

UC MERCED

TRANSFER ADMISSION GUARANTEE (TAG) CRITERIA

2010-11 Academic Year

I) TAG Eligibility

All California Community College (CCC) transfer students, both domestic and international, who meet the following criteria, can apply for a TAG:

- 1) The student is enrolled full time at a CCC when the TAG is written. (Exceptions are possible for part-time students. Part-time students interested in the TAG program should contact the Office of Admissions).
- 2) The student has not received a bachelor's degree from another institution.
- 3) The student is not simultaneously enrolled at a CCC and at a baccalaureate institution when the TAG is written, except if the student is participating in the intercampus cross-enrollment program.
- 4) The student is not working towards high school graduation while simultaneously enrolled at a CCC.
- 5) The student is a former UC student who left the university in good academic standing (with an overall and last term GPA of at least a 2.0).
- 6) The student is not a former UC Merced student.
- 7) The student has not completed more than 80 transferable semester units as determined by UC Merced.
 - A student who has 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, is not eligible for a TAG.
 - The "80 semester unit" rule does not apply to students who have completed all of their college courses at community colleges.

II) TAG Guidelines

A) Academic guidelines

- 1) TAGs may be written after a student has acquired at least 27 transferable semester (40.5 quarter) units. AP/IB credit can be applied towards the unit total. Students should

consult the UC Merced catalog for information about how AP/IB credit will be applied towards the completion of their degree requirements at UC Merced. Students should be aware that IB examinations, AP examinations and college courses taken prior to or after enrolling at the University may be duplicative. In these cases, the University will award credit for only one.

- 2) Students must meet the minimum GPA required for their major at the time they submit their TAG application and maintain GPA criteria until they enroll in the university.
- 3) Students have met prerequisites to qualify for the TAG course requirements, especially in the areas of English and mathematics.

B) 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. To qualify for a TAG for Spring 2011, the following courses must be completed by the end of Fall 2010. For Spring 2011 applicants, minimum requirements in English and math must be completed by the end of the summer 2010 semester :
 - I. Those required for UC eligibility (such as English and mathematics)
 - II. Those required to for TAG academic criteria listed in section 3 A,B, and C.
 - III. Those required to complete 60 UC-transferable semester (90 quarter) units
- 2) For Fall 2010 TAGs, the summer session prior to enrollment may not be used to complete courses required for admission. Students who have completed all admission and TAG 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.

C) TAG filing period

- 1) 2010-2011 Filing periods:
 1. Fall 2010: September 1st – November 1st
 2. Spring 2011: April 1st – July 1st
- 2) TAG's are available for the fall and spring semester. The agreements should be submitted as soon as they are complete to the UC Merced Admissions Office at:

UC Merced Office of Admissions
Attention: TAG
5200 N. Lake Road
Merced, CA 95343

D) Transcripts/Score Requirements

- 1) Unmarked transcripts from each college or university the student has previously attended must be submitted 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 transcripts. Word-for-word English translations are required.
- 3) AP/IB scores must be self reported on the TAG application. Unofficial scores are not required but encouraged to be sent with the TAG.

E) Requirement for completion of the UC Application for Admissions and Scholarships and the UC Application Update form

- 1) A student who has an approved TAG must submit an official University of California application for the major and term for which their TAG was approved before the end of the priority filing period if they are seeking admission for that term under the provisions of the TAG agreement.
- 2) A student who has an approved TAG must submit the UC application update by the specified deadline.
- 3) 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.

F) TAG Cancellations

- a. Failing to abide by any of the provisions outlined in this document may result in the rescinding of a student's TAG.

III) TAG Academic Criteria

A) School of Engineering:

Majors in the School of Engineering require a minimum GPA of 3.0 except for computer science and engineering which requires a minimum GPA of 3.1. Additionally, TAGs for majors in the School of Engineering require the completion of the articulated equivalents to the UC Merced courses listed below. A student must complete these courses if they are offered at their CCC. Courses not offered at the CCC must be completed after enrolling at UC Merced. All courses listed below must be completed with grades not less than "C":

- MATH 21, MATH 22, MATH 23, MATH 24
- Chemistry 2
- Computer Science and Engineering 20, 21
- Physics 8, Physics 9

B) School of Natural Sciences:

Majors in the School of Natural Sciences require a minimum overall GPA of 2.8.

Coursework taken in math, science and computer science courses must be completed with at least a cumulative GPA of 2.5. Additionally, TAGs for Biological Science and Chemical Science majors require the completion of the articulated equivalents to the UC Merced courses listed below. A student must complete these courses if they are offered at their CCC. Courses not offered at the CCC must be completed after enrolling at UC Merced. All courses listed below must be completed with grades not less than “C”:

Biological Science:

- MATH 21
- CHEM 2, 10
- PHYS 8

Chemical Science:

- MATH 21, 22
- CHEM 2, 10
- PHYS 8

All other majors in the School of Natural Sciences are encouraged to complete a majority of their major preparation prior to enrolling at UC Merced. Completion of major preparation will prepare a student for coursework at the University and help them graduate in a timely manner.

C) School of Social Sciences, Humanities and Arts:

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. Additionally, TAGs for Psychology majors require the completion of the articulated equivalents to the UC Merced courses listed below. A student must complete these courses if they are offered at their CCC. Courses not offered at the CCC must be completed after enrolling at UC Merced. All courses listed below must be completed with grades not less than “C”:

Psychology:

- PSY 1
- PSY 10
- PSY 15

One of the courses listed below:

- ECON 1
- POLI 1
- PUBP 1
- SOC 1

All other majors in the School of Social Sciences, Humanities and Arts are encouraged to complete a majority of their major preparation and the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) prior to enrollment at UC Merced. Completion of major preparation will prepare a student for coursework at the University and help them graduate in a timely manner.