

UC San Diego Admits More Than 19,000 Freshmen for Fall 2007 and Winter 2008 Quarters

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The University of California, San Diego has admitted 19,133 freshmen for the Fall 2007 and Winter 2008 quarters, down 2,172 students for a 10.2 percent decrease from the previous year. UCSD made fewer admissions offers for the Fall 2007 term due to the enrollment of a larger than expected freshmen class in Fall 2006.

The number of students applying to UCSD remained one of the highest in the nation, second only to UCLA in the UC system. The admitted UCSD students were selected from a total 45,067 freshmen applications (up from 43,579 applications last year), with 18,539 admitted for the Fall 2007 quarter and 594 for the Winter 2008 quarter.

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 633, 669 and 639 respectively for Critical Reading, Math and Writing.

Of the 19,133 freshmen, 7,236 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 628, 660 and 632 respectively for Critical Reading, Math and Writing.

More than 1,600 or 8.7 percent of the newly admitted freshmen are from San Diego and Imperial Counties. The largest percentage of the admitted freshmen, at 44.1 percent, come from Los Angeles, followed by San Francisco at 24.7 percent.

The most popular majors chosen by this class, in order, are biology, chemistry, economics, bioengineering, and mechanical and aeronautical engineering. All UC campuses are continuing to see more women than men among the newly admitted classes, with UCSD recording 56 percent females compared to 44 percent males, and 0.3 percent not responding to this question. Approximately 24.5 percent admitted to UCSD for Fall 2007 and Winter 2008 represent the first in their family to attend college.

Data for the admission of underrepresented students in the Fall 2007 and Winter 2008 UCSD freshman class show a 5.5 percent decrease, compared to the overall campus decrease of 10.2 percent. A total 386 African-Americans (down from 387 last year), 1,795 Mexican Americans (down from 1,906 last year), 634 Latinos (down from 658 last year), and 87 Native Americans (down from 117 last year) were admitted in the Fall 2007 and Winter 2008 class.

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

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