

**UC DAVIS**  
**TRANSFER ADMISSION GUARANTEE (TAG) CRITERIA**  
**Agreements written for the 2009 – 2010 Academic Year**

- I) Special Notes
- A) A Transfer Admission Guarantee (TAG) may be prepared and signed up to one year before a student enrolls at UC Davis. An agreement must be completed and received at UC Davis before the TAG contract limits are reached.
  - B) Unmarked transcripts from each college or university in which the student has enrolled or attended must be sent with the TAG to be reviewed by the UC Davis representative (unofficial copies are acceptable). Students must self-report test scores from Advanced Placement (AP) or International Baccalaureate (IB) Higher Level Examinations, if they were taken, on the TAG form.
  - C) If a student has attended a college or university outside of the United States, course descriptions for all courses must be forwarded with the international transcript. The correct name and address of each international school must be reported. Word-for-word English translations are required.
  - D) TAGs may be written for California community college (CCC) students who will complete at least 60 semester (90 quarter) transferable units by the end of spring 2009, regardless of their UC eligibility at the time of high school graduation.
  - E) TAGs may be written after students have completed at least 30 semester (45 quarter) transferable units. Students who have completed fewer than 30 semester (45 quarter) units at the time TAGs are written do not qualify for a TAG. These students should apply for admission through the regular application process.
  - F) To qualify for a TAG for fall 2009, all specific courses required for UC eligibility (such as English and mathematics), all specific courses required for admission into selective UC Davis majors (such as calculus for the Biological Sciences major) and 60 transferable semester (90 quarter) transferable units must be completed by the end of spring 2009. Summer session may not be used to complete courses required for admission.
  - G) The TAG assumes that students have met prerequisite courses, especially in the areas of English and mathematics. UC may request additional documentation regarding how prerequisites were satisfied.
  - H) The minimum overall grade point average (GPA) for transferable work required for a TAG varies by college. The College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences is 2.80. A minimum GPA of 2.90 for transferable work is required for the College of Letters and Science and the College of Biological Sciences. The College of Engineering's minimum GPA for transferable work is 3.10. Students must have these GPAs at the time their TAG is written and must maintain them throughout the remainder of their transfer work with no grade below a "C." Courses required for selective majors must be taken for a letter grade. See the criteria listed in Section III for specific major minimum GPAs.
  - I) A student with a TAG must submit the UC application for undergraduate admission & scholarships on time during the initial application filing period for the major and term for which the TAG is written. The student must thoroughly and consistently report information on both the TAG and undergraduate admission application, including each college or university in which he or she was enrolled or attended and all courses in progress and planned. All courses and grades including "D", "F", "I" and "W," must be listed on the undergraduate admission application as they appear on transcripts.

- J) Students must use their full legal name on the contract, and on the undergraduate admission application. The name must match the name appearing on the community college records. Consistent use of the name is critical — they must be consistent in the spelling and may not use suffixes, e.g. Jr., III.
- K) A student with a TAG must complete the UC Application Update online at [universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions/appupdate](http://universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions/appupdate), providing grades and course changes as directed, by the specified deadline.

## II) Definition of a CCC Student for the TAG Program

Transfer Admission Guarantees (TAGs) are intended for people who are established students at California community colleges (CCCs). Both domestic and international students may participate. The following provisions must be met to qualify as a CCC student for the TAG program:

- A) The student must be enrolled full time at the TAG college when the agreement is written. Exceptions are possible for part-time students, see item F) below.
- B) A student may not be enrolled simultaneously at a CCC and a baccalaureate institution when the TAG is written. After the TAG is written, a student may not attend a baccalaureate institution until enrolled at UC Davis.
- C) A student may not be working toward high school graduation while simultaneously enrolled at a CCC.
- D) A Student who was enrolled at a baccalaureate institution before enrolling at a CCC may have a TAG if all other provisions of the definition of a CCC student have been met and if the person does not have a baccalaureate or higher level degree. The student must have fewer than 80 semester (120 quarter) transferable units of combined baccalaureate institution and community college work. The “80 semester unit” rule does not apply to students who have completed all of their college courses at community colleges.
- E) A student must be enrolled full time at the TAG college during the fall, winter or spring term just prior to enrolling at UC Davis, unless the student is not attending school anywhere that term. Exceptions for part-time enrollment are possible. See Item F.
- F) The UC Davis representative, in consultation with the CCC counselor and the student, has the sole discretion to make exceptions to these provisions for good cause. An example of “good cause” would be a student’s need to attend school part time because he/she is employed. There are many acceptable reasons for a student to be enrolled part time and still qualify for a TAG.

