

## TAG Eligibility for Fall 2026 Transfer

### **At the time the TAG is submitted, you must:**

- have completed a minimum of 45 UC-transferable quarter (30 semester) units of coursework

### **By the end of summer 2025, you must:**

- earn an overall UC-transferable grade point average (GPA) of 3.0

### **By the end of the fall 2025 term prior to transfer, you must:**

- complete the first course in English composition (UC-E); (*Second UC-E course must be completed by the end of spring 2026*)
- complete the mathematics course requirement (UC-M).

### **In addition, by the end of the spring 2026 term prior to transfer, you must:**

- complete all other courses from the seven-course pattern, required for admission as a junior transfer; See page 2 of this document
- complete a minimum of 90 UC-transferable quarter (60 semester) units for admission as a junior transfer;
- complete a minimum of 45 UC-transferable quarter (30 semester) units of coursework from one or more California community colleges;
- complete all required major preparation courses with the required grades;
- for non-native speakers of English, demonstrate proficiency in English. See UCSC's English Proficiency Requirement page at <https://admissions.ucsc.edu/posts/english-proficiency-requirement> for more information;
- be in good academic standing (not on academic probation or dismissal status) for ALL colleges attended;
- earn no grades lower than "C" in UC-transferable coursework the year prior to transfer.

The last school attended prior to transfer must be a California community college (CCC).

### **TAG is based on the above criteria and major preparation outlined for screening majors. Choice of major is not guaranteed through TAG unless the major is listed under the TAG Major Preparation Selection Criteria, listed here:**

<https://admissions.ucsc.edu/transfer-admission-guarantee-tag>. Unofficial excerpts are shown in this Guide. Completion of major preparation coursework and satisfaction of any major selection criteria are extremely important.

### **The following students are NOT eligible for the UCSC TAG:**

- Students in senior standing: 120 quarter (80 semester) units of combined lower-division and upper-division coursework. If you only attended a California community college, you will not be considered in senior standing.
  - Former UC students who are not in good standing at the UC campus they attended (less than a 2.0 GPA at UC)
  - Former UCSC students, who must apply for re-admission to the campus
  - Students who have earned a bachelor's degree or higher
  - Students who are currently enrolled at a high school
- If you believe you are eligible for the TAG, review the information provided on the UCSC TAG website at <https://admissions.ucsc.edu/transfer-admission-guarantee-tag> and this document. Compile all of your transcripts and (if applicable) Advanced Placement (AP) or International Baccalaureate (IB) exam scores. **Log-in to the UC Transfer Admission Planner (UC TAP)**, create your account, and enter your information. You will be applying for the TAG using the UC TAP at:
- <https://uctap.universityofcalifornia.edu/students/>
- Attend a UC TAG Workshop (optional, but highly recommended). To view workshop schedule and register, visit <https://deanza.edu/transfercenter/transfer-events/workshops.html>.
- You may also see a counselor/academic adviser to address specific TAG questions. Entering your information into the UC TAP prior to seeking assistance will optimize your session.
  - To schedule an appointment or to view drop-in hours, see <https://deanza.edu/counseling/> or <https://deanza.edu/transfercenter/>.
- NOTE: Staffing is limited during the summer and early fall. **EOPS and ISP students are advised to work with the counselors/academic advisers in their respective programs.**
- **OR contact the UCSC Admissions Office directly by email at: [tag@ucsc.edu](mailto:tag@ucsc.edu)**
- Submit the UCI TAG Application online (within the UC TAP): **September 1-30, 2025**
- Check the UC TAP ('Messages' tab) and your email for messages.
- Submit your UC Application for Undergraduate Admission between October 1 - November 30, 2025.**  
(NOTE: Your transfer admission guarantee is only applicable to the primary major indicated on your TAG Application.)

- Two UC-transferable courses in English composition (Area UC-E). De Anza courses include:  
ENGL C1000/C1000H (formerly EWRT 1A/1AH) or ESL 5 (ESL 5 must be taken fall 2021 or later) and ENGL C1001/C1001H (formerly EWRT 2/2H), EWRT 1B/1BH, 1C; PHIL 3; COMM 9/9H
- One UC-transferable course in mathematical concepts and quantitative reasoning (Area UC-M). De Anza courses include:  
MATH 1A/1AH, 1B/1BH, 1C/1CH, 1D/1DH, 2A/2AH, 2B/2BH, 11/11H, 12, 17, 22/22H, 23, 31/31H, 32/32H, 44, STAT C1000/C1000H (formerly MATH 10/10H); POLI 20; PSYC 15, SOC 15
- Four courses selected from at least two of the following Subject Areas:
  - ❖ Arts and Humanities (Area UC-H)
  - ❖ Social and Behavioral Sciences (Area UC-B)
  - ❖ Physical and Biological Sciences (Area UC-S)

