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Spring 2020 TAG

Spring 2020 - Transfer Admission Guarantee (TAG)

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.

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Steps to Apply for a TAG:

1. Complete the [Transfer Admission Planner](http://uctap.universityofcalifornia.edu) (<http://uctap.universityofcalifornia.edu>)
2. Submit your TAG for your intended transfer term
 - Sept. 1-30 for fall

- May 1-31 for spring

3. [Apply for Admission \(https://admissions.ucmerced.edu/transfer/apply\)](https://admissions.ucmerced.edu/transfer/apply)

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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.

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How Can I Pursue a TAG?

1. Apply for a TAG

at uctap.universityofcalifornia.edu
(<http://uctap.universityofcalifornia.edu>).

2. 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 \(https://admissions.ucmerced.edu/transfer/apply\)](https://admissions.ucmerced.edu/transfer/apply).

If you have additional questions about the TAG program, email transfer@ucmerced.edu (<mailto:transfer@ucmerced.edu?subject=Tag%20Information>) with "TAG Information" in the subject line.

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TAG Eligibility

To be considered for a TAG you must meet the following criteria at the time the TAG is submitted:

- Be enrolled full-time at a California community college
- Have completed 30 UC-transferable units
- Meet the minimum GPA required for your major

In addition you must also meet the requirements below prior to your intended term of enrollment:



- **Complete the minimum English eligibility requirements for admission**

Completion Deadline:

- Fall TAGs by the end of the spring term prior to enrollment
- Spring TAGs by the end of the summer prior to enrollment

- **Complete the minimum Math eligibility requirements for admission.**

Completion Deadline:

- Fall TAGs by the end of the fall term prior to enrollment
- Spring TAGs by the end of the spring term prior to enrollment

- **Complete the required preparation for your major.**

Completion Deadline:

- Fall TAGs by the end of the spring term prior to enrollment
- Spring TAGs by the end of the fall term prior to enrollment

- **Complete 60 UC-transferable units**

Completion Deadline:

- Fall TAGs by the end of the spring term prior to enrollment
- Spring TAGs by the end of the summer prior to enrollment

- **No unrepeatable grade(s) of No Pass, D or F in UC-transferable coursework.**

- **No more than two total withdrawals in major preparation courses.**

- **By the end of spring, fall applicants can have no more than one major preparation course where grades of No Pass, D or F were received even if repeated with passing grades.**

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Required Preparation for Your Major - Spring 2020

See the [Majors & Minors page \(https://admissions.ucmerced.edu/academics/majors-minors\)](https://admissions.ucmerced.edu/academics/majors-minors) to learn more about UC Merced's academic offerings

School of Engineering

Majors in the School of Engineering require a minimum GPA of 3.0. The TAG requires you to complete the following UC Merced course requirements at your community college prior to enrolling at 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, PHYS 9

Computer Science and Engineering

- CSE 20, CSE 21 (must be completed with grade of B or better)
- MATH 21, MATH 22, MATH 23, and MATH 24

- PHYS 8, PHYS 9

School of Natural Sciences

Majors in the School of Natural Sciences require a minimum GPA of 2.9. 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 Mathematics

- CHEM 2
- MATH 21 and MATH 22
- PHYS 8 and PHYS 9

Biological Sciences

- BIO 1 and BIO 1L (with grade of B or better)
- CHEM 2, CHEM 8 and CHEM 8L, CHEM 10, and CHEM 100 and CHEM 100L
- 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

Earth Systems Science

- CHEM 2 and CHEM 10
- MATH 11 or MATH 21
- 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, 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, ANTH 3, or ANTH 5

Cognitive Science, B.A

- COGS 1 or PSY 1
- PSY 10
- MATH 5, MATH 11 or MATH 21

Cognitive Science, B.S.

- COGS 1 or PSY 1
- PSY 10
- MATH 11, MATH 12, MATH 21 or MATH 22

Critical Race and Ethnic Studies

- Not open to TAG**

Economics

- ECON 1
- MATH 11 or 21

English

- Not open to TAG**

Global Arts Studies Program

- Not open to TAG**

History

- Two of the following courses: HIST 10, HIST 11, HIST 16, HIST 17, HIST 30A, HIST 30B or HIST 31

Management and Business Economics

- ECON 1
- MATH 11 or MATH 21

Philosophy

- Not open to TAG**

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
- SOC 10 OR MATH 5

Spanish

- Not open to TAG**

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 this page frequently for updates and spring deadlines.

** Apply as a regular applicant. View major requirements at <https://admissions.ucmerced.edu/transfer/major-preparation-schools> (<https://admissions.ucmerced.edu/transfer/major-preparation-schools>).

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