



University Transfer Center

UC Online TAG FAQ's

What is a TAG?

A TAG is a Transfer Admission Guarantee to a specific university. It is a contract that you submit to the University of your Choice so that you can be guaranteed admissions early. A TAG is a great tool to use to be sure that you have met the admission criteria for transfer and will be completing the appropriate courses for General Education and for your future major.

Which universities offer a TAG?

TAGs are available with the following universities: UC Davis, UC Irvine, UC Merced, UC Riverside, UC Santa Cruz, and UC Santa Barbara.

Do I have to see a counselor to submit a TAG?

NOTE: For UC Davis and Santa Cruz you will need to meet with a counselor for a review of your TAG. Though not required for the other UC's, you are encouraged to meet with an Allan Hancock College counselor to review your TAG. UC TAG counselor review times are available in the UTC. You should study the TAG criteria, determine your eligibility, start your online TAG application, and develop a list of specific questions prior to this meeting.

Students who meet with a counselor **MUST** bring the following paperwork to the counseling session:

- Print-out of the online UC TAG application;
- If applicable, all transcripts from institutions attended (unofficial OK);
- If applicable, AP/IB exam scores and TOEFL scores

Can I submit a paper TAG?

No, all TAG's must be submitted online.

When can I begin working on my TAG?

You may begin working on your Transfer Admission Planner (TAP) at any time (creating an account and inputting coursework). When you are ready to submit your TAG, you will login to your TAP and link to the TAG submission. To create an account, visit: <https://uctap.universityofcalifornia.edu/students/index.cfm>

When do I submit my TAG?

You will submit your TAG September 1-30, 2016 (for fall 2017 TAG's).

UC Merced will accept TAGS for transfer in spring 2018; deadline is May 1-31, 2017.

It is advised that you not wait until September 30th to submit your TAG. Leave adequate time for a full review by a counselor.

What do I need to be eligible for a TAG?

The specific criteria for a TAG varies by each university and by the major that you are preparing for. Refer to the **UC Transfer Admission Guarantee Matrix** at the following website:

<http://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/counselors/files/tag-matrix.pdf> for specific TAG criteria and further information. **NOTE:** The TAG matrix is usually updated every July for the following year's TAG.

What happens after I submit my TAG?

Irvine, Merced, Riverside, and Santa Barbara TAGs go directly to the UC campus for review. You must check your email and messages on the TAG Application System often.



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Davis and Santa Cruz TAGs are routed to Allan Hancock College for pre-evaluation and authorization. Davis and/or Santa Cruz TAGs will be "authorized" and submitted by Allan Hancock College to the appropriate UC campus for consideration provided that:

- 1) Your TAG eligibility is confirmed
- 2) Your self-reported coursework indicates UC admission requirements will be met and;
- 3) The UC Online TAG and all required documents are received by the specified deadlines. You must check your email and messages on the TAG Application System often.

NOTE: Failure to comply with all requests by specified deadlines may result in your TAG being "not authorized" by Allan Hancock College or "denied" by the UC.

How can I check on the status of my TAG and when will I be notified by UC?

To check on the status of your TAG log on to the home page of the UC TAP Application System at <http://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/transfer/guarantee/>. UC review of fall 2017 TAG applications should be completed by November 15, 2016. For UC Davis, UC Merced, UC Riverside, and UC Santa Cruz you will find out at that time whether or not you meet the UC TAG requirements. For UC Irvine and UC Santa Barbara, you will not find out whether or not you meet the TAG requirements until you receive your official admission/denial letter the following spring.

What if my TAG is "not authorized" or "denied," can I still apply for admission to UC?

Yes, you may still apply to UC through the regular admissions process.

Can I sign more than one TAG?

No, you may only submit a TAG to one UC.

Once I sign a TAG, do I have to go to that specific university?

No, you are not required to attend the university to which you are submitting a TAG.

Do I need to submit official transcripts when I sign a TAG?

No, all information submitted is a self report. When you submit a TAG contract you can use unofficial records. It is only after you are admitted to a university that you will be required to submit official records from all colleges and universities previously attended.

Do I need to tell the universities about coursework completed at previous colleges attended, even if I don't like the grades I earned or I went to university in another country?

Yes, you are required to report all previous coursework completed at a previous community college or university, either in the US or internationally. Falsification of records is a serious issue and can result in expulsion from a university if you do not report all records and are admitted based on incomplete information.

Do I still need to apply to the UCs/CSUs after I submit my TAG?

YES, you are still responsible for completing the general UC application for admission. With your authorization, the information that you put in the TAG will automatically be populated to your application. Please see UTC for application filing periods. The application fee for the UCs is \$70 per school. www.universityofcalifornia.edu/apply

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