

# **UC DAVIS TRANSFER ADMISSION GUARANTEE (TAG) CRITERIA Agreements Written for the 2010-2011 Academic Year**

## **I) TAG ENROLLMENT PROVISIONS AND LIMITATIONS**

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

### **A) High school enrollment:**

A student may not be working toward high school graduation while simultaneously enrolled at a CCC.

### **B) CCC enrollment:**

The student must be enrolled full time at the TAG college when the agreement is written. Exceptions are possible for part-time students. [Section I)E)]

### **C) Baccalaureate institution enrollment and units:**

- 1) 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.
- 2) 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. [Section I)F)]
- 3) A student may not be enrolled simultaneously at a CCC and a baccalaureate institution when the TAG is written.
- 4) After the TAG is written, a student may not attend a baccalaureate institution until enrolled at UC Davis.
  - Exceptions are possible for summer school enrollment. The UC Davis representative, in consultation with the CCC counselor and the student, has the sole discretion to make exceptions for the restriction against baccalaureate institution enrollment during a summer term. Summer session may not be used to complete courses required to meet UC eligibility, the 60 transferable semester (90 quarter) units or for courses required for selection to the major.
  - Students attending the University of California during summer session should be advised that they must obtain "C" grades or higher to remain in good academic standing at the University of California.

### **D) CCC enrollment after the TAG is written:**

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. [Section I)E)]

### **E) Part time enrollment:**

There are many acceptable reasons for a student to be enrolled part time and still qualify for a TAG. The UC Davis representative, in consultation with the CCC counselor and the student, has the sole discretion to make exceptions to provisions for full time enrollment for good cause. An example of "good cause" would be a student's need to attend school part time because he/she is employed.

**F) 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 for 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.

**II) TAG GUIDELINES, REQUIREMENTS AND SPECIAL NOTES**

**A) Signing and submitting the TAG**

- 1) A TAG may be prepared up to one year before a student enrolls at UC Davis, and both the CCC counselor and the student must sign the TAG.
- 2) Fall quarter 2010 TAGs are available at all California community colleges. Fall quarter TAGs must be submitted to UC Davis between September 1 and the postmark deadline of September 30, 2009.
- 3) We expect to be closed to winter 2011 TAGs.

**B) Student name**

Students must use their full legal name on the TAG and the UC undergraduate admission application; consistent use and spelling of the name is critical.

- 1) The name must match the name appearing on the CCC records.
- 2) Please do not use suffixes, e.g. Jr., III.

**C) Unit requirements**

- 1) 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.
- 2) TAGs may be written for CCC students who will complete at least 60 semester (90 quarter) transferable units by the end of spring 2010, regardless of their UC eligibility at the time of high school graduation.

**D) Grade point requirements**

- 1) The minimum overall grade point average (GPA) for transferable work required for a TAG varies by college as follows.
  - College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences: 2.80.
  - College of Biological Sciences: 2.90
  - The College of Letters and Science: 2.90

- The College of Engineering: 3.10

- 2) Students must have these GPAs at the time their TAGs are written and must maintain them throughout the remainder of their transfer work with no grades below a "C."
- 3) Courses required for selective majors must be taken for a letter grade.
- 4) See the criteria listed in section III regarding GPA minimums for certain groups of courses for specific majors.

**E) Timeline requirements for course completion**

- 1) To qualify for a TAG for fall 2010, the following specific required courses must be completed by the end of spring 2010:
  - Those required for UC eligibility (such as English and mathematics)
  - Those required for admission into selective UC Davis majors (such as calculus for the Biological Sciences major)
  - Those required to complete 60 UC transferable semester (90 quarter) units
- 2) Summer session may not be used to complete courses required for admission. Students who have completed all requirements by the end of the spring term may use the summer to take supplemental coursework that will enhance their preparation for UC, including completion of the IGETC pattern.

**F) Transcript requirements (domestic and outside of the United States)**

- 1) Unmarked transcripts from each college or university in which the student has enrolled or attended must be sent with the TAG (unofficial copies are acceptable).
- 2) 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.

**G) Test score requirements**

If tests were taken, students must self-report test scores from Advanced Placement (AP) or International Baccalaureate (IB) Higher Level Examinations on the TAG form. Though not required, unofficial copies of test scores are welcomed with the TAG.