TAGs will be rescinded for students who do not conform to these provisions.

## III) TAG Criteria

As a general guide, students should concentrate on meeting eligibility requirements for admission to the University of California and on completing lower-division preparatory courses for their intended majors at UC Davis. Specific requirements for certain majors are listed below.

### A) COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES

TAGs are available for the new major, Environmental Science and Management. This non-selective major serves those interested in solving environmental problems from an interdisciplinary perspective linking the natural and social sciences. Students choosing this major will study the interaction of physical, biological and social components of environmental problems. Students completing the program will understand the scientific basis for environmental design making and the legal, economic and political issues involved in management of the environment.

TAGS are also available in two newly renamed majors: Ecological Management and Restoration (formerly Agricultural Management and Rangeland Resources) and Plant Sciences (formerly Crop Science and Management).

TAGs are no longer available in the following discontinued majors: Agricultural Management and Rangeland Resources, Crop Science and Management, Environmental and Resource Sciences, Environmental Biology and Management, and Soil and Water Science.

Applicants to the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences must meet the following criteria:

- 1) Tags may be written for students who will meet UC eligibility requirements and complete at least 60 semester (90 quarter) transferable units by the end of spring 2009 and have an overall transfer GPA of at least 2.80. Students must have this GPA at the time the TAG is written and must maintain it throughout the remainder of their transfer work. A student must take courses equivalent to those listed below if they are offered at the CCC. Courses not offered at the CCC must be completed after enrolling at UC Davis. TAGs may be written using these criteria for all majors except Biotechnology and Viticulture and Enology. These selective majors require additional criteria as listed below. Note that all courses required for these selective majors must be completed by the end of spring 2009. Also, see the information below for Landscape Architecture, Pre- and Managerial Economics, Pre-. These majors are not selective for admission but require that students follow instructions to move into the full majors after enrolling at UC Davis. TAGs may not be written for the Undeclared/Exploratory category.

## 2) BIOTECHNOLOGY

TAGs may be written in Biotechnology for students who meet the criteria listed in Item 1 and who meet the following additional criteria:

- (a) Mathematics 16A/B or Mathematics 17A/B or Mathematics 21A/B  
Students must have a GPA of at least 2.50 for this group of courses. Courses must be taken for a letter grade, with no grade less than "C."
- (b) Chemistry 2A/B/C  
Students must have a GPA of at least 2.50 for this group of courses. Courses must be taken for a letter grade, with no grade less than "C."
- (c) Biological Sciences 1A or 1B or 1C (Series 1) OR  
Biological Sciences 2A or 2B or 2C (Series 2)

Students are encouraged to complete courses comparable to those in the new Biological Sciences 2A/B/C series if offered at the community college. Students who have completed part, but not all, of the Biological Sciences 1A/B/C series must see a UC Davis adviser before continuing with biological sciences.

We strongly recommend that students complete the entire Biological Sciences series, as it significantly reduces time to degree. Students must take courses for a letter grade, with no grade less than "C," with the following provisions:

- If students complete only one Biological Science course, they must earn a "B" grade or better.
- If students complete two or three Biological Science courses, they must earn an overall GPA of 2.50 or better among these courses.

- If articulation on [www.assist.org](http://www.assist.org) specifies that two or more courses from an institution are equivalent to one UC Davis Biological Sciences course, the student must complete the equivalent of one UC Davis course, with a GPA of 2.50 or better among these courses.

