

CAMPUS POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR REVIEWING FIRST-YEAR APPLICANTS	
Does applying Undeclared have any bearing on an applicant's chances of admission?	
Berkeley	Applying Undeclared in the College of Letters and Science does not affect admission and offers an opportunity for students to explore before declaring a major. Students interested in a high-demand major in the College of Letters and Science , the College of Engineering or the Haas School of Business should select those majors as their first choice on the application.
Davis	Applying Undeclared or Undeclared/Exploratory does not affect admission and offers an opportunity for students to explore before declaring a major.
Irvine	Applying Undeclared does not negatively affect admission and offers an opportunity for students to explore before declaring a major.
Los Angeles	Applying Undeclared in the College of Letters and Science does not affect admission and offers an opportunity for students to explore before declaring a major. However, selecting Undeclared-Engineering does impact admission due to space limitations.
Merced	Applying Undeclared does not affect admission and offers an opportunity for students to explore before declaring a major.
Riverside	Applying Undeclared does not affect admission and offers an opportunity for students to explore before declaring a major. Note: Undeclared is not an option for the Bourns College of Engineering, School of Business, School of Education and School of Public Policy.
San Diego	Applying Undeclared does not affect admission and offers an opportunity for students to explore before declaring a major. However, applicants interested in highly <u>selective majors</u> are advised to apply directly to the major.
Santa Barbara	Applying Undeclared does not affect admission and offers an opportunity for students to explore before declaring a major. Applying Undeclared is an option only in the College of Letters and Science . Undeclared is not an option in the College of Creative Studies or the College of Engineering . Students intending on majors in those colleges should apply directly to the preferred major as movement between colleges later may not be allowed.
Santa Cruz	Applying Undeclared/Undecided does not affect admission and offers an opportunity for students to explore before declaring a major. However, the Computer Science majors (B.A. and B.S.) are selective. Students interested in Computer Science must apply to the major.
For which programs is the intended major a factor in admission?	
Berkeley	Applicants' first-choice major is a factor in admission to the colleges of Chemistry; Computing, Data Science, and Society; Engineering; Environmental Design; and the Haas School of Business . The College of Letters and Science has several high-demand, or capped, majors with limited capacity. Applicants must indicate their primary major interest for any college to which they intend to apply.
Davis	Major choice is a factor in admission to the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences , the College of Engineering and the College of Letters and Science . Applicants are highly encouraged to indicate their primary major interest for any college to which they intend to apply and to indicate a non-selective alternate major.
Irvine	Major choice is a factor in admission for all majors. Based on selection criteria, applicants are admitted to either a primary or alternate major.
Los Angeles	Major choice is a factor in admission to the schools of Arts and Architecture, Engineering, Music, Nursing, and Theater, Film and Television . Applicants must list a major within the respective school as their primary major.
Merced	None
Riverside	Students are admitted based on the major selected on the application. If a student does not qualify for the selected preferred major, the student will automatically be considered for the alternate major.
San Diego	Applicants are reviewed for admission to their first-choice major. In the Jacobs School of Engineering, Bioengineering, Computer Science, Computer Engineering, Electrical and Computer Engineering, and Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering are in high demand and limited in capacity. Applicants to these majors are strongly encouraged to select an alternate major. If not offered admission to the first-choice major, applicants may be considered for an alternate major or Undeclared, if there is space.

