

TRANSFER ADMISSION GUARANTEE

How TAG Works

Once you've earned at least 30 semester (45 quarter) units, you can make an appointment to meet with a UC Riverside Transfer Counselor to discuss both your eligibility to the University and your eligibility to the TAG program. As a community college student and TAG participant, you'll receive course-planning assistance from a UC Riverside Transfer Counselor.

When you complete the provisions of your Transfer Admission Guarantee contract, we guarantee your admission to UC Riverside. In person, by mail, or by e-mail, we make it easy.

If you are unable to meet personally with a UCR Transfer Counselor, simply download and complete the printer-friendly Evaluation Form. Then mail it to us along with copies of all your community college transcripts. The Transfer Admission Guarantee is available for all majors.

TAG Eligibility

The requirements for the Transfer Admission Guarantee eligibility are more rigorous than UC transfer admission requirements. Students who do not meet TAG eligibility, but do meet regular admission requirements will gain admission to UC Riverside through the normal admission process. UC transfer admission requirements are presented at the Transfer Admission Web page.

TAG Criteria

A UC Riverside Transfer Counselor will write your TAG contract when you have met the following criteria as a California community college student:

- You are a U.S. citizen, Permanent Resident or are AB540 qualified. Because of the complexity of international academic records, students on visas are not eligible for TAG.
- You have completed all of your course work at a California community college. Although UC Riverside accepts course work from other colleges and universities, we only write TAG contracts for students with course work taken exclusively at California community colleges.
- You have at least 30 semester (45 quarter) UC-transferable units with a grade point average (GPA) as required for your intended major (as shown below).
- You must complete all the mathematics and English courses required for UC eligibility with a grade C or better.

Major-Specific Requirements for TAG

Majors in the College of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences require a minimum 2.8 grade point average.

Business Administration requires a minimum 2.8 grade point average and completion of all required courses necessary to satisfy selection criteria as outlined on ASSIST.

Majors in Bourns College of Engineering require a minimum 2.8 grade point average in all required courses. Majors in the College of Natural and Agricultural Sciences require a minimum 3.0 grade point average and completion of all required courses necessary to satisfy selection criteria as outlined on ASSIST for any selecting major with a grade of C or better in each course.

TAG Application form

To download a TAG application form, visit UCTransfer.org and click "Transfer Admission Guarantee form."

Don't delay. Get in touch with a UC Riverside Transfer Counselor today to ensure that you are taking the steps necessary to qualify for your Transfer Admission Guarantee.

Areas of Special Study for all Programs

- **University Honors Program** invites highly qualified students to conduct a research thesis of their own initiative and design in collaboration with a faculty member. Participation in the University Honors Program is the capstone of an excellent education. www.honors.ucr.edu
- **Education Abroad Program** allows UCR students to add an international perspective by studying and living in another country while earning UC credit. www.internationalcenter.ucr.edu/oppabroad_eap.htm
- **The UC Center at Sacramento** offers an academic program of internships that give students hands-on experience in government, the nonprofit sector, and business. www.uccs.universityofcalifornia.edu
- **The UCR Washington Center** gives students a multidimensional educational experience in Washington, D.C., government, museum, and art institutions. www.ucdc.edu
- **The Prepare to Teach Program** is available to students who plan to teach in California elementary schools. Prospective elementary teachers can complete the approved subject matter preparation program along with their major with early field experience in the schools. www.lsnid.ucr.edu/academic_programs
- **California Teach-Science/Mathematics Initiative (CaTEACH-SMI)** Students with a talent for science, math or engineering can translate that ability into preparing for a teaching career in California through CaTEACH-SMI. For more information contact smi@ucr.edu or visit the Resource Center at 1104 Pierce Hall or smi.ucr.edu.



Get Interested! Get More Information!

Prospective Students

Create a VIP account and get information about important dates and deadlines at www.My.UCR.edu or contact the Office of Undergraduate Recruitment

Office of Undergraduate Recruitment

Prospective freshmen:
Phone: (951) 827-4531
E-mail: discover@ucr.edu

Prospective transfer students:

Phone: (951) 827-5307
E-mail: transfer@ucr.edu

The UC Riverside General Catalog can be found at www.catalog.ucr.edu and purchased at the UCR Campus Store: (951) 827-2665; www.ucrcampusstore.ucr.edu.



