



UNIVERSITY  
OF  
CALIFORNIA

# TRANSFER GUIDE



UC MERCED

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE LEADERSHIP RESEARCH INNOVATION

# INTRODUCTION TO UC MERCED

As the University of California's newest campus, UC Merced offers the benefits of a small, private college with the affordability of a public university. Backed by the 140-year-old tradition and excellence of the UC system, UC Merced opened in September 2005 and has since earned a reputation for providing unique and outstanding academic and research opportunities.

## FINANCIAL AID:

Of the 93 percent of UC Merced students who applied for financial aid in 2014-15:

- > 87 percent were awarded some form of financial aid
- > 86 percent qualified for need-based financial aid
- > 82 percent received gift aid (grants/scholarships)

FALL 2014 ADMITTED  
**TRANSFER STUDENT**  
**GPA RANGE\***

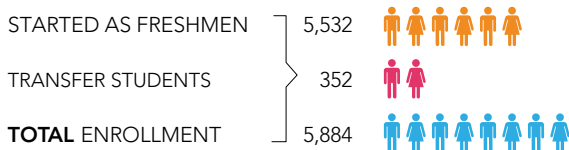
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## 2014-15 AT A GLANCE

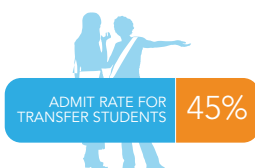
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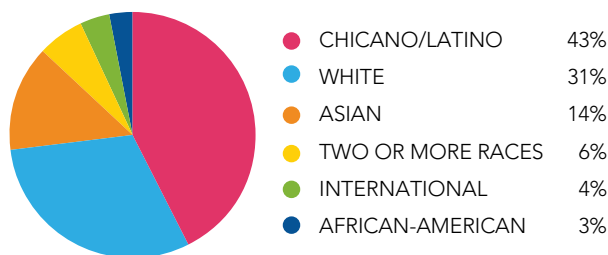
### GPA RANGES BY SCHOOL\*

SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING	3.0-3.6
SCHOOL OF NATURAL SCIENCES	3.1-3.6
SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES, HUMANITIES AND ARTS	2.9-3.5

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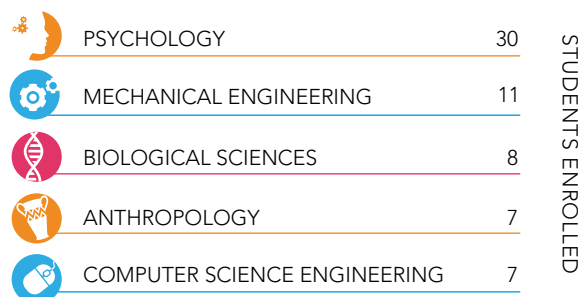


### TRANSFER STUDENT DIVERSITY



\*Percentages are rounded

### MOST POPULAR MAJORS FOR NEW TRANSFER STUDENTS



DATA SOURCE: Institutional Research and Division Support

# TRANSFERRING TO UC MERCED: LET'S GET STARTED!

This guide is designed to assist you in planning your transfer to UC MERCED. The following pages outline the steps you should take to ensure you are prepared.

## ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

The minimum criteria to be considered for admission to a UC campus. Admission requirements usually consist of a minimum 2.4 GPA (2.8 for nonresidents), 60 UC-transferable units and the seven-course pattern.

## MAJOR PREPARATION

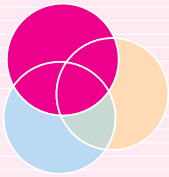
Foundational courses to prepare you for your major. It is one of the key factors used when determining if you will be admitted to the university. You can refer to [assist.org](http://assist.org) to find out the courses required for your major.

## GENERAL EDUCATION (GE)

A set of courses that all students are required to complete before graduation. Completing your general education before you transfer is not recommended if you are enrolled in a major in the School of Engineering or School of Natural Sciences.

