

## UCSD announces composition of 1998 freshmen class

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UCSD received an historic high of 28,002 freshmen applications this year, and received commitments to enroll from 3,600 applicants. The academic quality of the entering freshmen class remains characteristically strong, with an average high school grade point average of 3.87, and average combined Scholastic Aptitude Test scores of 1,240.

This fall freshmen class -- the first to be selected without affirmative action considerations -- will have 307 underrepresented students, 27% less than last year. Underrepresented students comprise 8.5% of the freshmen accepts. (Students comprising the underrepresented group include Native-American, African-American, and Mexican-American.) Compared to last year, this class has increases in the numbers of Latino and Filipino freshmen.

Because having a diversified student body is a UCSD priority, an aggressive outreach effort was undertaken to persuade underrepresented students to accept UCSD's offer of admission. The composition of the entering freshmen class is .6% Native-American; 1.7% African-American; 2.1% Latino; 5.3% Filipino; 6.2% Mexican-American; 28.9% Asian; and 36.9% Caucasian. (Some ethnic categories are underreported because 18.3% of the students did not identify their ethnicity.)

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