Paths to Enrollment



"Not everyone can become a great artist, but a great artist can come from anywhere."
— Ratatouille

That was the theme from 2007's hit movie, RATATOUILLE. And the same can be said of successful students. Here at UCR, we realize that quality students can come from all walks of life and from all sorts of educational backgrounds. So we've created a variety of paths to admission, including a series of admission programs that provide incentives to deserving students or that take into account special circumstances. For instance, if you're a homeschooled student, or a high school high achiever, we have a special admissions program just for you.

The following special admission categories are areas of particular interest to UCR in our efforts to recruit a diverse and highly motivated student body.

- A. Homeschooled or other Non-Traditionally Educated Students**
- B. Guaranteed Admission Program**
- C. Transfer Admission Guarantee (TAG)**

ADMISSION AS A HOMESCHOOLED OR OTHER NON-TRADITIONALLY EDUCATED STUDENT

"It looks like we've tapped into a pipeline of great students."

— **Dr. Frank Vahid**, professor, Department of Computer Science

If the path to college admission is difficult for the traditional student, it is even more difficult for the non-traditional. But at UCR, we recognize the depth of learning, socialization, maturity, creativity, and vision that characterize a quality homeschool education. In fact, these qualities provide an excellent

foundation for pursuing an education at UC Riverside. For instance, to succeed at the University, students often need to be self-directed – a methodology that is common to most homeschool environments.

1. Defining the Homeschooled or Other Nontraditionally Educated Student

a. Educational Approaches - If you've received an innovative, customized, or self-determined education, you may have developed personal characteristics that we feel can lead to success in college and life. Nontraditional approaches that can often lead to success at UCR include:

- Learning primarily in a setting other than a regularly attended classroom. Examples include study at home, in other countries, in community college courses, online, and combinations of the above.



- Using an approach that combines the study of material from multiple subject areas; for example, blending English and history in a single learning project.

- Designing studies around solving math problems and then learning the related material needed to solve those problems.

- Devising a study schedule that allows a monthly variation of subjects to support the in-depth study of a topic of great interest.

- Taking an active role in the selection of subjects to study and determining how to best learn those subjects, rather than simply taking courses offered at one school.

Look inside for more information about our programs.



The University of California, in accordance with applicable Federal and State law and University policy, does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, gender identity, pregnancy, disability, age, medical condition (cancer-related), ancestry, marital status, citizenship, sexual orientation, or status as a Vietnam-era veteran or special disabled veteran. The University also prohibits sexual harassment. This nondiscrimination policy covers admission, access, and treatment in University programs and activities. Inquiries regarding the University's student-related nondiscrimination policies may be directed to Gladys Brown, (951) 827-5604.

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Examples include learning from source documents rather than a textbook, making extensive use of a museum for learning, or choosing a particular mathematics curriculum after determining the best match to one's learning style. Spending a lot of time in a variety of social settings rather than in age-segregated groups of peers.

b. Educational Settings - Examples of nontraditional educational settings include those where the high school education was:

- primarily home-based.
- completed as home-based after leaving a traditional high school during the last year or two.
- based on courses from various sources such as high school, community college, and online programs, with or without extensive home-based education.
- completed early by taking the California High-School Proficiency Exam AND performing additional studies outside of class or participating in significant educational life experiences such as charity work or experience in another country.
- taken at a charter school emphasizing an innovative educational approach that doesn't have a UC-approved "a-g" course list taken at a high school with a UC-approved "a-g" course list, but the student graduated without fulfilling the "a-g" course work because the student emphasized homeschooling or another novel educational approach instead.

2. Admission Requirements

Students who wish to apply to UC Riverside through this admission program must satisfy the following requirements:

- Meet high school qualifications as defined below
- Meet the examination requirement
- Complete the University of California (UC) application for admission
- Submit a portfolio to UC Riverside
- Final determination of admission is made within the context of campus enrollment goals.



