

# UC MERCED

## TRANSFER ADMISSION GUARANTEE (TAG) CRITERIA

### 2012-13 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.
  - IMPORTANT: 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 30 UC 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**

### **Fall 2012:**

- 1) All Fall 2012 TAG applicants must complete the minimum eligibility requirements in English and Math by the end of the Fall 2011 with a grade of “C” or better.
- 2) To qualify for a TAG for Fall 2012, the TAG academic criteria for the students major must be completed by the end of Spring 2012.
- 3) Fall 2012 TAG applicants must complete 60 UC transferable units by Spring 2012.

### **Spring 2013:**

- 4) All Spring 2013 applicants must complete the minimum eligibility requirements in English and Math by the end of the Summer 2012 with grades of “C” or better.
- 5) To qualify for a TAG for Spring 2013, the TAG academic criteria for the students major must be completed by the end of Fall 2012.
- 6) Spring 2013 TAG applicants must complete 60 UC transferable units by Fall 2012.

TAG applicants must demonstrate successful progress towards the completion of their major preparation. A majority of the major preparation required for the TAG must be completed before the last term of enrollment at the community college.

## **C) TAG filing period**

- 1) 2012-2013 Filing periods:
  1. Fall 2012: September 1 – September 30
  2. Spring 2013: May 1 – May 31

- 2) TAG's are available for the fall and spring semesters. The TAG application should be completed online at [uctag.universityofcalifornia.edu](http://uctag.universityofcalifornia.edu) and submitted by the appropriate deadline. Applicants are encouraged to submit their TAG as soon as it's completed.

**D) 2012-2013 Transcripts/Score Requirements**

- 1) Students will self-report their educational history, including all colleges or universities attended and AP/IB scores, in the online UC TAG application.
- 2) UC Merced may still request that the student provide unofficial transcripts if there are questions about a student's educational history that the online application does not explain.

**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) Additional Requirement for International Students**

- 1) In addition to meeting the minimum requirements for admission listed above, international students whose native language is not English must demonstrate language proficiency by the end of the term that the TAG is submitted. UC Merced requires one of the three following options
  - Take the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) and earn a minimum score of 83 (internet-based TOEFL) or 550 (paper-based TOEFL).
  - Take the International English Language Testing System exam (IELTS) and earn a minimum score of 7.

- Earn grades of B or better in two UC-transferable English composition courses taken at any regionally accredited post-secondary institution in the United States.

Prospective international students are strongly encouraged to contact the Admissions office to discuss their academic background, English proficiency and visa status prior to application.

### **G) TAG Cancellations**

- 1) 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. 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, 22, 23, 24
- CHEM 2
- CSE 20, 21 (For CSE majors these courses must be completed with a B or better grade.)
- PHYS 8, 9

### **B) School of Natural Sciences:**

Majors in the School of Natural Sciences require a minimum overall GPA of 2.9.

**Additionally, TAGs for the majors listed below require the completion of the articulated equivalents to the UC Merced courses listed.** 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":

Applied Mathematics:

- CHEM 2
- MATH 21, 22
- PHYS 8, 9

Biological Science:

- BIO 1 (Courses used to satisfy this requirement be completed with "B" or better grades)

- MATH 11 OR 21
- CHEM 2, 10
- PHYS 8 OR 18

Chemical Science:

- MATH 21, 22
- CHEM 2, 10
- PHYS 8, 9

Earth System Sciences:

- CHEM 2, 10
- MATH 11 OR 21
- PHYS 8 OR 18

Physics

- CHEM 2
- MATH 21, 22
- PHYS 8, 9

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 the majors listed below require the completion of the articulated equivalents to the UC Merced. 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":

Anthropology:

At least one course from ANTH 1, ANTH 3, ANTH 5

Cognitive Sciences (BA):

At least one course from COGS 1 or PSY 1  
PSY 10 and MATH 5 OR 11 OR 21

Cognitive Science (BS):

At least one course from COGS 1 OR PSY 1  
PSY 10 and MATH 11 OR 21

Economics:

- ECON 1
- MATH 11 OR 21

History (US):

HIST 16 and 17

History (World):

HIST 10 and 11

Literature and Cultures (English):

At least two from: LIT 20, LIT 21, LIT 30, LIT 31, LIT 40, LIT 41

Management:

ECON 1

MATH 11 OR 21

Political Science:

At least one from: POLI 1, POLI 3, POLI 5

POLI 10 OR MATH 5

Psychology:

PSY 1

PSY 10

PSY 15

Sociology:

SOC 1

SOC 10 OR MATH 5

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.