### **TAG Academic Criteria**

**Caution:** This document is a guide that should be used in conjunction with the UCSC Screening Major Selection Criteria Fall 2026 website: <https://admissions.ucsc.edu/transfer-admission-guarantee-tag> and [www.ASSIST.org](http://www.ASSIST.org). The information below is based on information provided on both websites, at the time of printing. You are advised to check for possible updates before submitting your TAG.

**SCREENING (SELECTIVE) MAJORS** are listed below (majors may be combined by type) – In addition to general TAG eligibility requirements, the minimum major GPA and coursework listed below are required for admission. All courses should be taken for a letter grade\* and must be completed by the end of spring 2026. Note: **Only the minimum requirements for admission are listed.**

**NON-SELECTIVE MAJORS** – Choice of major is not guaranteed through TAG. For majors not listed below, it is important to address major preparation. See Non-Screening Majors website: <https://admissions.ucsc.edu/posts/non-screening-majors> and [www.ASSIST.org](http://www.ASSIST.org).

Check the 2025-2026 UCSC General Catalog and Department websites, along with [www.ASSIST.org](http://www.ASSIST.org) for more information, including use of Advanced Placement (AP) exams, catalog rights, grade restrictions, general education, and a list of recommended courses that could be taken prior to transfer to graduate from UCSC in 2 years.

All major preparation coursework listed below must be completed by the end of Spring 2026 with grades of “C” or better in each course unless otherwise specified.

#### **Agroecology**

- CHEM 1A/1AH; (MATH 31/31H & 32/32H) or MATH 12 or MATH 1A/1AH  
Recommended: BIOL 6C/6CH, ECON 1/1H or 2/2H, POLI 3 or 5 or POLS C1000/C1000H (formerly POLI 1/1H) and STAT C1000/C1000H (formerly MATH 10/10H); ANTH 2/2H or SOC 1 or SOC 20

#### **Applied Mathematics** (Baskin School of Engineering)

- MATH 1A/1AH, 1B/1BH, 1C/1CH, 1D/1DH, 2A/2AH, 2B/2BH  
Recommended: CIS 22B/22BH, 26A, 40 or 41A; MATH 22/22H; PHYS 4A, 4B, 4C

#### **Art and Design: Games and Playable Media**

One course (or combination to meet specified unit requirements) from each Area must be completed by the end of spring 2026 with grades of “C” or better: (2D Concepts Area): (ARTS 4A or 4B) or ARTS 8, (3D Concepts Area): ARTS 10A, or 37A or 37B or 37C, (Art and Design Topics Area): F/TV 20 or THEA 20A or 20B or 20C, or (PHTG 1 or 2 or 3 or 4 or 5 or 6, in combination for 5 units to count as one course or (DANC 22, 22K, 22L, 22M; 23A, 23B, 23C, 23L, 23M, 23N; 24A, 24B, 24C; 25A, 25B; 27A, 27B, 27C; 37A, 37B, 37C in combination for 4 units to count as one course).

#### **Biochemistry and Molecular Biology**

A minimum GPA of 2.5 for all major preparation coursework with grades of “C” or better in each course:

- BIOL 6B; CHEM 1A/1AH, 1B/1BH, 1C/1CH; CHEM 12A, 12B; MATH 1A/1AH  
Recommended: BIOL 6A/6AH; MATH 1B/1BH, 1C/1CH, 1D/1DH; (PHYS 4A, 4B, 4C) or (PHYS 2A, 2B, 2C); STAT C1000/C1000H (formerly MATH 10/10H)

#### **Biological Sciences (Biology (BA))**

- BIOL 6A/6AH, 6B, 6C/6CH; CHEM 1A/1AH, 1B/1BH,  
Recommended: CHEM 1C/1CH; STAT C1000/C1000H (formerly MATH 10/10H) or PSYC 15/SOC 15; PHYS 4A or 2A

#### **Biological Sciences (Ecology and Evolution; Marine Biology; Plant Sciences)**

- BIOL 6A/6AH, 6B, 6C/6CH; CHEM 1A/1AH, 1B/1BH; MATH 1A/1AH  
Recommended: CHEM 1C/1CH MATH 1B/1BH, 1C/1CH, (PHYS 4A, 4B, 4C) or (PHYS 2A, 2B, 2C); STAT C1000/C1000H (formerly MATH 10/10H) or PSYC 15/SOC 15

