

Transfer Admission Guarantee (TAG)

General Provisions of the Guarantee

The following information outlines the UC Santa Barbara Transfer Admission Guarantee (TAG) for the College of Letters and Science (L&S) for the fall 2019 term only. UC Santa Barbara does not provide an early evaluation or early decision for TAG applicants. Applicants will be notified of their admission decisions between mid-March and the end of April.

Majors without TAG

TAG does not apply to:

- › Any major in the College of Creative Studies
- › Any major in the College of Engineering (Chemical Engineering, Computer Engineering, Computer Science, Electrical Engineering or Mechanical Engineering)
- › Dance B.A., Dance B.F.A., Music B.M. or Theater B.F.A. in the College of Letters & Science

Major Preparation Coursework

All transfer applicants are encouraged to complete as much major preparation as possible prior to transfer. Some majors require completion of specific major preparation coursework as part of TAG. For information about required major preparation coursework, refer to #8 of the Conditions of the Guarantee section below and to the articulation agreements by major between UCSB and your community college online at www.assist.org.

Pre-Majors

Some UCSB majors require students to complete certain pre-major requirements at UCSB after transfer in order to advance to full major status. For majors with these pre-major requirements, TAG applies to admission to the pre-major. Meeting TAG requirements does not guarantee that a student will fulfill the pre-major requirements after transfer. Major preparation articulation agreements (found online at www.assist.org) include detailed information about the pre-majors. Students may contact UCSB academic department advisors to discuss their plans to transfer and get more information about the pre-major.

UC-Transferable Units

TAG does not apply to students who have attained senior class standing from accredited four-year universities, or from accredited four-year universities and community colleges combined (students with 90 or more UC-transferable semester units/135 or more quarter units). Applicants with senior class standing will not be admitted.

- › A maximum of 70 UC-transferable semester units (105 quarter units) of lower division coursework from any college or university will transfer to UC. Most community college courses are lower division. Subject credit is awarded for courses taken beyond 70 semester units (105 quarter units).
- › Any lower division coursework completed at any UC campus, including UC Extension, will not apply to the 70 semester unit (105 quarter unit) limitation. All transferable units will apply toward the 90 semester unit (135 quarter unit) limit for senior standing.
- › All UC-transferable upper division coursework completed at any four year university or college will apply toward the 90 semester unit (135 quarter unit) limit for senior standing.
- › Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB) and A Level exam units do not apply to the 90 semester unit (135 quarter unit) limit for senior standing.

Please note that UCSB's College of Letters & Science expects students to earn their degree without exceeding 200 quarter units. All students should select their major carefully and complete as much major preparation as possible prior to transfer.

Conditions of the Guarantee

1. Submit a TAG application at <https://uctap.universityofcalifornia.edu/students/index.cfm> during the filing period for fall 2019 (September 1-30, 2018).
2. Submit an admission application to UCSB during the filing period for fall 2019 (November 1-30, 2018) for the same major as the TAG application.
3. Applicants must have completed 30 UC-transferable semester units/45 UC-transferable quarter units prior to TAG submission and complete the last 30 of 60 or more UC-transferable semester units (45 of 90 quarter units) in residence at a California community college. A maximum of 16 quarter units of AP/IB/A Level exams may be used as part of the first 45 quarter units.
4. Complete the following required courses with C grades or better by the end of fall 2018 for fall 2019 admission:
 - › English composition (two courses designated as UC-E on the UC-Transferable Course Agreement)
 - › Mathematics (one course designated as UC-M on the UC-Transferable Course Agreement)
5. Complete at least 60 UC-transferable semester units/90 UC-transferable quarter units by the end of spring 2019 for fall 2019 admission, with no more than 18 units in spring 2019 to reach this unit requirement. A maximum of 16 quarter units of AP/IB/A Level exams may be used to meet the total unit requirement for TAG.
6. Complete four courses selected from among at least two of the following three areas with C grades or better in each course by the end of spring 2019 for fall 2019 admission:
 - › Arts and Humanities (designated UC-H on the UC-Transferable Course Agreement)
 - › Behavioral and Social Sciences (UC-B on the UC-Transferable Course Agreement)
 - › Biological and Physical Sciences (UC-S on the UC-Transferable Course Agreement)
7. Meet the following GPA requirements:
 - › Earn an overall minimum 3.20 GPA in all UC-transferable coursework by the end of fall 2018 **AND** maintain a minimum overall 3.20 GPA through the end of spring 2019.
 - › Earn a minimum 2.0 GPA in all UC-transferable coursework in the fall 2018 term with no grades lower than C **AND** earn a minimum 2.0 GPA in all UC-transferable coursework in the winter and spring 2019 terms with no grades lower than C.
8. For majors in Biological Sciences, Economics and Mathematics, complete required major preparation courses with a minimum GPA in those courses, as stated on the major articulation agreement.
 - › Biological Sciences majors: Aquatic Biology B.S., Biochemistry-Molecular Biology B.S., Biological Sciences B.A. and B.S., Cell and Developmental Biology B.S., Ecology and Evolution B.S., Microbiology B.S., Pharmacology B.S., Physiology B.S., Zoology B.S.
 - › Economics majors: Economics B.A., Economics and Accounting B.A.
 - › Mathematics majors: Mathematical Sciences B.S., Mathematics B.A., Mathematics B.S.
 - › Major preparation articulation agreements can be found at www.assist.org under the "By Major" agreements between UCSB and California community colleges. The required major preparation courses and minimum GPA can be found in the Admission Selection Criteria section. Major preparation requirements are subject to change without notice.

Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC)

IGETC is not required for TAG at UCSB. California community college transfer students may complete Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) in lieu of UCSB's General Education (GE) requirements, but it is not required. Students planning to transfer into high-unit majors must complete lower division major requirements if they are to make normal, timely progress through the major. Therefore, students pursuing high-unit majors are advised to focus first on major preparation and then either IGETC or UCSB GE requirements.