- (d) It is strongly recommended that students complete courses comparable to the following UC Davis courses with a GPA of at least 2.50 for the group. Completion of these courses will help the student move more efficiently toward graduation. Courses should be taken for a letter grade, with no grade less than "C":  
Organic Chemistry 8A/B or 118A/B/C

### 3) LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE, PRE-

TAGs may be written in Pre-Landscape Architecture for students who meet the criteria listed in Item 1 and who comply with the following additional criteria:

- (a) Students who wish to major in Landscape Architecture must arrange their TAGs for "Pre-Landscape Architecture." Admission to UC Davis does not guarantee admission to the Landscape Architecture major. Students apply in the "Landscape Architecture, Pre-" category of the UC application.
- (b) Students submit a separate portfolio application to the Landscape Architecture program in February before or after enrollment at UC Davis. Contact the Landscape Architecture Advising Office at (530) 754-8628 or visit [lda.ucdavis.edu](http://lda.ucdavis.edu) for details about the portfolio.

### 4) MANAGERIAL ECONOMICS, PRE-

Tags may be written in Pre-Managerial Economics for students who meet the criteria listed in Item 1 and who comply with the following additional criteria:

- (a) Students who wish to major in Managerial Economics must arrange their TAGs for "Pre-Managerial Economics." Admission to UC Davis does not guarantee admission to the Managerial Economics major. Students apply in the "Managerial Economics, Pre-" category of the UC application.
- (b) Completion of and performance in prerequisite courses is critical in determining acceptance to the Managerial Economics major following admission to UC Davis. After completing your first quarter at UC Davis, you may petition the department for admission to the major. You must receive a letter grade in each course and only the first repeat of any pre-major course will be considered in your petition review.
- (c) For entrance to the Managerial Economics major, students must complete the following courses with a cumulative GPA of at least 2.80:  
Economics 1A/B;  
Statistics 13;  
Mathematics 16A/B or Mathematics 21A/B.

The courses listed above may be completed at community college or at UC Davis.

### 5) VITICULTURE AND ENOLOGY

TAGs may be written in Viticulture and Enology for students who meet the criteria listed in Item 1 and who meet the following additional criteria:

- (a) Complete courses comparable to the following UC Davis courses with a GPA of at least 3.00 for the group of courses. Courses must be taken for a letter grade, with no grade less than "C":  
General Chemistry 2A/B/C;  
Organic Chemistry 8A;  
Mathematics 16A;  
Physics 1A/B or Physics 7A;  
Biological Sciences 1A or Biological Sciences 2A
- (b) It is strongly recommended that students complete courses comparable to the following UC Davis courses; if taken, the student must have a GPA of at least 3.00 for the group of courses. Courses must be taken for a letter grade, with no grade less than "C":  
Organic Chemistry 8B;  
Mathematics 16B;  
Biological Sciences 1C or Plant Sciences 2
- (c) Students are encouraged to complete the course comparable to the new Biological Sciences 2A if offered at the community college. Students who transfer without completing the recommended Biological Sciences 1C or Plant Sciences 2 requirement must see a UC Davis adviser before continuing with biological sciences.

## B) COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

TAGS for College of Engineering majors may only be written for fall quarter. TAGs are no longer available in the major Computational Applied Science, now suspended indefinitely.

Applicants to the College of Engineering must meet the following criteria:

- 1) TAGs maybe written for students who will meet UC eligibility requirements and complete at least 60 semester (90 quarter) transferable units by the end of spring 2009 with an overall transfer GPA of at least 3.10. Students must have this GPA at the time the TAG is written and must maintain it throughout the remainder of their transfer work. A student must take courses equivalent to those on [www.assist.org](http://www.assist.org) for the majors below if they are offered at the CCC. Courses not offered at the CCC must be completed after enrolling at UC Davis. All the lower-division requirements for the specific major must be completed by the end of spring 2009. The College of Engineering will honor all engineering articulations as they exist on [www.assist.org](http://www.assist.org) at the time TAGs are signed in September. See the Web site [engineering.ucdavis.edu](http://engineering.ucdavis.edu) for the College of Engineering's "Transfer Credit Agreement" (the "engineering grid") that lists the courses required for each Engineering major. Do not submit an Engineering TAG unless a student will complete all required courses before enrolling at UC Davis.
- 2) For all College of Engineering majors listed below, courses must be taken for a letter grade, with no grade less than "C":  
Aeronautical Science and Engineering  
Biochemical Engineering  
Biological Systems Engineering  
Biomedical Engineering  
Chemical Engineering  
Chemical Engineering/Materials Science and Engineering  
Civil Engineering  
Computer Engineering  
Computer Science and Engineering  
Electrical Engineering  
Electronic Materials Engineering  
Materials Science and Engineering  
Mechanical Engineering