#### **Biological Sciences (Biology (BS); Microbiology; Molecular, Cell and Developmental Biology; Neuroscience)**

- BIOL 6A/6AH, 6B; CHEM 1A/1AH, 1B/1BH, 1C/1CH, 12A; MATH 1A/1AH  
Recommended: BIOL 6C/6CH; CHEM 12B; MATH 1B/1BH, 1C/1CH, STAT C1000/C1000H (formerly MATH 10/10H) or PSYC 15 or SOC 15; (PHYS 4A, 4B, 4C) or (PHYS 2A, 2B, 2C)

## Biotechnology

- BIOL 6B; CIS 40 or 41A; STAT C1000/C1000H (formerly MATH 10/10H) or PSYC 15/SOC 15

## Chemistry (BA and BS)

**A minimum GPA of 2.5 for all major preparation coursework with a grade of “C” or better in each individual course:**

- CHEM 1A/1AH, 1B/1BH, 1C/1CH; MATH 1A/1AH, 1B/1BH, 1C/1CH, 1D/1DH  
Recommended: CHEM 12A, 12B; (PHYS 4A, 4B, 4C or PHYS 2A, 2B, 2C); BS recommends MATH 2A/2AH or MATH 2B/2BH

## Cognitive Science

**Grade of “C” or better in each of the following courses, except CIS 22C/22CH, which requires a “B” or better.**

**All major preparation coursework below must be completed by the end of spring 2026 with a minimum GPA of 2.8:**

- (MATH 1A/1AH or MATH 12); STAT C1000/C1000H (formerly MATH 10/10H) or PSYC 15 or SOC 15; CIS 22B/22BH or 22C/22CH (grade of “B” or better) or 26A or 40 or 41A  
Recommended: PSYC 3

## Earth Sciences

- MATH 1A/1AH  
Recommended: MATH 1B/1BH, 1C/1CH; CHEM 1A/1AH, 1B/1BH, 1C/1CH; (PHYS 4A and 4C) or (PHYS 2A and 2C); GEOL 10

## Economics Majors (Business Management Economics; Economics; Economics/Mathematics; Global Economics)

**Grade of “C” or better in each of the following courses, with a minimum cumulative GPA in major preparation coursework of 2.8**

- ECON 1H/1H, 2/2H; MATH 1A/1AH or MATH 12 (NOTE: Economics/Mathematics majors **must** take MATH 1A/1AH)  
Recommended: MATH 1B/1BH, 1C/1CH, 1D/1DH, STAT C1000/C1000H (formerly MATH 10/10H) ; for Economics/Math Majors MATH 2B/2BH is highly recommended; for Business Management Economics, ACCT 1A/1AH, 1B/1BH, 1C/1CH is highly recommended

## Environmental Sciences

- CHEM 1A/1AH, 1B/1BH, 1C/1CH; MATH 1A/1AH, 1B/1BH, 1C/1CH; PHYS 2A or 4A  
Recommended: PHYS 2C or 4C; ESCI 19, GEOL 10

## Environmental Studies

- CHEM 1A/1AH; (MATH 31/31H & 32/32H) or MATH 1A/1AH or MATH 12  
Recommended: BIOL 6C/6CH, STAT C1000/C1000H (formerly MATH 10/10H); ECON 1/1H or 2/2H, POLI 3 or 5 or POLS C1000/C1000H (formerly POLI 1/1H); ANTH 2/2H or PHIL 8 or SOC 1 or SOC 20

## Environmental Studies/Biology

- BIOL 6B, 6C/6CH; CHEM 1A/1AH, 1B/1BH, 1C/1CH; (MATH 31/31H & 32/32H) or MATH 1A/1AH or MATH 12  
Recommended: BIOL 6A/6AH, STAT C1000/C1000H; ECON 1/1H or ECON 2/2H; POLI 3 or 5 or POLS C1000/C1000H (formerly POLI 1/1H); ANTH 2/2H or PHIL 8 or SOC 1 or SOC 20; PHYS 4A or 2A

## Environmental Studies/Economics

- CHEM 1A/1AH; ECON 2/2H; (POLI 3 or 5 or POLS C1000/C1000H (formerly POLI 1/1H)); (MATH 1A/1AH or MATH 12)  
Recommended: BIOL 6C/6CH, ECON 1/1H, STAT C1000/C1000H (formerly MATH 10/10H); ANTH 2/2H or PHIL 8 or SOC 1 or SOC 20

