California community college students are eligible for the UC Merced Transfer Admission Guarantee (TAG) program. TAG contracts specify the courses to be completed and GPA you must earn at a community college to be guaranteed admission to UC Merced in the major of your choice.

**TAG CRITERIA**

» Be enrolled full-time at a California community college (contact the Office of Admissions for questions about part-time students).

» Complete 30 UC-transferable units by TAG submission.

» Earn a minimum GPA of 2.8 for majors in the School of Social Sciences, Humanities and Arts (3.0 for the Psychology major); a 2.9 for majors in the School of Natural Sciences; and 3.0 for majors in the School of Engineering.

» Complete the minimum English eligibility requirements for admission.
  **Completion Deadline:**
  › Fall TAGs by the end of spring prior to enrollment
  › Spring TAGs by the end of summer prior to enrollment

» Complete the minimum math eligibility requirements for admission.
  **Completion Deadline:**
  › Fall TAGs by the end of fall prior to enrollment
  › Spring TAGs by the end of spring prior to enrollment

» Complete the required preparation for your major (listed on the back of this page and online at admissions.ucmerced.edu/transfer/tag).
  **Completion Deadline:**
  › Fall TAGs by the end of spring prior to enrollment
  › Spring TAGs by the end of fall prior to enrollment

**TAG QUESTIONS:**

**WHY APPLY FOR A TAG?**

The benefits of participating in the UC Merced TAG program include early notification that your admission to UC Merced is guaranteed (subject to the conditions of the program), and opportunities for individualized advising about major preparation, general education and/or IGETC requirements.

**HOW CAN I PURSUE A TAG?**

» Apply for a TAG at uctap.universityofcalifornia.edu.

» Apply for admission to UC Merced. Students with approved UC Merced TAGs must file the UC application for undergraduate admission for the major and term for which the TAG is written. You are encouraged to wait for your TAG decision before submitting the UC application. You can start your UC application at admissions.ucmerced.edu/transfer/apply.

Remember to submit all of the academic information listed on your transcripts, including non-transferable coursework, repeated classes and withdrawals.

If you have additional questions about the TAG program, email transfer@ucmerced.edu with “TAG Information” in the subject line.

Requirements are subject to change.
Please check admissions.ucmerced.edu/transfer/tag.
TAG REQUIREMENTS*

In addition to the criteria listed on the front of this page, the following requirements must be met to successfully apply to the TAG program:

» Complete 60 UC-transferable units (Fall TAGs by the end of the spring term prior to enrollment and Spring TAGs by the end of the summer prior to enrollment)
» No unrepeated grade(s) of No Pass, D or F in UC-transferable coursework
» No more than two total withdrawals in major preparation courses
» No more than one (1) major preparation course where grades of no pass, D or F were received, even if repeated with passing grades

TAG MAJOR PREPARATION

School of Engineering

Majors in the School of Engineering require a minimum GPA of 3.0 to qualify for a TAG. The TAG requires you to complete the following UC Merced course requirements at your community college prior to enrolling in the University, with at least 50% of the required coursework completed prior to spring.

Bioengineering, Environmental Engineering, Materials Science and Engineering, and Mechanical Engineering
» CHEM 2
» MATH 21, MATH 22, MATH 23 and MATH 24
» PHYS 8 and PHYS 9

Computer Science and Engineering
» CSE 20 and CSE 21 (with grades of B or better)
» MATH 21, MATH 22, MATH 23 and MATH 24
» PHYS 8 and PHYS 9

School of Natural Sciences

Majors in the School of Natural Sciences require a minimum GPA of 2.9 to qualify for a TAG. TAGs for the majors listed below require you to complete the following UC Merced course requirements at your community college prior to enrolling in the University, with at least 50% of the required coursework completed prior to spring.

Applied Mathematical Sciences
» CHEM 2
» MATH 21 and MATH 22
» PHYS 8 and PHYS 9

Biological Sciences
» BIO 1 and BIO 1L (with grades of B or better)
» CHEM 2, CHEM 8 and CHEM 10
» MATH 11 or MATH 21
» MATH 12 or MATH 22

Chemical Sciences
» CHEM 2 and CHEM 10
» MATH 21 and MATH 22
» PHYS 8 and PHYS 9

Environmental Systems Science (formerly Earth Systems Science)
» CHEM 2 and CHEM 10
» MATH 11 or MATH 21
» MATH 12 or MATH 22
» PHYS 8 or PHYS 18

Physics
» CHEM 2
» MATH 21 and MATH 22
» PHYS 8 and PHYS 9

School of Social Sciences, Humanities and Arts (SSHA)

Majors in the School of Social Sciences, Humanities and Arts require a minimum GPA of 2.8 to qualify for a TAG, except for Psychology, which requires a minimum GPA of 3.0. TAGs for the majors listed below require you to complete the following UC Merced course requirements at your community college prior to enrolling in the University.

Anthropology
» ANTH 1 or ANTH 3 or ANTH 5

Cognitive Science, B.A.
» COGS 1 or PSY 1
» MATH 5 or MATH 11 or MATH 21
» PSY 10

Cognitive Science, B.S.
» COGS 1 or PSY 1
» MATH 11 or MATH 12 or MATH 21 or MATH 22
» PSY 10

Critical Race and Ethnic Studies
» CRES 001 (with a grade of B or better)
» HIST 017 (with a grade of B or better)

Economics, B.A.
» ECON 1
» MATH 11 or MATH 21

Economics, B.S.
» ECON 1 and ECON 10
» MATH 11 or MATH 21 and MATH 12 or MATH 22

Introductory Social Science: One of COGS 1, PH 1, PH 5, PSY 1, POLI 1 or SOC 1 or equivalent

Introductory Natural Science: One of ANTH 5, BIO 3, BIO 5, BIO 50, BIO 51, BIO 60, CHEM 1, ESS 1, ESS 2, ESS 10, ESS 15, ESS 20, ESS 47, ESS 50, ESS 65 or equivalent

English
» At least two UC-transferable courses in English, Literature or English Literature

Global Arts Studies Program
» Not open to TAG**

History
» At least three UC-transferable courses in History (students are strongly encouraged to complete two courses that have been approved as equivalents to specific UC Merced courses, including at least one world history course, as this will prepare students for upper division courses at UC Merced)

Management and Business Economics
» ECON 1
» MATH 11 or MATH 21

Philosophy
» Choose two courses from the following: PHIL 1, PHIL 2, PHIL 3 or PHIL 9
» PHIL 4 or PHIL 5

Political Science
» POLI 1 or POLI 3 or POLI 5

Psychology
» PSY 1, PSY 10 and PSY 15

Public Health
» Not open to TAG**

Sociology
» SOC 1

At least one of the following courses from the following course ranges: SOC 9 or SOC 11-SOC 14 or SOC 16-SOC 89

Spanish
» SPAN 4 or SPAN 11 (with a grade of B or better)

All SSHA majors are highly encouraged to complete the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) prior to enrollment at UC Merced.

* Requirements are subject to change. Check admissions.ucmerced.edu/transfer/tag for updates and spring deadlines.
** Apply as a regular applicant. Check admissions.ucmerced.edu/transfer/tag for updates and visit admissions.ucmerced.edu/transfer/major-preparation for course requirements for admission.