UC Transfer Admission Guarantee (TAG)
Orange Coast College Transfer Center

What is TAG?

The Transfer Admission Guarantee pathway 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 can be guaranteed admission into their TAG campus.

★ Not every UC or major participates in TAG, and each campus/major may have different requirements. For specific information, please view the individual campus TAG requirements websites.

TAG Checklist

Where to start?

❑ Attend an in-person or online TAG workshop through the OCC Transfer Center.
❑ Open a UC Transfer Admission Planner (TAP) account at 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 one campus/major you'll TAG to.
❑ Complete UC transferable Math and English courses as soon as possible. UC TAG requires earlier completion and specific deadlines are set by each campus.

Fall Semester

❑ Submit TAG application from September 1st - September 30th at uctap.universityofcalifornia.edu for fall admissions.
❑ Submit the UC application between October 1 – Nov 30 at admissions.universityofcalifornia.edu. Make sure you apply to the same major on your TAG application and UC application.
❑ 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 their UC application with their fall grades and planned spring course for the Transfer Academic Update (TAU).
❑ TAG applicants must meet and maintain all major coursework and GPA 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?**
  - o No, transfer students to UC campuses are not required to apply through TAG. TAG is simply one path to admission if a student is eligible and interested.
- ✓ **How early can I begin the planning process for TAG?**
  - o It can be as early as your first semester at a community college. Begin by using uctap.universityofcalifornia.edu. Keep in mind that submission of your TAG application takes place one year prior to your intended transfer term.
- ✓ **Do TAG requirements change each application year?**
  - o Yes, TAG requirements are updated annually. Review the UC TAG website for updated information.
- ✓ **Do I need to have 60 units completed when I submit my TAG application?**
  - o No, when you submit your TAG application, you need at least 30 UC transferable units. 60 UC transferable 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?**
  - o No, you can only apply as a TAG applicant to one campus. Therefore, it is important to make sure you will be eligible for that campus. Pay close attention to TAG requirements per campus.
- ✓ **If I apply with a TAG to a UC campus, may I still apply to other private or public colleges?**
  - o Yes, we strongly recommend 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?**
  - o You may receive an admission offer with TAG, but you also have the option to decline the offer and accept a different school you are admitted to.
- ✓ **Can I meet with a counselor to review my TAG eligibility?**
  - o Yes! Make an appointment with an OCC Transfer Center counselor to review eligibility requirements for the campus you wish to TAG to.
- ✓ **Do any schools offer TAG for winter or spring transfer?**
  - o Some schools may offer TAG for spring transfer, but most campuses do not. The TAG application period for winter/spring transfer is May 1st – May 30th. Check the UC TAG website for current information.
- ✓ **Do I need to send my transcripts with my TAG application?**
  - o 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 admit 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 UC TAG website for current information.