

FRESHMAN SELECTION

CAMPUS POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR REVIEWING FRESHMAN APPLICANTS

Does applying Undeclared have any bearing on an applicant's chances of admission?

Berkeley	Applying Undeclared does not affect admission but offers an opportunity for students to explore before declaring a major.
Davis	Applying Undeclared or Undeclared/Exploratory does not affect admission but offers an opportunity for students to explore before declaring a major.
Irvine	Applying Undeclared does not affect admission but offers an opportunity for students to explore before declaring a major.
Los Angeles	Applying Undeclared in the College of Letters and Science does not affect admission but offers an opportunity for students to explore before declaring a major. However, selecting Undeclared-Engineering does impact admission due to space limitations.
Merced	Applying Undeclared does not affect admission but offers an opportunity for students to explore before declaring a major.
Riverside	Applying Undeclared does not affect admission but offers an opportunity for students to explore before declaring a major. Note: Undeclared is not an option for the Bourns College of Engineering .
San Diego	Applying Undeclared does not affect admission but offers an opportunity for students to explore before declaring a major. However, applicants interested in highly selective/capped majors are advised to apply directly to the major. For a list of selective/capped majors see: ucal.us/dnWwFq .
Santa Barbara	Undeclared is an option only in the College of Letters and Science . It does not affect admission but offers an opportunity for students to explore before declaring a major.
Santa Cruz	Applying Undeclared/Undecided does not affect admission but offers an opportunity for students to explore before declaring a major. However, the Computer Science majors (B.A. and B.S.) are selective. Students interested in Computer Science must apply to the major.

For which programs is the intended major a factor in admission?

Berkeley	Major choice is a factor in admission to the colleges of Engineering and Chemistry . Applicants are highly encouraged to indicate their primary major interest for any college to which they intend to apply.
Davis	None
Irvine	All first-year applicants receive the same review regardless of the intended major. Based on selection criteria, applicants are admitted to either a primary or alternate major.
Los Angeles	Major choice is a factor in admission to the Schools of Arts and Architecture, Engineering, Music, Nursing, and Theater, Film and Television. Applicants must list a major within the respective school as their primary major.
Merced	None
Riverside	Students are admitted based on the major selected on the application. If a student does not qualify for the selected preferred major, the student will automatically be considered for the alternate major.
San Diego	First-year applicants receive the same application review regardless of major. The selection process will place students into their first-choice major, alternate major or as undeclared (for applicants who are not admitted to a capped major but meet selection).
Santa Barbara	In the College of Creative Studies and the College of Engineering , students are admitted to a specific major. In the College of Letters and Science , students are admitted to a major or a pre-major. If admitted to a pre-major, the student must meet additional requirements at UCSB prior to being in the full major. The Dance BA and Music BM programs require an audition, and direct admission is granted to students who pass the audition. Students interested in the Dance BFA program can audition in their sophomore year. Students interested in the Theater BFA program can be admitted directly to Theater BA and can audition for the Theater BFA program at the end of their freshman year.
Santa Cruz	Computer Science (B.A. and B.S.)