## Global and Community Health (BS Programs)

- BIOL 6A/6AH, 6B; CHEM 1A/1AH, 1B/1BH, 1C/1CH; CHEM 12A; MATH 1A/1AH  
Recommended: CHEM 12B; MATH 1B/1BH, 1C/1CH, STAT C1000/C1000H (formerly MATH 10/10H); (PHYS 4A, 4B, 4C) or PHYS 2A, 2B, 2C)

## Mathematics (BA and BS): Mathematics Education; Mathematics Theory and Computation

- MATH 1A/1AH, 1B/1BH, 1C/1CH, 1D/1DH, 2B/2BH  
Recommended: MATH 2A/2AH (for Mathematics or Mathematics Theory and Computation) or STAT C1000/C1000H (formerly MATH 10/10H) or PSYC 15 or SOC 15 (for Mathematics Education)

## All Physics Majors (Applied Physics; Physics; Physics (Astrophysics))

**Grade of “C” or better in each of the following courses, with the Physics sequence completed with a cumulative 2.7 GPA or higher.**

- PHYS 4A, 4B, 4C (minimum GPA of 2.7 required); MATH 1A/1AH, 1B/1BH, 1C/1CH, 1D/1DH  
Recommended: PHYS 4D

## Psychology

- PSYC C1000 (formerly PSYC 1) (Grade of “B-” or better) NOTE: *If a grade of C or C+ was earned, PSYC 14 or CD 10G/PSYC 10G or PSYC 3 must be completed with a grade of “B-” or better.*
- PSYC 15 or SOC 15 or STAT C1000/C1000H (formerly MATH 10/10H) (Grade of “B-” or better)
- (MATH 31/31H & 32/32H) or MATH 1A/1AH or MATH 12 (Grade(s) of “C” or better)  
Recommended: PSYC 3; PSYC 10G or C D 10G or PSYC 14

## Science Education

**Six (6) of the following courses below must be completed by the end of spring 2026 with grades of “C” or better:**

- BIOL 6A/6AH, 6B, 6C/6CH; (CHEM 1A/1AH, 1B/1BH, 1C/1CH (counts as 3; all three must be taken)); MATH 1A/1AH; (MATH 1B/1BH and 1C/1CH (counts as 1; both must be taken)); PHYS 2A or 4A; PHYS 2B or 4B; PHYS 2C or 4C; PSYC 15 or SOC 15 or STAT C1000/C1000H (formerly MATH 10/10H)

## Sociology

- SOC 1, 20  
Recommended: SOC 14; PSYC15 or SOC 15 or STAT C1000/C1000H (formerly MATH 10/10H)

## The Baskin School of Engineering

- **Biomolecular Engineering and Bioinformatics** – Complete 8 or more of the following courses with grades of “C” or better (except CIS 22C/22CH), and a minimum 2.8 GPA, by spring 2025. *(CIS 22B/22BH or 26A), CIS 22C/22CH and MATH 22/22H# may be counted towards the 8 required courses for the Bioinformatics concentration, while MATH 2A/2AH, PHYS 4A and 4C may be counted for the Biomolecular Engineering concentration.* The 2.8 GPA must be met for all courses completed by the end of fall 2025 and maintained through spring 2026; all major courses will be counted towards this GPA:

- BIOL 6B
- CHEM 1A/1AH & 1B/1BH and 1C/1CH (counts as 3 courses, but all three must be taken)
- CHEM 12A
- CHEM 12B

- MATH 1A/1AH
- MATH 1B/1BH and 1C/1CH (counts as 1 course, but both must be taken)
- MATH 2B/2BH

- For Bioinformatics:
- CIS 22B/22BH or 26A
  - MATH 22/22H
  - CIS 22C/22CH (grade of “B” better)

- For Biomolecular Engineering:
- MATH 2A/2AH
  - PHYS 4A
  - PHYS 4C

- **Computer Engineering** – Complete 6 or more of the following courses with grades of “C” or better (except CIS 22C/22CH), and a minimum 2.8 GPA, by spring 2026. The 2.8 GPA must be met for all courses completed by the end of fall 2025 and maintained through spring 2026; all major courses will be counted towards this GPA:

- MATH 1A/1AH
- MATH 1B/1BH and 1C/1CH (counts as 1 course, but both must be taken)
- MATH 1D/1DH

