

University of California Campus Policies and Procedures for Reviewing Freshman Applicants¹

UC Campus	When and how will applicants be notified of their admission status for fall 2015?	When and how will applicants be notified of financial aid awards? ²	Does the campus provide applicants with an alternate admission option, such as deferred enrollment or UC Extension?	Does applying Undeclared improve or detract from an applicant's chances of admission?	Will the campus admit students to an alternate major?	Which of the campus's majors require an audition or submission of a portfolio?	Are specific SAT Subject Tests recommended for certain majors?
Berkeley	End of March, online. Admitted students also will receive a notification letter.	Concurrent with notification of admission, online.	Applicants may be offered spring admission, including the option to enroll in the Fall Program for Freshman through UC Extension.	For applicants to majors in the colleges of Letters and Sciences, Natural Resources, Chemistry and Environmental Design, major is not considered and students are not disadvantaged by applying Undeclared. For applicants to Engineering, major choice is considered in selection; Engineering Undeclared is highly selective.	Berkeley does not consider an alternate major.	None	Chemistry and Engineering: Math Level 2 and a science test related to intended major.
Davis	Late March online and by e-mail. Admitted students will also receive a notification letter.	Concurrent with notification of admission, online.	No	No. Applying Undeclared or Undeclared/Exploratory offers an opportunity to explore before declaring a major. Special programs and advising services are available to assist students who apply Undeclared and Undeclared/Exploratory once they are enrolled.	Most admitted students are accepted to their first-choice major, but alternate majors may be considered.	Students who wish to major in Landscape Architecture must apply to the "Pre-Landscape Architecture" major. A separate portfolio application is required and may be submitted at any point, but typically not until before the sophomore year. See http://humanecology.ucdavis.edu/lda/index.html for more information.	No
Irvine	March 1–31, online. Admitted students will also receive a notification letter.	In April, provisional awards online. Students will receive e-mail when information is available for review.	No	Applying Undeclared/Undecided does not improve or detract from one's chances of admission.	Most admitted students are accepted to their first-choice major, but alternate majors may be considered.	Performance majors (Dance and Music) require an audition. The Nursing Science major requires a supplemental application and applicants may be asked to a faculty interview.	Engineering (all) and CSE: Math Level 2.
Los Angeles	Mid to late March online. Admitted students will also receive a notification letter.	In March, provisional awards, online; in May and June, electronic financial aid notifications, online. Students will receive e-mail when information is available for review.	No	Applying Undeclared has no bearing on admission decisions in the College of Letters and Science. The schools of the Arts and Architecture; Engineering and Applied Science; Nursing; and Theater, Film, and Television admit applicants by specific major only.	No	All majors open to freshmen in the schools of the Arts and Architecture and Theater, Film, and Television require submission of supplemental materials, including but not limited to a portfolio or audition. The School of Nursing requires a supplemental application. See school websites for details and deadlines.	Engineering and Applied Science: Math Level 2 and a science test related to intended major.

¹ A student is considered a freshman (first-year) applicant if the student is still in high school (secondary school) or has graduated from high school but has not enrolled in a regular session at any college or university. A student who attends a college summer session immediately after graduating from high school or who has completed college work while in high school is considered a freshman.

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Information accurate as of August 2014. Changes may occur without notice. Contact the admissions office at each campus for up-to-date information.

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Merced	During the month of March. Admitted students will also receive a notification letter.	Following admission, online.	No	Undeclared status does not influence admission decisions.	This may be an option.	None	No
Riverside	Online, beginning in January on a rolling basis. Admitted students will also receive a notification letter.	Beginning March 1, online.	No	UCR does not consider a student's major in admission decisions unless the declared major is a selective major.	Most admitted students are accepted to their first-choice major, but alternate majors may be considered.	None	All majors in the Bourns College of Engineering and the College of Natural and Agricultural Sciences: Math Level 2 and either Chemistry or Physics.
San Diego	Mid-March, online, followed by letter.	Mid-March with admission decision, online.	No	UCSD does not admit applicants by major. In fall 2014, about 19 percent of freshman applicants applied as Undeclared.	Yes. Applicants to oversubscribed majors in the Jacobs School of Engineering may be offered an alternate major if they are not selected for their first-choice majors.	Applicants to the following majors may be asked to submit an optional supplemental application and/or portfolio/audition: MUSIC: Interdisciplinary Computing and the Arts; Music; Music Humanities THEATRE & DANCE: Dance; Theatre VISUAL ARTS: Interdisciplinary Computing and the Arts; Media; Studio.	Engineering, Biological or Physical science: Math Level 2 and a sciences test related to intended major.
Santa Barbara	Mid to late March online. Admitted students will also receive a paper notification letter.	Online Notification: unofficial awards posted in April, official awards begin posting in June. Students notified by e-mail.	No	Major is not considered in admission decisions for the College of Letters and Science (except Dance and Music) and applicants are not disadvantaged by applying Undeclared. Prospective Engineering and Creative Studies students must declare a major upon application.	Most admitted students are accepted to their first-choice major, but alternate majors may be considered.	Performance majors (Theater, Dance and Music) require an audition. All Creative Studies applicants must submit a supplemental application with evidence of talent for specific majors.	Creative Studies: a test related to intended major; College of Engineering majors: Math Level 2.
Santa Cruz	Mid-March online, followed by letter.	Online Notification: unofficial awards posted in April, official awards begin posting in June. Students notified by e-mail.	No	UCSC does not admit applicants by major. Applying Undeclared/Undecided has no bearing on admission decisions.	No. Choice of major does not affect the admission decision of the campus.	None for purposes of freshman admission. Fall-quarter freshman applicants who wish to be considered for a music scholarship must submit an audition audio file to the Music Department by January 31 (postmarked). See music.ucsc.edu/scholarships for details.	No

