

AMCAS gender identity mapping to UCOP graduate admissions data (GAD) file

Background

The American Medical College Application Service (AMCAS) is the admissions application that all applicants to U.S. medical schools complete. It includes a voluntary question on gender identity that has six options, and applicants can select more than one option. Each UC campus submits a Graduate Admissions Data (GAD) file to UCOP each year that contains a gender identity field. Campuses with medical school applicants must map the multiple select gender identity data from AMCAS to the GAD file specifications, which currently only accept one option for gender identity for each student. This document provides guidance to campus data providers on how to map gender identity data from AMCAS to the GAD file for UCOP when an applicant selects more than one gender identity option.

AMCAS gender identity options and UCOP GAD file specifications

AMCAS gender identity options

Female
Male
Trans female/Trans woman
Trans male/Trans man
Genderqueer/Gender non-conforming
Different identity

UCOP Graduate Admissions Data (GAD) file specifications

Ref no	Element name	Valid values
H1000	Gender identity	F = Female
		M = Male
		TF = Trans Female/Trans Woman
		TM = Trans Male/Trans Man
		GN = Genderqueer/Gender Non-Conforming
		DI = Different Identity

GAD file specifications can be downloaded at <https://data.ucop.edu/files/documents/file-specs/graduate-admissions-file-layout.pdf>

Data mapping to UCOP GAD file specifications

UCOP Institutional Research and Academic Planning (IRAP) consulted with University of California Health (UCH) and Graduate, Undergraduate and Equity Affairs (GUEA) to determine the appropriate mapping. The data mapping below reflects the consensus among UCH, GUEA, and the UC medical school Vice Deans. This mapping should be used for the GAD file for gender identity information for AMCAS applicants.

If an AMCAS applicant selects one option for gender identity, then the corresponding UCOP GAD option should be used, as indicated in the table below. If more than one gender identity options are selected on AMCAS, then gender identity should be mapped as “Different Identity” on the UCOP GAD file.

Number of selections	AMCAS selection	UCOP GAD mapping
1 selection	Female	F = Female
	Male	M = Male
	Trans female/Trans woman	TF = Trans Female/Trans Woman
	Trans male/Trans man	TM = Trans Male/Trans Man
	Genderqueer/Gender non-conforming	GN = Genderqueer/Gender Non-Conforming
	Different identity	DI = Different Identity
2 or more selections	2 or more selections	DI = Different Identity