Transferring  
to UC Merced

# STEPS TO TRANSFER



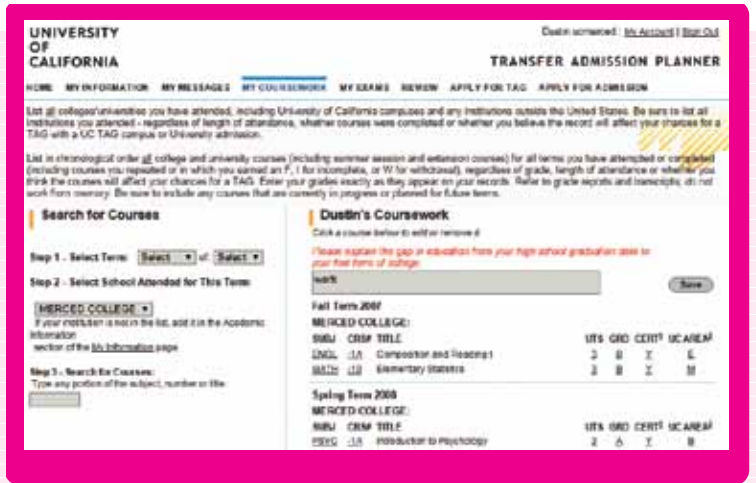
## Step 1: Create a Transfer Admission Planner (TAP)

### JUNIOR-LEVEL TRANSFER

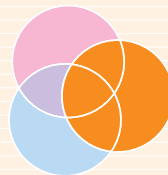
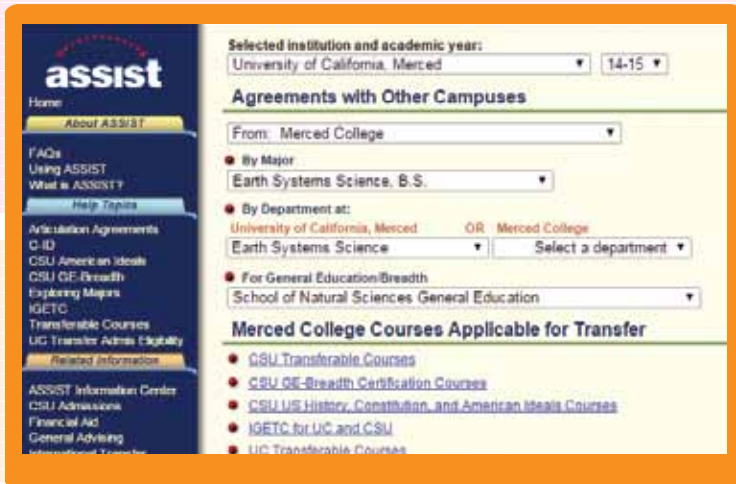
Visit [uctap.universityofcalifornia.edu](http://uctap.universityofcalifornia.edu) to create an account and start your transfer admissions planner.

Your TAP will be the first step in applying to the University of California. It will help you to determine if your coursework is UC transferable, what kind of credit you might receive for AP or IB exams, and your UC GPA.

The information you indicate in your TAP also will be transferred to the UC application when you are ready to apply.

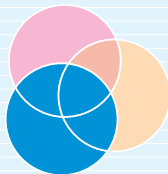


For students planning to transfer to UC Merced for the fall semester, the courses needed to satisfy the English and mathematical concepts and quantitative reasoning requirements must be completed by the end of the spring term before enrollment. For spring admission, these requirements should be completed by the end of the summer term before enrollment.



## Step 2: Complete courses for your major

Use Assist ([assist.org](http://assist.org)) to find the required and recommended courses for your major. Pay close attention to the required major GPA.



## Step 3: General Education

Complete your minimum admissions requirements AND, if general education is recommended, complete that, as well.

### UC MERCED GENERAL EDUCATION RECOMMENDATIONS

Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) is not an admission requirement, but depending on your major completing IGETC may require you to take more courses than you need to complete your GE.

Please refer to the list below to find out if IGETC is recommended for your major.