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Berkeley	No. However, ELC status is taken into account in the application review process.	Online Publications/Freshman Admission flyer at http://admissions.berkeley.edu	All majors are competitive and require academic performance beyond UC minimums. For information on selection procedures, consult admissions.berkeley.edu .	All personal statements are reviewed. Reviewers use the personal statement to help put into perspective an applicant's academic accomplishments and personal and extracurricular achievement. This includes evidence of the 14 selection criteria, such as leadership, community service, special talents, and socioeconomic and other contextual information.	See Freshman/Selection Process at http://admissions.berkeley.edu
Davis	No. However, ELC status is taken into account in the application review process.	See http://admissions.ucdavis.edu/admission/freshmen/fr_selection_process.cfm	All majors are competitive and require performance beyond UC minimums.	All personal statements are reviewed. Reviewers use the personal statement to help put into perspective an applicant's academic accomplishments and personal and extracurricular achievement. This includes evidence of the 14 selection criteria, such as leadership, community service, special talents, and socioeconomic and other contextual information. UC Davis uses the personal statement to clarify or fill gaps in the application information.	See http://admissions.ucdavis.edu/admission/freshmen/fr_nonadmitted.cfm
Irvine	No. However, ELC status is taken into account in the application review process.	See www.admissions.uci.edu/applicants/freshman_selection.html	All majors are competitive and require performance beyond UC minimums.	All personal statements are reviewed. Reviewers use the personal statement to help put into perspective an applicant's academic accomplishments and personal and extracurricular achievement. This includes evidence of the 14 selection criteria, such as leadership, community service, special talents, and socioeconomic and other contextual information.	www.admissions.uci.edu/applicants/resources/appeal_information.html
Los Angeles	No. However, ELC status is taken into account in the application review process.	See www.admission.ucla.edu/prospect/adm_fr/frsel.htm	All majors are competitive and require performance beyond UC minimums.	All personal statements are reviewed. Reviewers use the personal statement to help put into perspective an applicant's academic accomplishments and personal and extracurricular achievement. This includes evidence of the 14 selection criteria, such as leadership, community service, special talents, and socioeconomic and other contextual information.	See www.admission.ucla.edu/appealsfr.htm

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Merced	No. However, ELC status is taken into account in the application review process.	See http://admissions.campuscms.ucmerced.edu/Freshman-Selection-Factors	The School of Engineering requires performance beyond UC minimum subject requirements.	UC Merced uses the personal statement to help put into perspective an applicant's academic accomplishments and personal and extracurricular achievement. This includes evidence of the 14 selection criteria, such as leadership, community service, special talents, and socioeconomic and other contextual information. The personal statement is also used to clarify or fill gaps in the application information.	See http://admissions.ucmerced.edu/form/application-appeals
Riverside	No	See http://admissions.ucr.edu/Admissions/pathsAdmissions	All majors are competitive and require performance beyond the UC minimums.	Reviewers use the personal statement only to clarify or fill gaps in the application information.	See http://admissions.ucr.edu/Home/FAQ
San Diego	No. However, ELC status is taken into account in the application review process.	See http://admissions.ucsd.edu/freshmen/eval-process.html or click on Application Review Process on the Freshmen page.	All majors in the Jacobs School of Engineering are impacted and require performance beyond UC minimums. See the department websites for information about these majors.	Reviewers use the personal statement to help put into perspective an applicant's academic accomplishments and personal and extracurricular achievement. This includes evidence of the 14 selection criteria, such as leadership, community service, special talents, and socioeconomic and other contextual information.	See http://ucsd.edu/prospective-students/admissions/undergraduate-admissions/freshmen/process.html
Santa Barbara	No. However, ELC status is taken into account in the application review process.	See www.admissions.ucsb.edu/selection-process.asp	All majors are competitive and require performance beyond UC minimums. See http://admissions.sa.ucsb.edu/applying/freshman/selection for selection guidelines.	Reviewers use the personal statement to help put into perspective an applicant's academic accomplishments and personal and extracurricular achievement. This includes evidence of the 14 selection criteria, such as leadership, community service, special talents, and socioeconomic and other contextual information.	See http://admissions.sa.ucsb.edu/applying/appeal-process
Santa Cruz	No, but ELC students are admitted at a very high rate. ELC status is taken into account in the application review process.	See http://admissions.ucsc.edu/apply/freshman.html	Choice of major does not affect admission to the campus. For information on specific major requirements and prerequisites, see http://admissions.ucsc.edu/majors .	Reviewers use the personal statement to help put into perspective an applicant's academic accomplishments and personal and extracurricular achievement. This includes evidence of the 14 selection criteria, such as leadership, community service, special talents, and socioeconomic and other contextual information.	See http://admissions.ucsc.edu/apply/appeals.html