

Frequently Asked Questions about the Transfer Admission Guarantee (TAG)

1. Do I need to submit a UC application if I submitted a TAG application to UCSB?

Yes, please make sure to submit both the TAG application in September and the UC application by November 30, 2018 in order to be eligible for TAG.

2. I submitted my TAG, but I noticed I made a mistake (forgot to add course/grade, etc.). How can I fix this?

Make sure to submit the correct information on the UC application, which can be submitted from November 1-30, 2018. Report your fall grades and any changes for the winter and spring terms via the Transfer Academic Update (TAU) in January. We will use the UC application and the TAU to verify that you have completed the TAG requirements.

3. I submitted my TAG, but I don't think I will be able to meet TAG requirements. Will I be denied admission?

Students who submit a TAG and do not meet TAG requirements will still be evaluated for regular admission to the major specified on the UC application.

4. Does UCSB pre-approve TAG applicants or give them an early decision?

UCSB's TAG calls for specific requirements to be completed by the end of the fall term. Due to this, we wait until you turn in your UC application by November 30, 2018, and then your Transfer Academic Update in January, before we begin reviewing applications—both TAG and regular decision. All decisions will be posted mid-March through late April.

5. When will I receive my admission notification?

TAG and non-TAG applicants receive their UCSB admission decision at any point between mid-March and the end of April. Our TAG criteria include specific requirements that must be completed by the end of the fall term and we will not make admission decisions before we have your fall grades.

6. I submitted my TAG application and now want to change my major. Is this possible?

Changing your major would void your TAG. Students who change their major will be reviewed for regular admission to the major specified on the UC Application. If changing your major is the only reason you don't meet the TAG criteria, and you have the required major preparation in your new major (if applicable), then you will be a strong candidate for admission. Refer to our Transfer Major Preparation Guide PDF at <http://admissions.sa.ucsb.edu/connect/publications-and-videos> for more information.

7. Is TAG binding?

No, TAG is a guarantee but it is not binding.

8. Can my Advanced Placement exams be used to meet TAG requirements?

Up to 16 quarter units from AP exams can be used to satisfy the first 45 quarter unit requirement for TAG. AP exams can be used to meet subject requirements. For example, a score of 3, 4 or 5 on one of the AP English exams will satisfy one of the two English composition (UC-E) requirements; a score of 3, 4 or 5 on the AP Statistics exam will satisfy the Mathematics (UC-M) requirement. Consult the UCSB general catalog AP chart for UCSB course equivalents:

<https://my.sa.ucsb.edu/catalog/Current/UndergraduateEducation/APCreditandChart.aspx>.