Mechanical Engineering/Materials Science and Engineering  
Optical Science and Engineering

C) COLLEGE OF LETTERS AND SCIENCE

TAGs are available for our new major Middle East/South Asia Studies. This non-selective major covers the culture, histories, languages and peoples of 44 different countries, along with instruction in Hindi/Urdu and Arabic. Demonstrating UC Davis's commitment to interdisciplinary academics, the major will include courses in history, religious studies, art history, anthropology, comparative literature, women and gender studies, political science, Asian American studies and English. It is one of only a half dozen such university programs in the nation that focus on studying both regions through an integrated curriculum.

Applicants to the College of Letters and Science must meet the following criteria:

- 1) TAGs may be written for students who will meet UC eligibility requirements and complete at least 60 semester (90 quarter) transferable units by the end of spring 2009 and have an overall transfer GPA of at least 2.90. Students must have this GPA when TAGs are written and must maintain it throughout the remainder of their transfer work. A student must take courses equivalent to those listed below if they are offered at a CCC. Courses not offered at a CCC must be completed after enrolling at UC Davis. TAGs may be written using these criteria for all majors except Communication, International Relations, and Psychology. These selective majors require additional criteria as listed below. Note that all courses required for these selective majors must be completed by the end of spring 2009. TAGs may not be written for the Undeclared category.

- 2) COMMUNICATION

TAGs may be written in Communication for students who meet the criteria listed in Item 1 and who meet the following additional criteria:

Complete courses comparable to the following UC Davis courses with a cumulative GPA of at least 3.00 for this group of courses. Courses must be taken for a letter grade, with no grade less than "C." Students must have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.00 for the group of courses that have been completed when the TAG is written. Students must maintain that GPA throughout the remainder of their transfer work in the required group of courses:  
Anthropology 4 or Linguistics 1;  
Psychology 1;  
Sociology 1;  
Statistics 13

- 3) INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

TAGs may be written in International Relations for students who meet the criteria listed in Item 1 and who meet the following additional criteria:

Complete courses comparable to the following UC Davis courses with a cumulative GPA of at least 3.00 for this group of courses. Courses must be taken for a letter grade, with no grade less than "C." Students must have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.00 for the group of courses that have been completed when the TAG is written. Students must maintain that GPA throughout the remainder of their transfer work for the required group of courses:  
Economics 1B;  
Economics 1A or Anthropology 2;  
History 4C or History 10C;  
International Relations 1 or Political Science 3;  
Statistics 13 or Sociology 46B

- 4) PSYCHOLOGY

TAGs may be written in Psychology for students who meet the criteria listed in Item 1 and who meet the following additional criteria:

- (a) Complete courses comparable to the following UC Davis courses with a cumulative GPA of at least 2.80 for this group of courses. Courses must be taken for a letter grade, with no grade less than "C":  
Psychology 1;  
Psychology 41;  
Statistics 13;  
One transferable course in Sociology or Cultural Anthropology  
One of these two options:
  - Biological Science 1A or Biological Science 2A OR
  - Biological Science 10 and one course from:
    - Anthropology 1 or
    - Molecular and Cellular Biology 10 or
    - Neurobiology, Physiology, and Behavior 10
- (b) Students must have a cumulative GPA of at least 2.80 for the group of courses listed in (a.) that has been completed when the TAG is written. Students must maintain that GPA throughout the remainder of their transfer work for the required group of courses.
- (c) Students are encouraged to complete courses comparable to those in the Biological Sciences 2A/B/C series if offered at the community college. Students beginning the Biological Sciences 1A/B/C series should plan to complete the required and recommended courses from the series before transferring. Students who transfer without completing the preparatory subject matter requirements must see a UC Davis Adviser before continuing with biological sciences.

