make sure students are meeting all the criteria.

Know that although this isn’t an extensive list of why TAG applications may be denied, here are common mistakes that cause a student to become TAG ineligible:
TAU - if no TAU is received, TAG and regular transfer app **cannot** have a complete review

Changes in IP/PL courses - If those courses were required to meet TAG criteria and applicants report them with NP or withdrawn (W) grades, they may lose their TAG eligibility.
There are a lot of details to keep in mind for a Transfer Admission Guarantee - the following are frequently asked questions about the UC TAG
In this scenario, your student would have applied for TAG, and they’re about to submit their UC application - they haven’t gotten their acceptance yet:
If the major your student listed on their UC application is different from what they put on their UC TAP application, their TAG will become void. Students must list the same major on each application to remain eligible for TAG.

Students who change their major will be reviewed for regular admission to the major specified on the UC application. If changing their major is the only reason your student does not meet the TAG criteria, but they have the required major preparation for their new major (if applicable), then they could still be a strong candidate for regular admission.
In this scenario, your student has applied to TAG, been accepted, and decided to attend the UC:
Changing majors isn’t impossible, however may be difficult to do as a Junior level transfer student. It’s also up to the UC and department if switching is at all possible.
Is TAG really a guarantee?

Yes - as long as all of the requirements are met.

If your student submits a TAG application and meets all of the conditions of the TAG, then they are guaranteed admission.

If your student submits their TAG application but does not meet all of the conditions of the TAG, then admission to the UC is not guaranteed.

Examples of not meeting TAG could be: not meeting deadlines, not filling out the UC application along with the TAG application, failed courses after applying, changing majors from your TAG app, missing major prep courses.
What should my students do if they have different or updated coursework that is different from their TAG application?

- Provide their current course schedule in the UC Application
- Update grades and coursework in January through the UC Transfer Academic Update (TAU)
- Review the terms of the specific UC campus TAG requirements to ensure they’re still meeting requirements

It’s very common that after submitting their TAG application, your students course schedule might have changed - they might have enrolled in different courses than they planned to, dropped a class, or maybe even attended another community college.

If your student entered courses they might take for the winter or spring term on their TAG application, but then changes, know that they can update this information on their UC application. If their course schedule changes after they submit their UC application then know that they can update this information via the Transfer Academic Update in January.

It is okay if your students TAG and UC application planned spring courses do not match, as long as the student is checking with you or the UC to make sure they are still meeting TAG eligibility, major preparation requirements, and other deadlines. Counselors and students can always reach out to the UC campus to ask questions!
This chart shows what terms the UC campuses accept TAG for, if they do any pre-evaluation of coursework, and when you can expect a decision release.
Are all courses listed in Assist required to qualify for TAG?

It depends! Every UC has their own requirements, deadlines, and expectations for TAG, as well as their majors. It’s important to check with a UC representative from that campus if you or your student are unsure.

It really depends, campus by campus, what is required and recommended in regards to TAG - it’s important to connect with specific campuses to make sure all requirements are being met for TAG.

In general, keep an eye out for these terms on assist:

- Assist will show required major preparation courses and recommended major preparation courses
- ‘Course not articulated’ doesn’t mean you don’t have to take the course - it just means your student needs to find the course at a different CCC.
- “AND” series - if a series of courses is listed with “AND”, versus “OR”, you need to complete all of the courses
Resources

- UC TAP:
  - Counselors: [https://uctap.universityofcalifornia.edu/counselors/](https://uctap.universityofcalifornia.edu/counselors/)
  - Students: [https://uctap.universityofcalifornia.edu/students/](https://uctap.universityofcalifornia.edu/students/)
- UC TAG: [https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/admission-requirements/transfer-requirements/uc-transfer-programs/transfer-admission-guarantee-tag.html](https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/admission-requirements/transfer-requirements/uc-transfer-programs/transfer-admission-guarantee-tag.html)
- UC Application: [https://apply.universityofcalifornia.edu/my-application/login](https://apply.universityofcalifornia.edu/my-application/login)
- ASSIST: [www.assist.org](http://www.assist.org)
- UC resources for counselors [https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/counselors/](https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/counselors/)

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*UC Application: [https://apply.universityofcalifornia.edu/my-application/login](https://apply.universityofcalifornia.edu/my-application/login)

*Assist: [https://www.assist.org/](https://www.assist.org/)

*UC Resources for Counselors:
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Thank you