**H) Prerequisite course requirements**

It is assumed that students have met prerequisites to qualify for the TAG course requirements, especially in the areas of English and mathematics. UC may request additional documentation regarding how prerequisites were satisfied.

**I) Requirements for completion of the UC Application for Admission and Scholarships and the UC Application Update form**

- 1) A student with an authorized 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.

- 2) A student with an authorized 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.

#### J) Conforming to TAG provisions

TAGs may be rescinded for students who do not conform to all provisions of the TAG as outlined in this document.

### 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. TAGs are open to all majors at UC Davis, both selective and non-selective, unless otherwise specified.

#### A) COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES

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

##### 1) ALL TAG APPLICANTS TO THE COLLEGE

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 2010 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 2010. 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 TAG criteria for the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences [Section III)A)1)] and who meet the following additional criteria:

- 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."
- 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."
- Biological Sciences 1A or 1B or 1C OR Biological Sciences 2A or 2B or 2C  
(Series completion highly recommended)
  - A minimum of one course equivalent to a UC Davis Biological Sciences course must be completed with a "B" grade or higher for admission.
  - If two courses or the entire series are completed, a group GPA of 2.50 or higher is required. Courses must be taken for a letter grade, with no grade less than "C."

We strongly encourage students to complete an entire biological sciences series, either Biological Sciences 1A/B/C or Biological Sciences 2A/B/C before matriculating to UC Davis. Students may wish to consider

completing the series during summer session at their current school or at UC Davis before enrolling for the fall term as this will allow for a smoother transition and reduce time to degree.

- 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 TAG criteria for the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences [Section III(A)1)] and who comply with the following additional criteria:

- 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.
- After applying for admission, students submit a separate portfolio application to the Landscape Architecture program in February, either 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 TAG criteria for the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences [Section III(A)1)] and who comply with the following additional criteria:

- 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.
- 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.
- 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 TAG criteria for the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences [Section III(A)1)] and who meet the following additional criteria:

- 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

- 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
- 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 BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES

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

### 1) ALL TAG APPLICANTS TO THE COLLEGE

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 2010 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 Undeclared Life Sciences. Students must complete work comparable to the following UC Davis courses by the end of spring 2010:

- 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."
- 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."
- Biological Sciences 1A or 1B or 1C OR Biological Sciences 2A or 2B or 2C (Series completion highly recommended)
  - A minimum of one course equivalent to a UC Davis Biological Sciences course must be completed with a "B" grade or higher for admission.
  - If two courses or the entire series are completed, a group GPA of 2.50 or higher is required. Courses must be taken for a letter grade, with no grade less than "C."

We strongly encourage students to complete an entire Biological Sciences series, either Biological Sciences 1A/B/C or Biological Sciences 2A/B/C, before matriculating to UC Davis. Students may wish to consider completing the series during summer session at their current school or at UC Davis before enrolling for the fall term as this will allow for a smoother transition and reduce time to degree.

- 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

### C) 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) ALL TAG APPLICANTS TO THE COLLEGE

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 2010 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 2010. 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 [engineering.ucdavis.edu](http://engineering.ucdavis.edu) Web site for the College of Engineering's "Transfer Credit Agreement" (the "engineering grid") that lists the courses required for each major in Engineering. Do not submit an Engineering TAG unless a student will complete all required courses before enrolling at UC Davis.

For all College of Engineering majors listed below, courses must be taken for a letter grade, with no grade less than "C":

Aerospace Science and Engineering (formerly 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

### D) COLLEGE OF LETTERS AND SCIENCE

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

#### 1) ALL TAG APPLICANTS TO THE COLLEGE

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 2010 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 2010. TAGs may not be written for the major in Nature and Culture or the Undeclared category.

#### 2) COMMUNICATION

TAGs may be written in Communication for students who meet the TAG criteria for the College of Letters and Science [Section III)D)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 TAG criteria for the College of Letters and Science [Section III)D)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 TAG criteria for the College of Letters and Science [Section III)D)1)] and who meet the following additional criteria:

- Complete courses comparable to the following UC Davis courses with a cumulative GPA of at least 2.90 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
- Students must have a cumulative GPA of at least 2.90 for the group of courses listed above [Section III)D)4)] 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.
- 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.