

## Transfer Exploration Guide:

# Transfer Admission Guarantee (TAG)

### What is TAG?

The Transfer Admission Guarantee program allows students to secure a spot at one University of California (UC) campus by agreeing to meet specific criteria. Students who meet the campus specific TAG requirements, and submit the TAG and UC applications, will be guaranteed admission into their TAG campus.



- **IMPORTANT:** Not every UC nor every major participates in TAG, and each campus/major may have different requirements. For specific information regarding TAG requirements, please click the individual campus links on the UC TAG website: [bit.ly/UC\\_TAG](https://bit.ly/UC_TAG).

### How do I apply for TAG?

1. Apply for TAG through the UC Transfer Admission Planner at [uctap.universityofcalifornia.edu](https://uctap.universityofcalifornia.edu) by September 30<sup>th</sup> for Fall admissions. There is no fee to submit a TAG application.
2. Fill out the UC application and submit it Nov. 1–30 at [admissions.universityofcalifornia.edu](https://admissions.universityofcalifornia.edu). Make sure you apply to the same major on your TAG application and UC application.
3. Fulfill all remaining coursework and GPA requirements in your TAG agreement.

### TAG Checklist

#### Where to start?

- Attend an in-person or online TAG workshop through the OCC Transfer Center.
- Make a UC Transfer Admission Planner account at [uctap.universityofcalifornia.edu](https://uctap.universityofcalifornia.edu). Use your transcripts to enter ALL of your coursework from every college you've attended (including non-transferable courses). Also enter AP or IB scores, if applicable.
- Review TAG requirements to decide which campus you'll apply to. You can only choose one for TAG.
- Complete UC transferable math and English courses as soon as possible. TAG requires earlier completion, and the specific deadlines are set by the individual campuses.

#### Fall Semester

- Submit the TAG application by September 30<sup>th</sup>
- Submit the UC application by November 30<sup>th</sup>. For your TAG campus, make sure you apply to the same major that you listed on your TAG application. Don't forget, this includes personal insight questions!
- In the fall semester, you will receive notification regarding your TAG application.

#### Winter to Spring Semester

- All UC applicants, including TAG applicants, need to update the UC application with their fall grades and spring classes. This is done through the UC application portal.
- TAG applicants must meet and maintain all requirements through the end of their last semester in order to maintain their TAG admission status.

## Frequently Asked Questions

### Are all students required to complete the TAG program?

- No, transfer students to UC campuses are not required to apply through the TAG program. TAG is simply one path to admission if a student is eligible and interested.

### How early can I begin the planning process for TAG?

- It can be as early as your first semester at a community college. Begin by using [uctap.universityofcalifornia.edu](http://uctap.universityofcalifornia.edu). Keep in mind that submission of your TAG application takes place one year prior to your intended transfer term. For example, if you wish to transfer to UC Santa Barbara in 2021, you would apply for TAG in September 2020 and the UC Application by November 2020.

### Do the TAG requirements change?

- Yes, TAG requirements are updated **annually**. Make sure you review the TAG website for updated information: [bit.ly/UC\\_TAG](http://bit.ly/UC_TAG)

### Do I need to have 60 units completed when I submit my TAG application?

- No, when you submit your TAG application you need to have a minimum of 30 UC transferrable units. 60 UC transferrable units must be completed by the end of the spring semester before you transfer.

### Can I complete a TAG application for more than one campus?

- No, you can only apply as a TAG applicant to one campus. Therefore, it's important to make sure you will be eligible for that campus. Pay close attention to TAG requirements, as they vary by campus.

### If I apply with a TAG to a UC campus, may I still apply to other private and public colleges?

- Yes, we strongly recommended you apply to more than one institution as a transfer student.

### What happens if I change my mind and decide to transfer to a different university?

- You may receive an admission offer with TAG, but you also have the option to decline the offer and attend a different school you were admitted to.

### Can I meet with a counselor to review my TAG application before I submit it?

- Yes! Students who attend an in-person or online version of the TAG workshop by the OCC Transfer Center can make an appointment with an OCC TAG counselor. In this appointment, the counselor can verify if you meet the eligibility requirements for the campus you wish to TAG to.

### Do any schools offer TAG for winter or spring transfer?

- Some UC campuses may offer TAG for spring transfer, but most campuses do not. The TAG application period for winter/spring transfer is May 1<sup>st</sup> – May 30<sup>th</sup>. Check the UC TAG website [bit.ly/UC\\_TAG](http://bit.ly/UC_TAG) for current information.

### Do I need to send my transcripts with my TAG application?

- No, coursework for TAG is self-reported, but you should use your unofficial transcripts to enter ALL your coursework correctly. After you are admitted to a UC, you will be required to submit official transcripts from all colleges and universities you've attended.

*Disclaimer: Please be aware that this information is subject to change without notice, and it is the student's responsibility to visit the OCC Transfer Center and the UC TAG website for the most recent information.*

*Questions? Visit the Orange Coast College Transfer Center in Watson Hall Room 215*