

## Student profile for Fall 1988 at UCSD

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### PROFILE OF UCSD UNDERGRADUATES RELEASED

Undergraduate enrollment for the fall 1988 class at the University of California, San Diego reached an all-time high at 14,105, an increase of more than 500 over the previous year's total, according to a student profile prepared by the UCSD Office of Admissions and Registrar and Student Research and Information/Undergraduate Affairs.

The student profile also revealed the following facts about UCSD undergraduates:

--More than 22,309 students sought undergraduate admission to UCSD. Of these, 11,825 were admitted and 3,511 actually enrolled as new students in the fall.

--Those who were admitted to UCSD tended to have very high grade-point averages. Nearly two thirds, or 66 percent, had high school GPA's of 3.6 or higher, and 32 percent had GPA's of 3.9 or higher.

--Scholastic Aptitude Tests, or SAT, scores were the highest since 1979. The average SAT verbal score was 525 out of a possible 800, and the average math score was 603 out of a possible 800. An interesting note is that while 11 percent had math scores over 700, only one percent had verbal scores above 700.

--What do UCSD students choose to study? The social sciences had the largest number of majors (31.7 percent) followed by science and math (23.9 percent), engineering (21.2 percent), double or special majors (13.6 percent), humanities (5.9 percent), and the arts (3.7 percent).

--The ten most popular undergraduate majors were (in order): general biology, applied mechanics and engineering science pre-major, psychology, political science, biochemistry and cell biology, economics, electrical and computer engineering pre-major, quantitative economics and decision sciences, communication pre-major, and electrical engineering.

--Males outnumber females 7,543 to 6,562 or 53.5 percent to 46.5 percent.

--Ethnic minorities make up about 30 percent of the undergraduate student body. The figures are 63.1 percent white; 18.9 percent Asian, East Indian or Filipino; 8.7 percent Hispanic; 2.9 percent black; 0.7 percent American Indian, and 5.7 percent other or no data.

--The average undergraduate is 21 years old. But nearly 21 percent of the students are undergraduates over 25 and graduate students over 30.

--By far, most UCSD undergraduates (over 90 percent) come from California. San Diego and Imperial counties accounted for 37.2 percent, and Los Angeles and Orange counties added another 33.2 percent. Out-of-state students were 7.2 percent and 2.0 percent came from foreign countries.

--About 30 percent of all UCSD students receive some type of financial assistance which includes scholarships, loans, grants, and work-study programs.

--The number of entering students who actually graduate from UCSD is well above the national average, according to the profile. Over 60 percent of entering freshmen eventually complete their degree, and of these, 43 percent do so within four years, 44 percent take five years, and 13 percent take six years or longer.

--In 1987-88, UCSD conferred 2,805 degrees, including 2,101 bachelors' degrees, 287 masters' degrees, 108 candidate in philosophy degrees, 200 Ph.D.'s, and 109 M.D. degrees.

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