High School Qualifications

- Must have taken part in a nontraditional educational approach for a significant part of the high school education. Example approaches include homeschooling or having attended non-accredited charter schools that use innovative educational methods.
- Must have received a high school diploma, a General Education Diploma (GED), or a Certificate of Proficiency.

b. Meet the examination requirement. All freshman applicants to the University of California must submit scores for both a) and b) below:

- Either the SAT Reasoning Test or the ACT Assessment plus Writing. Please note: The scores you report from each section of the ACT or SAT must be from the same sitting.
- Two SAT Subject Tests in two different areas: history/social studies, English (literature only), mathematics (Level 2 only), science, or languages.

3. Complete the UC application for admission.

Applicants to UC Riverside must complete the University of California Application for Undergraduate Admission and Scholarships, which is available at the University of California Application Web site.

The following are special instructions for students who apply through UC Riverside's admission program for homeschooled or other nontraditionally educated students:

- Section IV:** The University of California school code for homeschools is 999111. Applicants should name the high school "homeschool." Students who were enrolled in a homeschool or nontraditional program that has its own code can enter that code but must follow the directions listed below to ensure that their applications can be identified appropriately for this program.



- Section VI, questions 55-61, a-g courses:** Home schooled or nontraditionally educated students typically will not have taken UC-approved a-g courses and may not have even studied all seven subject areas. As an applicant, you must try to include, to the best of your ability, your actual studies partitioned into "courses" on the application. Please note: You must enter a minimum of one course into the application to prevent the application from being rejected by UC. The more information you provide, the easier it is for the Office of Undergraduate Admissions to make an admission decision.
- Section VI, Question 72.** Check the Home School box.
- Section XII, question 175:** Choose "Riverside" so that the application is forwarded to UC Riverside.

4. Submit a portfolio to UC Riverside

As an important part of your application, you must submit a portfolio describing aspects of your educational background not captured in the UC application. This is your opportunity to describe your unique educational background and accomplishments.

The portfolio is a paper document that briefly summarizes key subjects you have studied and the

learning methods used. It should follow the Portfolio Guidelines. (For guidelines or more information, go to www.my.ucr.edu/admissions/paths.aspx and scroll down to "Submit a portfolio to UC Riverside.") A committee of faculty members and staff who are familiar with home or nontraditional schooling will review your portfolio.

Submit your completed portfolio to the Office of Undergraduate Admissions, Student Services Building, Riverside, Ca. 92521 by January 31.

GUARANTEED ADMISSION PROGRAM

The University of California, Riverside offers exceptional high school juniors guaranteed admission to the university. As a Guaranteed Admissions Program (GAP) scholar, you'll select from among 80 academic majors without having to compete for a position in your academic program of choice. It is an extraordinary opportunity for those who have displayed extraordinary academic achievement.

How can I qualify for the Guaranteed Admission Program?

- Complete 13 of 15 required UC Approved "a-g" courses (exceptions include fourth year English and either the Visual and Performing Art or College Preparatory Elective).
- Attain a minimum 3.5 GPA in "a-g" coursework and

- maintain a record of academic excellence during your senior year of high school.
- Complete SAT Reasoning Test with a minimum score of 1600.
- Complete 2 SAT Subject exams by December of your senior year.

I want to be a part of the Guaranteed Admission Program. What do I do next?

- Sign up for a personalized account at My.UCR.edu to receive more information about UC Riverside.
- NEED CONTACT INFO FOR GAP

Important Information and Links

- E-mail a UC Riverside Guaranteed Admission Program advisor and get all your questions answered: discover@ucr.edu
- Call a UC Riverside Guaranteed Admission Program advisor (951) 827-4531 and get answers to your questions.

For More Information: Office of Undergraduate Recruitment

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If you are an eligible California community college student, you can ensure your admission to UC Riverside through the Transfer Admission Guarantee (TAG) program. TAG is an excellent opportunity to secure guaranteed admission to a top-flight university right here in the heart of Southern California. Qualify for the TAG program and you will earn a guarantee of admission to UCR as a junior-level transfer.

Look on the back for more information about our programs.

