

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## Freshman Applicants Not Offered Admission

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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.

**Q: Why wasn't I offered admission?**

A: Applicants admitted to UC San Diego for Fall 2017 exceeded the minimum criteria for eligibility. Selection remains competitive.

You can also refer to our [Transfer Advantage webpage](#) for information about applying as a junior-year transfer student.

**Q: How many students applied?**

A: We received more than 88,400 freshman applications for Fall 2017 for a limited number of spaces.

**Q: Was I considered for admission if I did not take one of the college admission exams?**

A: No. The test requirements are very specific for all applicants to the University of California, and there are no exceptions. By the December test date of your senior year you must have taken either:

- the ACT Assessment plus Writing (scores must be from the same sitting);  
*OR*
- the SAT Reasoning Test with critical reading, math and writing;  
*OR*
- the SAT Suite of Assessments with essay.

**Q: What if my test scores were not sent by ETS or ACT?**

A: It is your responsibility to keep track of your test scores. We notify all applicants in December and January that their applications have been received.

**Q: Can I appeal the decision?**

A: Note: Successful appeals are very rare. Your application has already been reviewed thoroughly by at least two readers.

To provide new and compelling academic information that was not in your original application, follow the link to [submit your appeal online](#). If you base your appeal on an emergency, family or medical-related situation, you will need to provide documentation of your circumstances. However, please do not attach any documentation to your appeal at this time. If we need to review additional material, we will ask for it.

**Q: Can I apply for another quarter?**

A: No. We only consider students from the Fall Quarter applicant pool each year.

**Q: Does UC San Diego have a waiting list for freshman applicants?**

A: Yes. A limited number of applicants are given the option of joining the waitlist. Participation is by invitation only. There is no appeal process to get on the waitlist.

**Q: I was ELC eligible. Why wasn't I admitted to UC San Diego?**

A: Eligibility in the Local Context ([ELC](#)) students are guaranteed a space at one of the nine undergraduate UC campuses, but not necessarily at the campus or major of choice.

**Q: I still want to go to UC San Diego. What are my options?**

A: We welcome transfer students at the junior level. Approximately 25 percent of all new students on campus each year are transfer students.

Because of a strong partnership between the University of California and the California Community College system, there are several transfer programs that can assist you in selecting the courses that will transfer appropriately. We highly encourage you to “take the transfer route.” The UC San Diego webpage [Transfer Advantage](#) gives an overview. Further details can be found on the Admissions webpages for transfer students or from your high school or community college counselors.