Community college is a great place to begin a University of California education. UC Santa Cruz is proud of its strong relationship with California community colleges. Together we have developed a program to help students with the transfer process.

UC Santa Cruz's TAG (Transfer Admission Guarantee) Program is designed for California community college transfer students at the junior level. Prior to transfer, students must have completed at least 30 of the required semester units (45 of 90 quarter units) at one or more of California's community colleges.

To apply for the UCSC TAG Program, students planning to transfer must:

- Have completed a minimum of 30 UC-transferable semester units (45 quarter units) of course work at the time of application
- Have fewer than 20 semester units (30 quarter units) completed at a four-year institution
- Have at least a 3.0 GPA
- Be enrolled at a participating California community college.

The benefits of participating in UCSC TAG include early review of academic records, notification that admission to UCSC is guaranteed (subject to the conditions of the program), opportunities for advising about major preparation and general education and/or Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) requirements, informational mailings, and invitations to events.

With the help of their community college advisors, UCSC TAG students complete an agreement listing courses they will take to fulfill university requirements. All community colleges have been invited to participate in the UCSC TAG Program. Interested students should contact their community college transfer center or counseling office for information about application procedures and deadlines. UCSC TAG offers guaranteed admission for the fall quarter only.

For more information, contact:

Office of Admissions
UCSC TAG Coordinator
University of California
1156 High Street
Santa Cruz, CA 95064
(831) 459-2131
GUIDELINES

1. Transfer Admission Agreements for the UCSC TAG Program may be written one year in advance of the transfer term; UCSC will accept TAG agreements between August 1 and October 15 for the following fall. UCSC will accept transfer admission agreements for fall quarter only.

2. To apply for the UCSC TAG Program, students must be enrolled at a participating community college and must have completed a minimum of 30 UC-transferable semester (45 quarter) units of course work with a minimum 3.00 GPA. Students who have attended a four-year collegiate institution must have completed fewer than 20 semester/30 quarter units of UC-transferable credit to be considered for TAG. Students who have attended colleges or universities outside of the U.S. are not eligible for TAG.

3. At the time of transfer to UCSC, students must have completed a minimum of 30 UC-transferable semester (45 quarter) units of course work from a California community college, and must be transferring with a minimum of 60 UC-transferable semester (90 quarter) units. Students must complete all transfer admission requirements by the end of the spring term prior to transfer and must be in “good standing.”

4. Students who have not demonstrated adequate preparation in the subject areas of English and mathematics may not be approved for guaranteed admission (see additional information).

5. Non-native speakers of English must demonstrate proficiency in English by earning a score of 83 or higher on the TOEFL iBT (220 on the computer-based version or 550 on the paper version) or by successfully completing two UC-transferable courses in English Composition with “B” grades or higher. This proficiency requirement applies to students who completed any of their high school education (9th through 12th grades) or beyond in a country where English is not the native language.

6. It is important to address lower-division major preparation and IGETC or general education requirements. However, approval for UCSC TAG is based solely on satisfactory completion of the UC transfer admission requirements. Choice of major is not guaranteed through the UCSC TAG Program; however, the Baskin School of Engineering will review approved TAG agreements for possible acceptance into the major.

PROCEDURES

1. A community college UCSC TAG coordinator must be designated at each participating community college to oversee the program and to review and sign all transfer admission agreements.

2. Students must provide copies of their transcripts for all previously completed college course work to the designated community college counselor. If credit from Advanced Placement Examinations is required to meet UCSC TAG criteria, a copy of the test score report must be included.
3. The community college UCSC TAG coordinator is responsible for:
   - Explaining the UCSC TAG program to the student, and having the student complete the TAG application form;
   - Evaluating the student’s transcripts;
   - Verifying that at least 30 UC transferable (45 quarter) units of college credit have been completed with a 3.00 minimum GPA;
   - Verifying that the student will meet UC transfer admission requirements by the end of the spring term;
   - Making recommendations on major preparation, IGETC, or general education courses;
   - Signing the TAG form, attaching copies of all college transcripts (and AP scores if necessary), and mailing it to:

   Sharon Dirnberger, TAG Coordinator
   Office of Admissions - HAHN
   UC Santa Cruz
   1156 High Street
   Santa Cruz, CA 95064

4. TAG applications forwarded from the community colleges will be reviewed by UCSC to ensure academic records (including courses in-progress and planned) meet campus admissions standards before final approval is granted. Meeting minimum TAG criteria does not necessarily ensure TAG approval.

5. Once the TAG decision has been made, the agreement will be returned directly to the student and a photocopy will be sent to the community college UCSC TAG coordinator.

