

UC Campus Policies and Procedures for Evaluating Freshman Applicants¹

UC Campus	When and how will applicants be notified of their admission status for fall 2008?	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 optional enrollment in fall Extension program.	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	Beginning March 15, online, by e-mail and letter. Denied applicants will be notified online and by letter.	Generally within one week of admission notification, online	No	No. Applicants who are uncertain about their major may find that applying Undeclared or Undeclared/Exploratory offers an opportunity to explore before declaring a major. Special programs and advising services are available to assist these students once they arrive on campus.	Most admitted students are accepted to their first-choice major, but alternate majors may be considered.	Students who wish to major in Landscape Architecture should apply to the "Landscape Architecture, Pre-" major. A separate portfolio application is required for admission to the Landscape Architecture major; it may be submitted before admission or after enrollment. See lda.ucdavis.edu .	No
Irvine	March 1–31, online, followed by letter	Beginning April 1, online and by e-mail	No	Applying Undeclared/Undecided does not improve or detract from one's chances of admission. Approximately 23 percent of admitted freshmen are Undeclared majors.	Most admitted applicants are accepted to a first-choice major, but alternate majors may be considered.	Applicants to majors in Dance and Music are required to audition. Applicants to Nursing Science are required to submit UC Application, UC Irvine Supplemental Application, and may be asked to a faculty interview.	Engineering (all) and CSE: Math Level 2
UCLA	End of March, online, followed by 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 declared major only.	No	All majors open to freshmen in the schools of the Arts and Architecture, Nursing, and Theater, Film, and Television require submission of supplemental materials, including but not limited to a portfolio or audition. Students should consult the appropriate school's website for details and deadlines for these materials.	Engineering and Applied Science, Nursing; 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. If the student plans to attend a college summer session immediately after graduating from high school or has completed college work while in high school, UC still considers this student a freshman.

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Merced	March 1–31, online, followed by letter	Following admission, online	No	UC Merced does not select applicants by major. Undeclared status does not influence admission decisions.	This may be an option.	None	No
Riverside	February 1, online, followed by 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.	Yes. However, all eligible applicants are admitted to their major of choice.	None	Engineering: Math Level 2 and a science test related to intended major
San Diego	March 15, online, followed by letter	With admission decision, online	Freshman applicants also may be offered admission to the winter quarter.	UCSD does not admit applicants by major. In fall 2007, about 28 percent of freshman applicants applied as Undeclared.	Applicants to over-subscribed majors in the Jacobs School of Engineering may be offered an alternate major if they are not selected for their first-choice majors.	None	Engineering, biological or physical science: Math Level 2 and a science test related to intended major
Santa Barbara	March 1–31, online, followed by letter	In early April, unofficial notification online; in early June, official notification begins online and by e-mail.	No	Major is not considered in admissions 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.	Yes, for students who apply to but are not selected for Dance, Music, Creative Studies or Engineering	Performance majors (Theatre, Dance and Music) require an audition. All Creative Studies applicants must submit a supplemental application with evidence of talent for specific majors.	Engineering and Computer Science: Math Level 2 and a science test related to intended major
Santa Cruz	March 15, online, followed by letter	Mid-March through April, online and by U.S. mail	No	UCSC does not admit applicants by major. Applying Undeclared/Undecided has no bearing on admission decisions.	No. Choice of major (or alternate major) does not affect the admission decision of the campus.	None for purposes of freshman admission. Proposed Music majors should submit an audition CD or tape no later than Jan. 31, 2008 for scholarship consideration. See music.ucsc.edu/undergrad/scholarships.html for more information.	No

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Berkeley	No. However, ELC status is taken into account in the comprehensive review process.	See students.berkeley.edu/files/admissions/freshman_07.pdf .	All majors are competitive and require academic performance beyond UC minimums. For information on selection procedures, consult admissions.berkeley.edu .	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 students.berkeley.edu/admissions/fallapp.asp .
Davis	Yes, provided applicants satisfactorily complete the Subject, Scholarship and Examination requirements.	See admissions.ucdavis.edu/admissions/fr_selection_process and the UC Davis Admissions Information booklet.	All majors, including Undeclared and Exploratory, are competitive and require performance beyond UC minimums.	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 admissions.ucdavis.edu/admissions/fr_nonadmitted .
Irvine	ELC applicants who satisfactorily complete the Subject and Examination requirements are guaranteed admission for fall 2008. The guarantee does not apply to freshman applicants in Dance, Music, Nursing Science, Business Administration and all majors in the Henry Samueli School of Engineering and the Donald Bren School of Information and Computer Sciences. In these majors, ELC status will continue to be given consideration in the comprehensive review process.	See www.admissions.uci.edu/fr_adm.html .	All majors are competitive and require performance beyond UC minimums.	See UC Berkeley entry.	See www.admissions.uci.edu/not_admitted.html .

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UCLA	No. However, ELC status is taken into account in the comprehensive review process.	See www.admissions.ucla.edu/prospect/adm_fr/frsel.htm .	All majors are competitive and require performance beyond UC minimums.	See UC Berkeley entry.	See www.admissions.ucla.edu/appealsfr.htm .
Merced	Yes, provided applicants satisfactorily complete the Subject and Examination requirements.	See admissions.ucmerced.edu	None	UC Merced uses the personal statement to clarify or fill gaps in the application information.	See admissions.ucmerced.edu/appeals .
Riverside	Yes, provided applicants satisfactorily complete the Subject and Examination requirements.	See www.my.ucr.edu/applicants/freshman.aspx .	None	UCR uses the personal statement only to clarify or fill gaps in the application information.	See futurestudents.ucr.edu/help.aspx .
San Diego	No. However, ELC status is taken into account in the comprehensive review process.	See admissions.ucsd.edu/dev3/info/comreview.html .	After admission to the campus has been determined, applicants listing majors in Computer Science, Computer Engineering (CSE and ECE divisions), Bioengineering, and Bioengineering (Biotechnology) are screened by the Jacobs School of Engineering for admission to the major.	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 admissions.ucsd.edu/appeal_info.pdf
Santa Barbara	Yes, provided applicants satisfactorily complete the Subject and Examination requirements.	See www.admissions.ucsb.edu/selectionprocess.asp .	All majors are competitive and require performance beyond UC minimums. See www.admissions.ucsb.edu/selectionprocess.asp for selection guidelines.	See UC Berkeley entry.	See www.admissions.ucsb.edu/parentcounselor/appealprocess.asp .
Santa Cruz	No. However, ELC status is taken into account in the comprehensive review process.	See admissions.ucsc.edu/apply/freshman_guide.cfm .	Choice of major does not affect admission to the campus. For information on specific major requirements and prerequisites, see admissions.ucsc.edu/majors .	See UC Berkeley entry.	See admissions.ucsc.edu/frosh_not_select07.cfm .

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