#### D) COLLEGE OF BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES

Applicants to the College of Biological Sciences must meet the following criteria:

- 1) TAGs may be written for students who will meet UC eligibility requirements and complete at least 60 semester (90 quarter) transferable units by the end of spring 2009 and have an overall transfer GPA of at least 2.90. Students must have this GPA at the time the TAG is written and must maintain it throughout the remainder of their transfer work. A student must take courses equivalent to those listed below if they are offered at the CCC. Courses not offered at the CCC must be completed after enrolling at UC Davis. TAGS may be written using these criteria for all majors (Biochemistry and Molecular Biology; Biological Sciences; Cell Biology; Evolution, Ecology and Biodiversity; Exercise Biology; Genetics; Microbiology; Neurobiology, Physiology and Behavior; and Plant Biology). TAGs may not be written for the Undeclared category. Students must complete work comparable to the following UC Davis courses by the end of spring 2009:
  - (a) Mathematics 16A/B/C or Mathematics 17A/B/C or Mathematics 21A/B/C  
Students must have a GPA of at least 2.50 for this group of courses. Courses must be taken for a letter grade, with no grade less than "C."
  - (b) Chemistry 2A/B/C  
Students must have a GPA of at least 2.50 for this group of courses. Courses must be taken for a letter grade, with no grade less than "C."
  - (c) Biological Sciences 1A or 1B or 1C (Series 1) OR  
Biological Sciences 2A or 2B or 2C (Series 2)

Students are encouraged to complete courses comparable to those in the new Biological Sciences 2A/B/C series if offered at the community college. Students beginning the

Biological Sciences 1A/B/C series should plan to complete the entire series before transferring. Students who transfer without completing the entire series must see a UC Davis adviser before continuing with Biological Sciences. Students must choose to complete either Series 1 or Series 2 above; mixing between the two series will not be honored.

We strongly recommend that students complete the entire Biological Sciences series, as it significantly reduces time to degree. Students must take courses for a letter grade, with no grade less than "C," with the following provisions:

- If students complete only one Biological Science course, they must earn a "B" grade or better.
  - If students complete two or three Biological Science courses, they must earn an overall GPA of 2.50 or better among these courses.
  - If articulation on [www.assist.org](http://www.assist.org) specifies that two or more courses from an institution are equivalent to one UC Davis Biological Sciences course, the student must complete the equivalent of one UC Davis course, with a GPA of 2.50 or better among these courses.
- (d) It is strongly recommended that students complete courses comparable to the following UC Davis courses with a GPA of at least 2.50 for the group. Completion of these courses will help the student move more efficiently toward graduation. Courses should be taken for a letter grade, with no grade less than "C":  
Organic Chemistry 8A/B or 118A/B/C

#### IV) TAG Limitations

TAGS are not acceptable for:

- students who have baccalaureate degrees
- former UC students who left the University not in good academic standing
- former UC Davis students (exclusive of UC Davis summer session)
- students who have completed 80 semester (120 quarter) or more transferable units of combined community college and baccalaureate institution credit (not counting units from Advanced Placement [AP] tests or International Baccalaureate [IB] Higher Level examinations). The "80 semester unit" rule does not apply to students who have completed all of their college courses at community colleges.

#### V) TAG Filing Periods

Fall quarter 2009 TAGs are available at all California community colleges. Fall quarter TAGs must be submitted to UC Davis between September 2 and the postmark deadline of September 30, 2008.

Winter quarter 2010 TAGs are available only at our Transfer Opportunity Program (TOP) and the north state Regional Educational Alliance for Completing Higher Education (REACH) colleges.

TOP colleges include American River College, City College of San Francisco, College of San Mateo, Cosumnes River College, De Anza College, Folsom Lake College, Foothill College, Laney College, Los Medanos College, Napa Valley College, Sacramento City College, San Joaquin Delta College, Santa Rosa Junior College, Sierra College, Skyline College, Solano Community College, Woodland Community College and Yuba College.

REACH colleges include Butte College, College of the Redwoods, College of the Siskiyous, Feather River College, Lake Tahoe Community College, Lassen College, Mendocino College and Shasta College. Winter TAG opportunities vary annually among these colleges. Participating community colleges will receive additional information between mid-December and early February.