**STUDENTS WHO ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR UCSC TAG**

- Students who have completed 20 semester/30 quarter UC-transferable units or more at an accredited four-year institution.
- Students who are on academic probation or not in “good standing” at their community college (or last college attended).
- Students who have attended colleges or universities outside of the U.S.
- Former UC students not in “good standing” at the UC campus they attended (less than 2.0 GPA at UC).
- Students who have earned a bachelor’s degree.
Mathematics and English Preparation for UCSC TAG

If a UCSC TAG applicant has not yet completed the math requirement, adequate preparation for the transferable math course may be demonstrated in any of the following ways:

1. Prior completion of intermediate algebra with a minimum grade of C (2.0)

2. Fall term enrollment in an appropriate transferable math course (completion of prerequisite will be assumed)

3. Verification of placement into the transferable math course planned for winter or spring term (placement exam results, high school transcript, etc.)

4. Fall term enrollment in intermediate algebra (completion of prerequisite will be assumed)

Please note: students who have had difficulty completing mathematics courses (either the prerequisite courses or the UC-M course), as demonstrated by poor grades and/or withdrawals, may not be approved for admission through the TAG Program unless they have met item #1 above. Students still may apply for admission through the regular application process in November.

If a UCSC TAG applicant has not yet completed at least one of the two courses for the English composition requirement, adequate preparation may be demonstrated in the following ways:

1. Fall enrollment in an appropriate transferable English course (completion of prerequisite will be assumed)

2. Prior completion of prerequisite English course(s) with a minimum grade of C (2.0)

Please note: students who have had difficulty completing English composition courses (either the prerequisite courses or the UC-E courses) as demonstrated by poor grades and/or withdrawals, may not be approved for admission through the TAG Program. Students still may apply for admission through the regular application process in November.
The Baskin School of Engineering encourages transfer students to consider completing their undergraduate engineering education at UC Santa Cruz. California community college students may receive a guarantee of transfer admission to any of the engineering majors in the Baskin School of Engineering through the UCSC Transfer Admission Guarantee Program (TAG).

**STUDENTS MUST:**
- Attend a participating California community college.
- Meet all published TAG criteria.
- Have at least a 3.0 GPA at the time that the TAG agreement is written.
- Complete at least 60 semester (90 quarter) transferable units (including all minimum UC eligibility requirements).
- Complete all lower-division foundation course requirements (equivalent to the UCSC courses listed below) for their specific major with a minimum 3.0 GPA by the time of enrollment.

### Baskin School of Engineering Foundation Courses:

#### BIOENGINEERING (AT LEAST 6 OF THE FOLLOWING COURSES)
- AMS 7/L
- AMS 10 OR MATH 21
- AMS 20 OR MATH 24
- BIOL 20A
- BIOE 20B
- CHEM 1A
- CHEM 1B/M
- CHEM 1C/N
- CHEM 108A/L
- CMPE 9
- CMPE 12/L
- CMPE 13/L
- CMPE 16
- CMPS 12A/L OR CMPS 5J & CMPS 11
- CMPS 12B/M
- EE 101/L
- MATH 19A
- MATH 19B
- PHYS 5A/L OR PHYS 6A/L
- PHYS 5C/N OR PHYS 6C/N

#### BIOINFORMATICS
- CHEM 1A
- CHEM 1B/M
- CHEM 1C/N
- CMPS 12A/L OR CMPS 5J & CMPS 11
- OR CMPS 12B/M & CMPE 13/L
- CMPS 12B/M
- MATH 19A
- MATH 19B

#### COMPUTER SCIENCE
- CMPE 16
- CMPS 12A/L OR CMPS 5J & CMPS 11
- CMPS 12B/M
- MATH 19A
- MATH 19B

#### COMPUTER SCIENCE: COMPUTER GAME DESIGN
- CMPE 16
- CMPS 12A/L OR CMPS 5J & CMPS 11
- CMPS 12B/M
- MATH 19A
- MATH 19B

#### ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING
- AMS 10
- AMS 20
- MATH 19A
- MATH 19B
- PHYS 5A/L
- PHYS 5B/M
- PHYS 5C/N

#### INFORMATION SYSTEMS MANAGEMENT
- CMPE 16
- CMPS 12A OR CMPS 5J & CMPS 11
- MATH 19A
- MATH 19B OR AMS 11A
- ISM 50 OR ECON 1 & ECON 2

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* For more information on articulated courses for your community college, please visit: [www.assist.org](http://www.assist.org)