FRESHMAN SELECTION

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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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.	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 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: ucdavis.edu/admissions/undergraduate/freshman/selectionprocess	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.

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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 criteria that are used 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.	A hybrid of holistic and fixed-weight review incorporating the 14 faculty-approved comprehensive review factors with limited fixed-weight factors. Achievements, academic or non-academic, are considered within the context of opportunities available to the applicant.
Santa Cruz	None	The **Computer Engineering** and **Computer Science** majors are highly selective.	Holistic review. Every achievement, academic or non-academic, is considered within the context of opportunities available to the applicant.

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