



UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS

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Dear Transfer Center Director, TAG Contact and Dean of Student Services:

We are pleased to announce the availability of UC Davis Transfer Admission Guarantees (TAGs) at every California community college (CCC). All CCC applicants, both domestic and international, can now benefit from the opportunities provided by our program. Much of the success of our program results from your dedicated efforts. I anticipate the fall 2009 cycle will be no less successful than in past years, as we partner to promote this highly successful program to your students.

Though we are using a common UC TAG form, program requirements and timelines are specific to UC Davis. Please submit separate TAG forms to each campus in accordance with the campus's program guidelines. We will not forward forms to other campuses if a student checks multiple campuses on the TAG. Unofficial, unmarked transcripts should be submitted with each TAG form.

The latest TAG criteria and associated documents for the 2009 academic year have been posted at [admissions.ucdavis.edu/tag](http://admissions.ucdavis.edu/tag) on our Web site. Please review and share this information with your faculty and staff. Highlights of changes for the 2009 academic year follow:

1. There is no change in the minimum GPA necessary to write a contract. However, selective major requirements now indicate that all courses required for these majors be taken for a letter grade and completed with no grade less than a "C."
2. A new lower division course series, Biological Sciences 2A/B/C, has been implemented in the College of Biological Sciences and affects course requirements for some of our majors. Please carefully review updated requirements for the College of Biological Sciences and in the Biotechnology, Viticulture and Enology and Psychology majors.
3. The College of Engineering will honor engineering articulations provided by [www.assist.org](http://www.assist.org) at the time that TAGs are signed in September. Requirements vary according to major and course requirements may vary between 2006-2007 criteria and 2007-2008 criteria.
4. The TAG criteria section titled, "Special Notes" (Sections I.I and I.K), now emphasizes that students must report each college or university in which they enrolled or attended, not only on the TAG form, but also on the UC application for undergraduate admission and scholarships. The application for admission must be written for the major stated on the approved TAG, and must include all courses as they appear on the student's transcripts. All courses in progress and planned must be reported. TAG students are required to report grades and course changes using the online UC Application Update at [universityofcalifornia.edu/admission/appupdate](http://universityofcalifornia.edu/admission/appupdate) by the specified deadline.
5. Two new majors have been approved and are included among the TAG options:
  - **Environmental Science and Management in the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences** is a non-selective major that 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.
- **Middle East/South Asia Studies in the College of Letters and Science** is a non-selective major that 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.
6. Two majors in the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences have undergone a name change and are included among the TAG options:
    - Ecological Management and Restoration, B.S. (formerly Agricultural Management and Rangeland Resources, B.S.)
    - Plant Sciences, B.S. (formerly Crop Science and Management, B.S.)
  7. The following majors in the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences have been discontinued and are no longer available for TAGs:
    - Agricultural Management and Rangeland Resources
    - Crop Science and Management
    - Environmental and Resource Sciences
    - Environmental Biology and Management
    - Soil and Water Science
  8. Computational Applied Science in the College of Engineering has been suspended indefinitely and is no longer available for TAGs.
  9. Item V has been added to the TAG criteria to better define our TAG filing periods. The fall quarter TAG submission period extends throughout the month of September, beginning Tuesday, September 2 and ending Tuesday, September 30. TAGs must be postmarked by the September 30 deadline. We expect to review all TAGs postmarked on time. Please note that winter quarter TAGs are available only to a limited number of California community colleges as identified in Item V.

If you have questions regarding TAG criteria or the contract form, please contact your designated liaison in our office. Staff names are located at [admissions.ucdavis.edu/tag](https://admissions.ucdavis.edu/tag) under the heading, "TAG Contact List." I am also happy to answer any questions you may have, and can be reached at [cabevc@ucdavis.edu](mailto:cabevc@ucdavis.edu) or (530) 754-7649.

TAG has been a highly successful program ensuring your students' admissibility to UC Davis. Again thank you for your support of the program and for making TAG such a strong matriculation strategy. I look forward to working with you and continuing this highly effective partnership.

Sincerely,



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TAG Manager