Engineering	Not recommended
Natural Sciences	Not recommended
Social Sciences, Humanities and Arts	Recommended, not required



## Step 4: Apply!

### FALL

- › Attend college fairs in your area.
- › Apply for the TAG program between Sept. 1-30.
- › Begin the UC application (available in August).
- › Submit your UC application between Nov. 1-30.
- › Research and apply for scholarships.

[uctag.universityofcalifornia.edu](http://uctag.universityofcalifornia.edu)

[universityofcalifornia.edu/apply](http://universityofcalifornia.edu/apply)  
[financialaid.ucmerced.edu/scholarship-resources](http://financialaid.ucmerced.edu/scholarship-resources)

### WINTER

- › Attend a financial aid workshop with your family and submit your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). You can submit your FAFSA between Jan. 1 and March 2.
- › California residents, be sure to submit your GPA Verification Form by March 2.
- › Complete the UC Application Update Jan. 1-31.

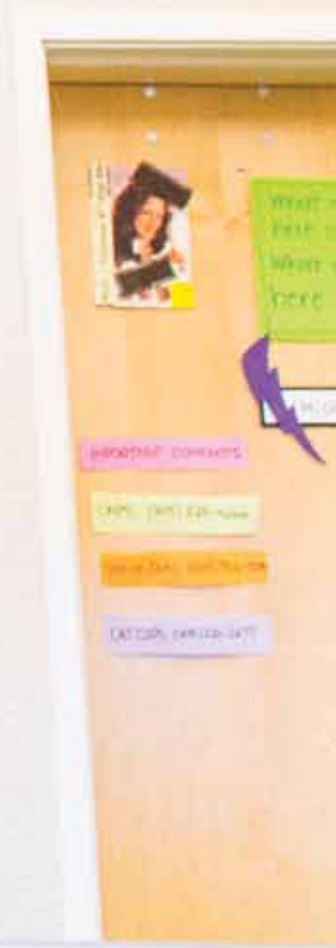
[fafsa.ed.gov](http://fafsa.ed.gov)

[admissions.universityofcalifornia.edu/applicant/login.htm](http://admissions.universityofcalifornia.edu/applicant/login.htm)

### SPRING

- › Transfer admission notification should be received between March and April.
- › Preliminary financial aid award letter in April.
- › Apply for housing.
- › June 1 deadline to accept a transfer admission offer.
- › Spring applicants: TAG application opens May 1-31.

[housing.ucmerced.edu](http://housing.ucmerced.edu)





# TRANSFER ADMISSION GUARANTEE (TAG)

CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE STUDENTS ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THE UC MERCED TRANSFER ADMISSION GUARANTEE (TAG) PROGRAM. TAG contracts specify the courses to be completed and grade-point average you must earn at a community college to be guaranteed admission to UC Merced in the major of your choice.

## IN ORDER TO SUCCESSFULLY APPLY TO THE TAG PROGRAM, YOU MUST MEET THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

- › Be enrolled full-time at a California community college (contact the Office of Admissions for questions about part-time students).
- › Complete 30 UC-transferable units by TAG submission.
- › Earn a minimum GPA of 2.8 for majors in the School of Social Sciences, Humanities and Arts (a 3.0 is required for psychology), a 2.9 for majors in the School of Natural Sciences, and a 3.0 for majors in the School of Engineering.
- › Complete the minimum English eligibility requirements for admission.  
Completion Deadline:
  - Fall TAGs by the end of the spring prior to enrollment
  - Spring TAGs by the end of summer prior to enrollment
- › Complete the minimum math eligibility requirements for admission.  
Completion Deadline:
  - Fall TAGs by the end of the fall prior to enrollment
  - Spring TAGs by the end of spring prior to enrollment
- › Complete the required preparation for your major (listed online at [transfers.ucmerced.edu/tag](https://transfers.ucmerced.edu/tag)).  
Completion Deadline:
  - Fall TAGs by the end of the spring term for fall
  - Spring TAGs by the end of the fall term prior to enrollment

## TAG Questions:

### WHY APPLY FOR A TAG?

The benefits of participating in the UC Merced TAG Program include early notification that your admission to UC Merced is guaranteed (subject to the conditions of the program), and opportunities for individualized advising about major preparation, general education, and/or IGETC requirements.

