FRESHMAN SELECTION

FRESHMAN ADMISSION PROFILES

The freshman admission profiles summarize the academic qualifications of applicants and admitted freshmen to each UC campus for the fall term. The profile for each campus is available online.

Please be cautious in drawing conclusions from this information. The numbers are useful only as a general guide to selectivity and not as a predictor of a student's chances for admission to a particular campus.

Berkeley
admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/campuses-majors/
berkeley/freshman-admission-profile.html

Davis
admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/campuses-majors/davis/
freshman-admission-profile.html

Irvine
admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/campuses-majors/irvine/
freshman-admission-profile.html

Los Angeles
admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/campuses-majors/ucla/
freshman-admission-profile.html

Merced
admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/campuses-majors/merced/
freshman-admission-profile.html

Riverside
admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/campuses-majors/
riverside/freshman-admission-profile.html

San Diego
admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/campuses-majors/san-
diego/freshman-admission-profile.html

Santa Barbara
admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/campuses-majors/santa-
barbara/freshman-admission-profile.html

Santa Cruz
admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/campuses-majors/santa-
cruz/freshman-admission-profile.html

In addition, keep these factors in mind:

- The data reflect the selection process for the previous year's fall term applicants. The selection process and enrollment goals may vary from year to year; therefore, the results may differ significantly.

- Aggregated data mask differences in degree of competition for admission among them. Some campuses and colleges admit students directly into individual majors, and the degree of competition among majors may vary widely.

- GPA is defined as a student's GPA in the A-G requirements as calculated by UC. The average high school GPA listed for each campus is computed from 10th and 11th grade coursework, including up to eight semesters of honors courses (no more than four from 10th grade). These GPAs are drawn from application data at the systemwide office.

- Average exam scores are derived from the highest official reported scores from a single test administration.

CAMPUS POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

In addition to the campus-specific answers on the following pages regarding their policies and procedures for reviewing freshman applicants, please note the following:

- If they are not admitted to any campus to which they applied, California-resident students who are in the top 9 percent in the statewide context or top 9 percent in the local context are guaranteed a place at a UC campus that has space to accommodate them; students are not guaranteed admission to a specific UC campus.

- Each campus's SAT Subject Test recommendations for specific academic programs can be found at: admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/admission-requirements/freshman-requirements/exam-requirement/sat-subject-tests.html.

- All UC campuses use the same 14 faculty-approved comprehensive review factors when reviewing applications, but the method of review may differ by campus. Links to campus-specific information describing how applications are evaluated can be found on page 22.

- All colleges and majors are selective at every UC campus and require academic performance above UC minimum admission requirements.

- Responses to the personal insight questions are reviewed to provide perspective and context to an applicant's academic, personal and extracurricular achievements.

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CAMPUS POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR REVIEWING FRESHMAN APPLICANTS

Campus	Does applying Undeclared improve or detract from an applicant's chances of admission?	Does the campus admit students to a specific major or into a college/school?	Does the campus allow students to apply to an alternate major?
Berkeley	Applying Undeclared does not affect an admission decision but offers an opportunity for students to explore before declaring a major.	To a specific major only in the colleges of **Chemistry**, **Engineering**, **Environmental Design** and **Natural Resources**. In the **College of Letters and Science**, students are admitted into the college and must officially declare a major before their junior year.	No
Davis	Applying Undeclared or Undeclared/Exploratory does not affect an admission decision but offers an opportunity for students to explore before declaring a major.	To the major	Yes. Applicants are encouraged to list an alternate major, but not in the same area as the primary major (e.g., Computer Science Engineering with alternate Computer Science in the College of L&S). Occasionally, we admit to the alternate major.
Irvine	Applying Undeclared does not affect an admission decision but offers an opportunity for students to explore before declaring a major.	To the major	Yes. Applicants may be considered for admission to their alternate major if they are not selected for their first-choice major.
Los Angeles	Applying Undeclared in the **College of Letters and Science** does not affect an admission decision but offers an opportunity for students to explore before declaring a major. However, selecting **Undeclared-Engineering** does impact admission due to space limitations.	To the major Students admitted as Undeclared or Pre-major must officially declare a major before their junior year.	UCLA only guarantees review of an applicant's first-choice major. We typically do not admit to the alternate major.
Merced	Applying Undeclared does not affect an admission decision but offers an opportunity for students to explore before declaring a major.	To the major	Yes. Applicants are considered for their alternate major if they are not selected for their first-choice major.
Riverside	Applying Undeclared does not affect an admission decision but offers an opportunity for students to explore before declaring a major. **Note:** Undeclared is not an option for the **Bourns College of Engineering**.	To the major	Yes. Applicants are considered for their alternate major if they are not selected for their first-choice major.
San Diego	Applying Undeclared does not affect an admission decision but offers an opportunity for students to explore before declaring a major. However, applicants interested in highly selective/capped majors are advised to apply directly to the major. For a list of selective/capped majors see: ucal.us/dnWwFq.	To the major and to one of our seven colleges (colleges.ucsd.edu)	Yes. Applicants to a capped major are encouraged to select an alternate, uncapped major. We will consider the applicant's alternate major if unable to admit to the first choice.

