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UC San Diego Admits Record Number of Freshmen for Fall 2012



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The University of California, San Diego has admitted a record 22,947 freshmen for Fall 2012. The number of admitted students is up 4,715, which represents a 25.9 percent increase from last year. The new freshmen were selected from a record 60,800 applications.

Of the 22,947 admitted freshmen, the average GPA is 4.07 and average SAT Reasoning scores are 639, 691 and 661, respectively, for Critical Reading, Math and Writing.

“We’re thrilled UC San Diego continues to attract many highly qualified and dynamic students,” said Mae Brown, assistant vice chancellor for Admissions and Enrollment Services. “Our students have made tremendous contributions to this campus, helping to establish UC San Diego as a world-renowned, academic powerhouse.”

UC San Diego continues to enhance the diversity of its campus community with a total of 510 African-Americans (up 29.4 percent from last year), 852 Filipino (up 35 percent) and 119 Native Americans (up 48.8 percent from last year) admitted for Fall 2012.

California residents are up 10.7 percent with a total of 15,431 California students admitted. More than 40 percent of the newly admitted UC San Diego freshmen are from Southern California. Approximately 1,633, or 7.1 percent, are from San Diego and Imperial Counties. The largest percentage of the admitted freshmen, 7,572 (33 percent), come from Los Angeles, followed by San Francisco with 4,105 students (17.9 percent).

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The most popular majors chosen by this freshman class are biology, economics, computer science and engineering, chemistry, and mechanical and aerospace engineering.

More females than males were admitted for Fall 2012. UC San Diego recorded 52.3 percent females compared to 47.3 percent males and 0.4 percent not responding to this question.

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