### WHEN CAN I START PLANNING FOR A TAG?

- › Apply for a TAG online by visiting [uctag.universityofcalifornia.edu](https://uctag.universityofcalifornia.edu).
- › Apply for admission. Students with approved UC Merced TAGs must file the UC application for undergraduate admission for the major and term for which the TAG is written. You are encouraged to wait for your TAG decision before submitting the UC application. You can start your UC application at [universityofcalifornia.edu/apply](https://universityofcalifornia.edu/apply).

Remember to submit all the academic information listed on your transcripts, including non-transferable coursework, repeated classes and withdrawals.

If you have additional questions about the Transfer Admission Guarantee program, email [transfer@ucmerced.edu](mailto:transfer@ucmerced.edu) with "TAG Information" in the subject line.

# QUESTIONS? WE'RE HERE TO HELP

## Contact Information

### ADMISSIONS

209-228-7178  
admissions@ucmerced.edu  
admissions.ucmerced.edu

### DEGREE ATTAINMENT FOR RETURNING AND TRANSFER SCHOLARS (DARTS)

209-228-2434  
dartsprogram@ucmerced.edu  
darts.ucmerced.edu

### DISABILITY SERVICES

209-228-6996  
disabilityservices@ucmerced.edu  
disabilityservices.ucmerced.edu

### FINANCIAL AID AND SCHOLARSHIPS

209-228-7178  
finaid@ucmerced.edu  
financialaid.ucmerced.edu

### HEALTH SERVICES

209-228-2273  
health@ucmerced.edu  
health.ucmerced.edu

### RECREATION (JOSEPH EDWARD GALLO RECREATION AND WELLNESS CENTER)

209-CATS-REC (228-7732)  
recreation@ucmerced.edu  
recreation.ucmerced.edu

### SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING

209-228-4411  
engineering@ucmerced.edu  
engineering.ucmerced.edu

### SCHOOL OF NATURAL SCIENCES

209-228-4309  
naturalsciences@ucmerced.edu  
naturalsciences.ucmerced.edu

### SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES, HUMANITIES AND ARTS

209-228-7742  
ssha@ucmerced.edu  
ssha.ucmerced.edu

### STUDENT HOUSING

209-CAT-HOME (228-4663)  
housing@ucmerced.edu  
housing.ucmerced.edu

### STUDENT LIFE

209-228-5433  
studentlife@ucmerced.edu  
studentlife.ucmerced.edu

### STUDENTS FIRST CENTER

209-CATS-1ST (228-7178)  
studentsfirst@ucmerced.edu  
studentsfirst.ucmerced.edu



### TOURS

209-228-6316  
tours@ucmerced.edu  
tours.ucmerced.edu

### VETERAN SERVICES OFFICE

209-228-2736  
veteranservices@ucmerced.edu  
veteranservices.ucmerced.edu

# COME VISIT UC MERCED AND FIND OUT WHAT MAKES OUR CAMPUS SO SPECIAL.

Call us to arrange a guided tour of campus any weekday and on most Saturdays throughout the year.  
Visiting UC Merced will give you first-hand knowledge of our academics, housing and student life.

## ATTRACTIONS NEAR MERCED

- 1 LOS ANGELES
- 2 SACRAMENTO
- 3 SAN FRANCISCO
- 4 SANTA CRUZ
- 5 YOSEMITE



### Estimated travel times to UC Merced:


FRESNO:	1 hour
LOS ANGELES:	4 hours
MODESTO:	45 minutes
SACRAMENTO:	2 hours
SAN FRANCISCO:	2.5 hours
YOSEMITE:	1.5 hours

### To schedule a tour:

WEBSITE: [tours.ucmerced.edu](http://tours.ucmerced.edu)  
EMAIL: [tours@ucmerced.edu](mailto:tours@ucmerced.edu)  
PHONE: 209-228-6316



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