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Campus	**Does applying Undeclared improve or detract from an applicant's chances of admission?**	**Does the campus admit students to a specific major or into a college/school?**	**Does the campus allow students to apply to an alternate major?**
Santa Barbara	Undeclared is an option only in the **College of Letters and Science**. It does not affect an admission decision but offers an opportunity for students to explore before declaring a major.	In the **College of Creative Studies** and the **College of Engineering,** students are admitted to a specific major. In the **College of Letters and Science**, students are admitted to a major or a pre-major. If admitted to a pre-major, the student must meet additional requirements at UCSB prior to being in the full major. The **Dance BA** and **Music BM** programs require an audition, and direct admission is granted to students who pass the audition. Students interested in the **Dance BFA** program can audition in their sophomore year. Students interested in the **Theater BFA** program can be admitted directly to Theater BA and can audition for the Theater BFA program at the end of their freshman year.	Yes. We recommend that students applying for **Engineering** and **Creative Studies** choose an alternate major in a different college than their first-choice major.
Santa Cruz	Applying Undeclared/Undecided does not affect an admission decision but offers an opportunity for students to explore before declaring a major. However, the **Computer Engineering** and **Computer Science** majors are selective. Students interested in one of these majors must apply to the major.	To the campus, except in **Computer Engineering** and **Computer Science**, in which case students are admitted to the major.	Yes. Students wishing to pursue **Computer Engineering** and **Computer Science** are encouraged to choose an alternate major.
UC Campus	**Which of the campus's majors require an audition or submission of a portfolio?**	**Which colleges/schools or majors are most selective at the freshman level?**	**What method of comprehensive review does your campus utilize? ***
Berkeley	None	Majors in the colleges of **Engineering** and **Chemistry** are the most selective. Details on the admitted student profile at Berkeley can be found at admissions.berkeley.edu/student-profile.	Holistic review incorporating the 14 faculty-approved comprehensive review factors with no fixed weight on any factor. Every achievement, academic or non-academic, is considered within the context of opportunities available to the applicant.
Davis	Students who wish to major in **Landscape Architecture** must apply in Pre-Landscape Architecture major. After students have enrolled at UC Davis they will be required to submit a separate major portfolio application to the department in February to be considered for formal acceptance to the Landscape Architecture major. For more information visit: humanecology.ucdavis.edu/landscape-architecture-major.	Majors in the **College of Engineering** and **Computer Science** in the College of Letters and Science are the most selective. For more information, visit: www.ucdavis.edu/admissions/undergraduate/freshman/selection-process.	Holistic review incorporating the 14 faculty-approved comprehensive review factors with no fixed weight on any factor. Every achievement, academic or non-academic, is considered within the context of opportunities available to the applicant.
Irvine	**Dance** and **Music**	The following majors are the most selective: **Business Administration**, **Dance**, **Music**, **Nursing Science** and all majors in **The Henry Samueli School of Engineering** and **The Donald Bren School of Information and Computer Science**.	Holistic review incorporating the 14 faculty-approved comprehensive review factors with no fixed weight on any factor. Every achievement, academic or non-academic, is considered within the context of opportunities available to the applicant.

* "Holistic" means that no single factor carries a specific weight consistently across all applications in the admission review; instead, the review incorporates an individual's circumstances, educational context and what each individual has presented on the application. "Fixed weight" means that various factors are weighted (e.g., could be 50/50, 75/25, etc.) in the admission review and the weighting is consistent across all applications.