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For which programs is the intended major a factor in admission? <i>(continued)</i>	
Santa Barbara	<p>In the College of Creative Studies and the College of Engineering, students are admitted to a specific major.</p> <p>In the College of Letters and Science, students are admitted to a major or a pre-major. If admitted to a pre-major, the student must meet additional requirements at UCSB prior to being in the full major. The Dance B.A. and Music B.M. programs require an audition, and direct admission is granted to admitted students who pass the audition. Students interested in the Dance B.F.A. program can audition in their sophomore year. Students interested in the Theater B.F.A. program can be admitted directly to Theater B.A. and audition for the Theater B.F.A. program at the end of their first year.</p>
Santa Cruz	<p>First-year applicants receive the same application review regardless of major. The Baskin School of Engineering, the Division of Social Sciences, and the Division of Physical and Biological Sciences have several high-demand majors that may be limited in capacity. Applicants are highly encouraged to indicate their primary major of interest to which they intend to apply and to indicate an alternate major outside their primary major area.</p>
Does the campus consider students for an alternate major?	
Berkeley	No, only an applicant's first-choice major is considered at this time.
Davis	Yes. Applicants are encouraged to list an alternate major, but not in the same area as the primary major (e.g., two majors in the same college).
Irvine	UC Irvine reviews all applicants for their first-choice major. If not selected for their first-choice major, applicants may be considered for their alternate major on a case-by-case basis if space is available. Nursing Science and Business Administration will not be considered as alternate majors.
Los Angeles	UCLA only guarantees review of an applicant's first-choice major.
Merced	Yes. Applicants are considered for their alternate major if they are not selected for their first-choice major.
Riverside	Yes. Applicants are considered for their alternate major if they are not selected for their first-choice major.
San Diego	Yes. Applicants applying to highly selective majors, such as Bioengineering , Computer Science , Computer Engineering , Electrical and Computer Engineering , and Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering , are encouraged to choose an alternate major. If not offered admission to the first-choice major, applicants may be considered for an alternate major or Undeclared, if there is space.
Santa Barbara	An applicant may be considered for admission to an alternate major if a valid alternate major is indicated on the application and if space is available. Students applying in Creative Studies are encouraged to choose an alternate major in the College of Letters and Science . College of Engineering majors are available as first-choice majors only and are not available as alternate major selections.
Santa Cruz	Yes. In particular, students proposing Computer Science (B.A. and B.S.) are encouraged to choose an alternate major.
Which of the campus's majors require an audition or submission of supplemental materials?	
Berkeley	<p>Applicants who select any of the following Haas School of Business programs as their first choice will be asked to submit supplemental application materials:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Global Management Program • Spieker Undergraduate Business Program • Management, Entrepreneurship, and Technology (M.E.T.) Program
Davis	Those who wish to major in Landscape Architecture must apply to the Pre-Landscape Architecture major. After students have enrolled at UC Davis they will be required to submit a separate major application to the department in February to be considered for formal acceptance to the Landscape Architecture major.
Irvine	Dance B.A. and B. Mus. require an audition. Art B.A. requires the submission of a portfolio. Drama B.A. applicants have the opportunity to submit an optional audition/portfolio.

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Which of the campus's majors require an audition or submission of supplemental materials? *(continued)*

Los Angeles	<p>All majors in the following professional schools require submission of additional materials, including but not limited to a supplemental application, portfolio or audition:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School of Arts and Architecture • School of Music • School of Nursing • School of Theater, Film and Television <p>See our professional schools' websites for details and deadlines.</p>
Merced	None
Riverside	None
San Diego	Students applying to Music, Theatre and Dance or Visual Arts may submit an optional portfolio/audition video.
Santa Barbara	Auditions are required for Dance B.A. and Music B.M. Students interested in Dance B.F.A. may audition in their sophomore year. Students interested in Theater B.F.A. can audition at the end of their first year. Applicants to the College of Creative Studies are required to submit a supplemental application. Art, Music Composition , and Writing and Literature majors are also required to submit supplemental materials and evidence of talent in the discipline.
Santa Cruz	None

Which colleges/schools or majors are most selective for first-year applicants?

Berkeley	Majors in the colleges of Chemistry; Computing, Data Science, and Society ; and Engineering , as well as the Haas School of Business , are the most selective. Additionally, the College of Letters and Science has several high-demand, or capped, majors that have limited capacity. For more information, visit admissions.berkeley.edu/majors .
Davis	The following majors are the most selective: Business, Design, Pre-Landscape Architecture, Psychology and most majors in the College of Engineering .
Irvine	Business Administration, Nursing Science , all majors in the Donald Bren School of Information and Computer Science and the Henry Samueli School of Engineering , and the following majors in the School of Social Sciences: Business Economics, Cognitive Sciences, Economics, Psychology and Quantitative Economics
Los Angeles	Majors in our professional schools are most selective. See detailed information about the admission process for first-year applicants .
Merced	Majors in the School of Natural Sciences and the School of Engineering are the most selective. Students are encouraged to complete precalculus or higher before applying.
Riverside	Majors in the Bourns College of Engineering and the College of Natural and Agricultural Sciences
San Diego	Selective majors include Bioengineering, Computer Science, Computer Engineering, Data Science, Electrical and Computer Engineering, Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering , and Public Health . High-interest majors are also very popular but are not yet considered "selective." High-interest majors may include Biological Sciences, Cognitive Science, Business Economics, Economics, Mathematics and Psychology and are subject to change each year. Students applying to a selective or high-interest major should consider listing an alternate major on the UC application. For more information, please visit the selective majors website .
Santa Barbara	The College of Engineering is generally the most selective. The College of Creative Studies requires faculty review and can be highly selective.
Santa Cruz	The Computer Science majors (B.A. and B.S.) may be more selective than other majors.

