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Q: How does UC San Diego select freshmen for admission?

A: Our goal is to identify and admit students who are fully prepared to excel in our challenging academic environment. We review all 14 criteria as approved by the Board of Admissions and Relations with Schools.

You can review the details of the [Application Review Process](#) on the Admissions website.

Q: How many students applied?

A: We received more than 88,400 freshman applications for Fall 2017 for a limited number of spaces. The enrollment goals are established annually.

Q: Can I defer my admission?

A: No, we do not offer deferred admission. If you decide not to accept our offer of admission at this time, you would need to apply when you want to be considered for admission. If you decide to enroll in one of the California community colleges or another college or university, you can apply to UC San Diego in the future as a transfer student at the junior level. [Click here for details about transfer opportunities.](#)

Q: Can I change the college I was admitted to?

A: No. Each college has a certain number of spaces for freshmen. Unlike most universities, your college is *not* determined by your major. This gives you a unique opportunity to meet a wider range of people.

Q: I didn't get admitted to my first choice major. Is there anything I can do?

A: UC San Diego has several majors that have capped enrollment, meaning that more students express interest in those majors than there are spaces available. If you were not admitted to a capped major, you must either accept your alternate major or select another major that is not capped.

If you provided an alternate major that is not capped, you were admitted to the alternate choice. Otherwise, you were admitted as an Undeclared major and you will be able to select another non-capped major.

Q: When can I talk with an academic adviser?

A: After mid-May, your undergraduate college will send information about academic advising, online enrollment and college orientation. Attendance at your college's orientation is **mandatory**. The college websites have up-to-date information after that date. Be sure to keep your email and snail-mail addresses current on *MyApplication* so you receive this information.

Q: Will taking a class at another college jeopardize my admission to UC San Diego?

A: No, not at all, as long as you take the class during the summer between graduation from high school and enrolling at UC San Diego. And remember, if you intend to take the class for credit, you will need to have your official transcript sent to UC San Diego.

Q: When and where do I send my transcripts?

A: All official transcripts **must** be sent directly from the academic institution(s) you attended. You may begin submitting transcripts as of May 1—all transcripts must be received by the deadline of **July 1, 2017**. **Your admission is *subject to cancellation* if we do not receive your transcripts by this deadline.**

- Refer to more details about requesting your transcripts on your *MyApplication* checklist.

Did you attend any schools outside the United States? Make sure you have the correct documents sent to us – refer to our downloadable list: [Required Documents from Schools Outside the United States](#). You will need to request that your school send the document(s) in time to arrive on or before **July 1**.

Most transcripts are sent by mail directly from the schools to UC San Diego, at the following address:

University of California San Diego
Office of Admissions
Attn: Transcripts
9500 Gilman Dr, Dept 0021
La Jolla, CA 92093-0021

We prefer electronic transcripts sent to us by the following e-transcript vendors: Docufide/Parchment, Credential Solutions, eScripSafe and etranscriptCA. We are unable to process electronic transcripts from any other vendors.

Q: When will I hear about on-campus housing?

A: Visit hdh.ucsd.edu for details. The guarantee of two years of on-campus housing applies only if you apply for housing by May 1 and meet all subsequent housing and admissions deadlines.

Q: Where can I find out about financial aid?

A: If you have applied for financial aid and submitted your FAFSA or California Dream Act application to UC San Diego by March 2, 2017, you can view an estimate of your financial aid award by going to the *My Financial Aid Estimate* link on *MyApplication*. You must provide your Social Security number or ITIN to match your application with your financial aid distribution. For general information, your best resource is the [Financial Aid Office website](#).

Q: Can I bring my car to campus? Is there parking for students?

A: We're a very green campus, with more than half of our community using many alternate forms of transportation instead of cars. Find information about commuting solutions, including buses, shuttles, trains, Zipcar, and bicycles on the campus [Transportation website](#).

Freshmen cannot purchase an annual parking permit, but have the option to purchase a [daily pay station permits](#) at a price of \$16 per day.