

UC San Diego Announces Freshmen Admissions Data for Fall 2008 and Winter 2009 Quarters

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The University of California, San Diego has admitted 19,690 freshmen for the Fall 2008 and Winter 2009 quarters, up 512 students for a 2.7 percent increase from the previous year.

The admitted UC San Diego students were selected from a total 47,364 freshmen applications, with 19,022 admitted for the Fall 2008 quarter and 668 for the Winter 2009 quarter. UCSD received the third most freshmen applications in the UC system, after UCLA and Berkeley.

Mae Brown, assistant vice chancellor for Admissions and Enrollment Services, noted that the academic quality of the incoming freshmen class continues to be outstanding, as this year's group of admitted students attained a mean high school grade point average (GPA) of 4.06 and an average SAT Reasoning score of 629, 670 and 641 respectively for Critical Reading, Math and Writing.

"Amid the twin challenges of a dramatic increase in student demand and no increase in University funding for the 2008-2009 year, the University has continued to make strides in offering admission to a broadly diverse pool of well-qualified, talented applicants," Brown noted.

Of the 19,690 freshmen, 7,433 were identified as Eligible in the Local Context (ELC), meaning that these are UC eligible students who were identified as the top four percent of their high school graduating class. The average GPA of these ELC students is 4.18 and on average their SAT Reasoning scores were 626, 662 and 635 respectively for Critical Reading, Math and Writing.

More than 1,600, or 8.4 percent of the newly admitted freshmen are from San Diego and Imperial Counties. The largest percentage of the admitted freshmen, at 44.5 percent, come from Los Angeles, followed by San Francisco at 24.2 percent.

The most popular majors chosen by this class, in order, are biology, economics, bioengineering and chemistry. All UC campuses are continuing to see more women than men among the newly admitted classes, with UCSD recording 56.7 percent females compared to 43.1 percent males, and 0.2 percent not responding to this question. Approximately 24.7 percent admitted to UCSD for Fall 2008 and Winter 2009 represent the first in their family to attend college.

Data for the admission of underrepresented students in the Fall 2008 and Winter 2009 UCSD freshman class show a 6.9 percent increase, compared to the overall campus increase of 2.7 percent. A total 352 African-Americans (down from 392 last year), 2,031 Mexican Americans (up from 1,800 last year), 666 Latinos (up from 636 last year), and 68 Native Americans (down from 87 last year) were admitted in the Fall 2008 and Winter 2009 class.

Admitted freshmen have until May 1 to indicate whether they will attend UCSD.

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