

Review of Admissions Decisions (The Appeals Process)

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The appeals process is available to all applicants, and is implemented as indicated at the attached chart.

[Note: Until recently, appeals for non-admission was not a major concern at either UC Riverside or UC Santa Cruz. The Riverside campus has been able to offer admission to all UC-eligible applicants, and until 2003-2004, Santa Cruz also offered admission to all applicants who were UC-eligible. For purpose of this analysis these campuses are not included in the attachment, however any student may appeal a decision if the applicant feels there was an error in the evaluation.]