

## First-Year Outcomes

*What are the outcome data (persistence, first-year GPA) for students admitted with low test scores?*

Data presented at the January meeting show that, while outcome indicators such as first-year persistence and first-year GPA in most cases bear a relationship to preparation indicators such as high school GPA and, to a lesser degree, SAT I scores, students who enter UC with lower grades and test scores are very likely to complete their freshman year with acceptable grade point averages (generally in the C+ range) and persist to their second year. For example, students entering Berkeley with high school GPAs below 3.2 had a first-year UC GPA of 2.69 and a one-year persistence rate of 90.9% (see tables on pages 1-2 that follow). Tables on page 4 also show that at Berkeley the average first-year GPA did not fall below 2.0 in any of the high school GPA or SAT-I score bands.

The persistence and first-year GPA data indicate that comprehensive review enables a campus to select those applicants who despite relatively weaker quantitative indicators nonetheless exhibit other characteristics that demonstrate a strong potential for academic success.