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Campus	Which of the campus's majors require an audition or submission of a portfolio?	Which colleges/schools or majors are most selective at the freshman level?	What method of comprehensive review does your campus utilize?*
Los Angeles	All majors in the following professional schools require submission of additional materials, including but not limited to a supplemental application, portfolio or audition: • **School of Arts and Architecture** • **School of Music** • **School of Nursing** • **School of Theater**, **Film and Television** See our professional schools' websites for details and deadlines.	Majors in our professional schools are most selective. For detailed information about the freshman admission process, refer to www.admission.ucla.edu/prospect/Adm_fr.htm.	Holistic review incorporating the 14 faculty-approved comprehensive review factors with no fixed weight on any factor. Every achievement, academic or non-academic, is considered within the context of opportunities available to the applicant.
Merced	None	Majors in the **School of Natural Sciences** and the **School of Engineering** are the most selective. Students are encouraged to complete pre-calculus or higher before applying.	Fixed weight incorporating the 14 faculty-approved comprehensive review factors considering both academic factors weighted at 75% and non-academic factors weighted at 25%.
Riverside	None	Majors in the **Bourns College of Engineering** and the **College of Natural and Agricultural Sciences**.	Fixed weight incorporating the 14 faculty-approved comprehensive review factors considering GPA, SAT or ACT exam, number of AP/IB courses taken and first-generation and low-income designation to calculate an Academic Index Score.
San Diego	Students applying to **Music**, **Theatre & Dance** or **Visual Arts** may submit an optional portfolio/audition video.	All **Engineering** majors and **Biological Sciences**, **Data Science**, **Economics**, **Mathematics**, **Physics** and **Public Health**	Holistic review incorporating the 14 faculty-approved comprehensive review factors with no fixed weight on any factor. Every achievement, academic or non-academic, is considered within the context of opportunities available to the applicant.
Santa Barbara	Auditions are required for **Dance BA** and **Music BM**. Students interested in **Dance BFA** can audition in their sophomore year. Students interested in **Theater BFA** can audition at the end of their freshman year. College of Creative Studies requires submission of Work in Evidence of Talent for the **Art**, **Music Composition**, and **Writing and Literature** majors.	The **College of Engineering** is generally the most competitive; however the **College of Creative Studies** requires faculty review and can be highly selective.	Fixed weight incorporating the 14 faculty-approved comprehensive review factors roughly weighted at 50% academic criteria and 50% supplemental information.
Santa Cruz	None	The **Computer Engineering** and **Computer Science** majors are highly selective.	Holistic review incorporating the 14 faculty-approved comprehensive review factors with no fixed weight on any factor. Every achievement, academic or non-academic, is considered within the context of opportunities available to the applicant.

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UC Freshman Application Data
CA Resident

This quick glance at Campus Application Data on freshmen is intended for use by California high school counselors in advising students to apply. Numbers may change without notice.

Campus		Fall 2017[1]	Fall 2018[1]	Fall 2019[2]	Fall 2019 Admit Rate	GPA of middle 25%-75% of students admitted in fall 2019	SAT[3] and ACT Composite scores of middle 25%-75% of students admitted in fall 2019
Berkeley	Applications:	49,282	51,924	50,146	19%	4.17 - 4.31	ACT: 28 - 35 SAT: 1310 - 1520
	Admits:	8,992	8,761	9,634			
	Enrolls:	4,416	4,306				
Davis	Applications:	51,423	56,747	55,371	35%	4.07 - 4.28	ACT: 24 - 33 SAT: 1190 - 1460
	Admits:	18,450	19,416	19,656			
	Enrolls:	4,209	4,849				
Irvine	Applications:	63,121	71,270	70,567	21%	4.04 - 4.28	ACT: 24 - 34 SAT: 1210 - 1490
	Admits:	21,028	17,901	15,000			
	Enrolls:	5,198	4,538				
Los Angeles	Applications:	63,515	71,570	69,603	12%	4.21 - 4.33	ACT:28 - 35 SAT: 1310 - 1530
	Admits:	9,289	8,726	8,352			
	Enrolls:	4,360	4,367				
Merced	Applications:	20,710	23,445	23,455	74%	3.45 - 3.96	ACT: 18 - 26 SAT: 1020 - 1270
	Admits:	14,765	15,826	17,415			
	Enrolls:	2,283	2,202				
Riverside	Applications:	38,655	43,954	43,138	56%	3.71 - 4.13	ACT: 22 - 30 SAT: 1140 - 1380
	Admits:	21,782	22,072	24,059			
	Enrolls:	4,423	4,362				
San Diego	Applications:	59,092	65,735	66,063	28%	4.11 - 4.30	ACT: 26 - 34 SAT: 1240 - 1500
	Admits:	18,489	17,426	18,232			
	Enrolls:	4,307	5,123				
Santa Barbara	Applications:	58,494	66,652	65,811	27%	4.09 - 4.30	ACT: 26 - 34 SAT: 1240 - 1500
	Admits:	18,540	19,714	17,720			
	Enrolls:	3,716	3,991				
Santa Cruz	Applications:	42,706	45,854	44,369	45%	3.84 - 4.20	ACT: 25 - 32 SAT: 1200 - 1420
	Admits:	19,161	18,657	20,068			
	Enrolls:	3,395	3,017				

[1] Source: University of California, Office of the President, Student Affairs, Undergraduate Admissions. Data for 2017 and 2018 applications, admits, and enrolls are from the UC System, Information Center

[2] Data for Fall 2019 applications, admits, GPA, test scores and admit rates are a snapshot as of 6/21/19.

[3] SAT Evidence Based Reading & Writing and SAT Math