University of California Campus Policies and Procedures for Reviewing Freshman Applicants[1]

UC Campus	When and how will applicants be notified of their admission status for fall 2017?	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 to the colleges of Letters & Sciences and Natural Resources may be offered the option to enroll in Global Edge. Applicants to the College of Letters & Sciences may also be offered 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	Mid to late March online and by e-mail. Admitted students will also receive a notification letter and packet.	Mid to late March awards are available online concurrent with admission notification. Students will receive an e-mail when information is available for review.	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 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 has no bearing on admission decisions.	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.	Visit this website to see Subject Test recommendations by campus and college or program.

[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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Los Angeles	Late March online. Admitted students will also receive a notification letter.	Concurrent with notification of admission, online.	No	Applying Undeclared has no bearing on admission decisions in the College of Letters and Science. School of Engineering and Applied Science also offers an undeclared engineering option, which is also a selective program.	No	All majors open to freshmen in the schools of the Arts and Architecture, Music, 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.
Merced	Online, beginning in March on a rolling basis. Admitted students will also receive a notification letter	Online, following admission decision release. Admitted students will also receive one paper notification; any updates to awards will be released online.	No	Applying Undeclared has no bearing on admission decisions.	This may be an option.	None	No
Riverside	March 1-31 online. Admitted students will also receive a notification letter.	Beginning March 1, online.	No	Applying Undeclared has no bearing on admission decisions.	Yes. Applicants will be considered for their alternate major if they are not selected for their first-choice major.	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.

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San Diego	Mid-March, online. Admitted students will also receive a notification letter.	Mid-March with admission decision, online.	No	UC San Diego does not admit freshman applicants by major. Students interested in capped majors should list them as their first choice major on the UC Application.	Yes. Applicants to capped majors may be offered an alternate major if they are not selected for their first-choice major.	Applicants to the following majors may submit an optional supplemental portfolio/audition: History, Literature, Music, Philosophy Theatre & Dance, Visual Arts.	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 late March or 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 March 15, official awards begin posting in June. Students notified by e-mail.	No	UCSC does not admit applicants by major. Applying Undeclared 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 15 (postmarked). See http://music.ucsc.edu/scholarships for details.	No

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UC Campus	Will the campus guarantee admission to Eligibility in the Local Context (ELC) students for fall 2017?	Where can I find information describing how your campus evaluates applicants using comprehensive review?	Which of the campus's colleges, schools or majors are selective (i.e., require academic performance above minimum UC admission requirements)?	How does the campus use the personal insight question responses in evaluating applicants?	Where can students find information about the appeals process?
Berkeley	No. However, ELC status is taken into account in the application review process.	See http://admissions.berkeley.edu/selectsstudents	All majors are competitive and require academic performance beyond UC minimums.	All personal insight question responses are reviewed. Reviewers use the responses 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.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 academic performance beyond UC minimums	All personal insight question responses are reviewed. Reviewers use the responses to help put into perspective an applicant's academic accomplishments and personal and extracurricular achievements. 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 insight question responses 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 academic performance beyond UC minimums	All personal insight question responses are reviewed. Reviewers use the responses 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/apply/faq/appeals.php
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 academic performance beyond UC minimums	All personal insight question responses are reviewed. Reviewers use the responses 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.ucmerced.edu/First-Year-Selection-Factors	The School of Engineering recommends performance beyond UC minimum subject requirements in science and math.	All personal insight question responses are reviewed. Reviewers use the responses to help put into perspective an applicant's academic accomplishments and personal and extracurricular achievements. 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 insight question responses to clarify or fill gaps in the application information.	See http://admissions.ucmerced.edu/form/decision-appeals
Riverside	No	See http://admissions.ucr.edu/admissions/freshman.html	All majors are competitive and require academic performance beyond UC minimums.	Reviewers use the personal insight question responses to clarify or fill gaps in the application information.	See http://admissions.ucr.edu/connect/faq.html
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* under Freshman (navigation bar) on the Admissions home page at http://admissions.ucsd.edu	All majors are competitive and require academic performance beyond UC minimums.	Reviewers use the personal insight question responses 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.ucsd.edu/next/waiting.html Click on *Submitting an Appeal*
Santa Barbara	No. However, ELC status is taken into account in the application review process.	See www.admissions.ucsb.edu/selectionprocess.asp	All majors are competitive and require academic performance beyond UC minimums. See http://admissions.sa.ucsb.edu/applying/freshman/selection for selection guidelines.	Reviewers use the personal insight question responses 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 insight question responses 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

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