

The Referral Process

Do all campuses have referral pools? If so, how large are they on each campus?

Referral is an administrative process by which UC-eligible California applicants who are not selected at any of the campuses where they apply are offered admission to an alternate campus. This process represents an implementation of the University's commitment to provide all eligible California freshman and transfer applicants the opportunity to enroll on a UC campus. Referral occurs in the fall term only. In recent years, only the Riverside campus has been able to accommodate freshman students through referral. At the transfer level, the Riverside and Santa Cruz campuses have accommodated referral applicants.

The University of California received 77,950 freshman applications (unduplicated) for the Fall 2003 term. Of these, 6,453, representing 10.5% of the total admitted class, were offered admission through referral. Of these, 576, representing 8.9% of the total admitted through referral, accepted the offer of admission.

What is the Academic profile (GPA and SAT) of students admitted from referral pool?

The following table displays the high school grade point average and SAT I scores of the 6,453 students who were in the Fall 2003 referral pool. As the table indicates, the academic achievement levels of applicants in the referral pool are typical of students throughout the entire range of the applicant pool. Applicants who entered the referral pool were more likely than non-referral students to have applied originally to only one University of California campus (27%, compared to 12%). In fact, 54% of referral students applied to only 1 or 2 campuses, compared to 28% of the general freshman applicant pool. Like applicants in the larger pool, referral students applied most frequently to UCLA and UC San Diego. It is worth noting, however, that UC Davis, followed by UCLA, UCSD, and UC Santa Barbara, had the greatest number of referral students who applied originally to only one campus.

Distribution of Fall 2003 Referral Pool Students By High School GPA and SAT I Scores

GPA Bands	Admits
Below 2.80	25
2.80 - 2.99	190
3.00 - 3.19	727
3.20 - 3.39	1281
3.40 - 3.59	1456
3.60 - 3.79	1373
3.80 - 3.99	853
4.00 - 4.19	440
4.20 and Above	97
Missing	11
Total	6453

SAT I Score Bands	Admits
400-500	0
501-600	1
601-700	6
701-800	75
801-900	295
901-1000	926
1001-1100	1481
1101-1200	1890
1201-1300	1209
1301-1400	403
1401-1500	139
1501-1600	26
Missing	2
Total	6453