- MATH 2A/2AH
- MATH 2B/2BH
- MATH 22/22H

- CIS 21JA or 21JB
- CIS 22B/22BH or 26A
- CIS 22C/22CH (grade of “B” better)

- PHYS 4A
- PHYS 4B

Recommended: CIS 40 or 41A; PHYS 4C

- **Computer Science** – TAG is not available for this major

- **Computer Science: Computer Game Design** – Complete all of the following courses with grades of “C” or better (except CIS 22C/22CH), and a minimum 2.8 GPA, by spring 2026. The 2.8 GPA must be met for all courses completed by the end of fall 2025 and maintained through spring 2026; all major courses will be counted towards this GPA:

- CIS 22C/22CH (grade of “B” better)
- CIS 22B/22BH or 26A or 21JA or 21JB
- MATH 22/22H

- MATH 1A/1AH
- MATH 1B/1BH
- MATH 1C/1CH

Recommended: CIS 40 or 41A; MATH 2B/2BH

- **Electrical Engineering** – Complete of the following courses with grades of “C” or better (except CIS 22C/22CH), and a minimum 2.8 GPA, by spring 2026. The 2.8 GPA must be met for all courses completed by the end of fall 2025 and maintained through spring 2026; all major courses will be counted towards this GPA:

- MATH 1A/1AH
- MATH 1B/1BH and
- MATH 1C/1CH

- MATH 2A/2AH
- MATH 2B/2BH
- CIS 21JA or 21JB

- PHYS 4A
- PHYS 4B
- PHYS 4C

Recommended: MATH 1D/1DH; PHYS 4D; ENGR 37

- **Network & Digital Technology** – Complete 6 of the following courses with grades of “C” or better (except CIS 22C/22CH), and a minimum 2.3 GPA, by spring 2026. The 2.3 GPA must be met for all courses completed by the end of fall 2025 and maintained through spring 2026; all major courses will be counted towards this GPA:

- CIS 22C/22CH (grade of “B” better)
- CIS 21JA or 21JB
- CIS 22B/BH or 26A

- MATH 1AH/1AH
- MATH 1B/1BH and 1C/1CH (counts as 1 course, but both must be taken)
- MATH 1D/1DH

- MATH 2A/2AH
- MATH 2B/2BH
- MATH 22/22H
- PHYS 4A or 2A
- PHYS 4B or 2B

- **Robotics Engineering** – Complete all of the following courses with grades of “C” or better, and a minimum 2.8 GPA, by spring 2026. The 2.8 GPA must be met for all courses completed by the end of fall 2025 and maintained through spring 2026; all major courses will be counted towards this GPA:

- CIS 21JA or 21JB
- MATH 1A/1AH

- MATH 1B/1BH
- MATH 1C/1CH

- MATH 2A/2AH
- MATH 2B/2BH
- PHYS 4A
- PHYS 4B

Recommended: MATH 1D/1DH; MATH 22/22H; CIS 40 or 41A, CIS 22C/22CH (must earn a grade of B or better); ENGR 37

## The Baskin School of Engineering (*continued*)

- **Technology & Information Management** – Complete 6 of the following courses with grades of “C” or better (except CIS 22C/22CH), and a minimum 2.4 GPA, by spring 2026. *Students are highly recommended to take at least one CIS course.* The 2.4 GPA must be met for all courses completed by the end of fall 2025 and maintained through spring 2026; all major courses will be counted towards this GPA:

- CIS 3
- CIS 21JA or 21JB
- CIS 22B/BH or 26A
- CIS 22C/22CH (grade of “B” better)
- ECON 1/1H
- ECON 2/2H
- ACCT 1A/1AH
- MATH 1A/1AH
- MATH 1B/1BH and 1C/1CH (counts as 1 course, but both must be taken)
- MATH 1D/1DH
- MATH 22/22H

**Recommended:** MATH 1D/1DH; MATH 22/22H; CIS 40 or 41A, CIS 22C/22CH (must earn a grade of B or better); ENGR 37

“ COVID-19 Policy: For admission, all departments will accept Pass grades for major preparation courses taken in spring 2020 except Cognitive Science and Psychology. Cognitive Science requires letter grades for all of their courses. Psychology still requires at least a “B-“ in statistics and either UCSC’s PSYC 1 or PSYC 10. If a major has a specific overall GPA requirement, then students must still meet that, but it will be calculated from fewer courses if they have Pass grades. Contact UCSC for more information.

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