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Does the campus consider students for an alternate major?	
Berkeley	No
Davis	Yes. Applicants are encouraged to list an alternate major, but not in the same area as the primary major (e.g., Computer Science Engineering with alternate Computer Science in the College of L&S). Occasionally, we admit to the alternate major.
Irvine	Yes. Applicants may be considered for admission to their alternate major if they are not selected for their first-choice major.
Los Angeles	UCLA only guarantees review of an applicant's first-choice major.
Merced	Yes. Applicants are considered for their alternate major if they are not selected for their first-choice major.
Riverside	Yes. Applicants are considered for their alternate major if they are not selected for their first-choice major.
San Diego	Yes. Applicants to a capped major are encouraged to select an alternate, uncapped major. We will consider the applicant's alternate major if we are unable to admit to the first choice.
Santa Barbara	Yes. We recommend that students applying for Engineering and Creative Studies choose an alternate major in a different college from their first-choice major.
Santa Cruz	Yes. In particular, students proposing Computer Science (B.A. and B.S.) are encouraged to choose an alternate major.
Which of the campus's majors require an audition or submission of supplemental materials?	
Berkeley	None
Davis	Students who wish to major in Landscape Architecture must apply to the Pre-Landscape Architecture major. After students have enrolled at UC Davis they will be required to submit a separate major application to the department in February to be considered for formal acceptance to the Landscape Architecture major. For more information visit: humanecology.ucdavis.edu/landscape-architecture-major .
Irvine	Dance and Music
Los Angeles	All majors in the following professional schools require submission of additional materials, including but not limited to a supplemental application, portfolio or audition: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School of Arts and Architecture • School of Music • School of Nursing • School of Theater, Film and Television See our professional schools' websites for details and deadlines.
Merced	None
Riverside	None
San Diego	Students applying to Music , Theatre & Dance or Visual Arts may submit an optional portfolio/audition video.
Santa Barbara	Auditions are required for Dance BA and Music BM . Students interested in Dance BFA can audition in their sophomore year. Students interested in Theater BFA can audition at the end of their freshman year. College of Creative Studies requires submission of Work in Evidence of Talent for the Art , Music Composition , and Writing and Literature majors.
Santa Cruz	None

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Which colleges/schools or majors are most selective at the freshman level?	
Berkeley	Majors in the colleges of Engineering and Chemistry are the most selective.
Davis	Majors in the College of Engineering and Computer Science in the College of Letters and Science are the most selective.
Irvine	The following majors are the most selective: Business Administration, Dance, Music, Nursing Science and all majors in The Henry Samueli School of Engineering and The Donald Bren School of Information and Computer Science .
Los Angeles	Majors in our professional schools are most selective. For detailed information about the freshman admission process, refer to www.admission.ucla.edu/prospect/Adm_fr.htm .
Merced	Majors in the School of Natural Sciences and the School of Engineering are the most selective. Students are encouraged to complete pre-calculus or higher before applying.
Riverside	Majors in the Bourns College of Engineering and the College of Natural and Agricultural Sciences .
San Diego	All Engineering majors and Biological Sciences, Data Science, Physics and Public Health
Santa Barbara	The College of Engineering is generally the most competitive; however the College of Creative Studies requires faculty review and can be highly selective.
Santa Cruz	The Computer Science majors (B.A. and B.S.) may be more selective than other majors.
What method of comprehensive review does your campus utilize? *	
Berkeley	Holistic review incorporating the faculty-approved comprehensive review factors with no fixed weight on any factor. Every achievement, academic or non-academic, is considered within the context of opportunities available to the applicant.
Davis	Holistic review incorporating the faculty-approved comprehensive review factors with no fixed weight on any factor. Every achievement, academic or non-academic, is considered within the context of opportunities available to the applicant.
Irvine	Holistic review incorporating the faculty-approved comprehensive review factors with no fixed weight on any factor. Every achievement, academic or non-academic, is considered within the context of opportunities available to the applicant.
Los Angeles	Holistic review incorporating the faculty-approved comprehensive review factors with no fixed weight on any factor. Every achievement, academic or non-academic, is considered within the context of opportunities available to the applicant.
Merced	Fixed weight incorporating the faculty-approved comprehensive review factors considering both academic factors weighted at 70% and non-academic factors weighted at 30%.
Riverside	Fixed weight incorporating the faculty-approved comprehensive review criteria that are used to calculate an Academic Index Score.
San Diego	Holistic review incorporating the faculty-approved comprehensive review factors with no fixed weight on any factor. Every achievement, academic or non-academic, is considered within the context of opportunities available to the applicant.
Santa Barbara	Holistic review incorporating the faculty-approved comprehensive review factors. Every achievement, academic or non-academic, is considered within the context of the opportunities available to the applicant.
Santa Cruz	Holistic review. Every achievement, academic or non-academic, is considered within the context of opportunities available to the applicant.

* "Holistic" means that no single factor carries a specific weight consistently across all applications in the admission review; instead, the review incorporates an individual's circumstances, educational context and what each individual has presented on the application. "Fixed weight" means that various factors are weighted (e.g., could be 50/50, 75/25, etc.) in the admission review and the weighting is consistent across all applications.