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What method of comprehensive review does your campus utilize? *

Berkeley	Holistic review incorporating the faculty-approved comprehensive review factors with no fixed weight on any factor. Every achievement, academic or nonacademic, is considered within the context of opportunities available to the applicant.
Davis	Holistic review incorporating the faculty-approved comprehensive review factors with no fixed weight on any factor. Every achievement, academic or nonacademic, is considered within the context of opportunities available to the applicant.
Irvine	Holistic review incorporating the faculty-approved comprehensive review factors with no fixed weight on any factor. Every achievement, academic or nonacademic, is considered within the context of opportunities available to the applicant.
Los Angeles	Holistic review incorporating the faculty-approved comprehensive review factors with no fixed weight on any factor. Every achievement, academic or nonacademic, is considered within the context of opportunities available to the applicant.
Merced	Fixed weight incorporating the faculty-approved comprehensive review factors considering both academic factors, weighted at 70%, and nonacademic factors, weighted at 30%.
Riverside	Fixed weight incorporating the faculty-approved comprehensive review criteria that are used to calculate an Academic Index Score.
San Diego	Holistic review incorporating the faculty-approved comprehensive review factors with no fixed weight on any factor. Every achievement, academic or non-academic, is considered within the context of opportunities available to the applicant.
Santa Barbara	Holistic review incorporating the faculty-approved comprehensive review factors. Every achievement, academic or non-academic, is considered within the context of the opportunities available to the applicant.
Santa Cruz	Holistic review. Achievements, academic or nonacademic, are considered within the context of opportunities available to the applicant.

* "Holistic" means that no single factor carries a specific weight consistently across all applications in the admission review; instead, the review incorporates an individual's circumstances, educational context and what each individual has presented on the application. "Fixed weight" means that various factors are weighted (e.g., could be 50/50, 75/25, etc.) in the admission review and the weighting is consistent across all applications.

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Some UC majors require an audition or submission of a portfolio or other supplemental materials. Explore all UC majors with our [online search tool](#).

BERKELEY

Select first-year applicants will have an opportunity to submit two [letters of recommendation](#). One letter must be written by a teacher or instructor. Applicants will identify letter writers as part of the application process. Letters are due by 11:59 p.m. on Jan. 9, 2026, and must be submitted electronically. After this date, it is not guaranteed that a letter can be read as part of the application review.

HAAS SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

Students must submit a supplemental application, including a self-reported academic record, additional essay questions and résumé. Applicants will receive emailed instructions from the Office of Undergraduate Admissions five to seven days after submission of the UC application. See the [Haas undergraduate admissions](#) website for details.

DAVIS

COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES

Landscape Architecture

Students who wish to major in Landscape Architecture must apply to the Pre-Landscape Architecture major. After students have enrolled at UC Davis they will be required to submit a separate major application to the department during their sophomore year to be considered for formal acceptance to the Landscape Architecture major. Contact the Landscape Architecture Advising Office at (530) 754-8628 or see the [Department of Human Ecology application process](#) for details about the portfolio application and other information.

IRVINE

CLAIRE TREVOR SCHOOL OF THE ARTS

Art

Applicants must submit a portfolio of 10 images of artwork or not more than three minutes of video to be considered for the Art major. See the [Art](#) website for more information.

Dance

Applicants must audition in multiple techniques. Auditions will be held in January and February prior to the fall quarter when enrollment is anticipated. See the [Dance](#) website for details.

Drama

Drama applicants have the opportunity to complete an optional audition or portfolio. See the [Drama](#) website for details.

Music

Auditions are required for applicants to the B. Mus. degree program, which offers the following specializations: piano, vocal arts and strings (violin, viola, violoncello and double bass). Students who play other instruments are invited to consider the B.A. in Music degree, which does not require an audition. Auditions are held between December and February prior to the fall quarter when enrollment is anticipated. See the [Music Department](#) website for details.

LOS ANGELES

SCHOOL OF THE ARTS AND ARCHITECTURE

Applicants to all majors must demonstrate artistic ability and potential through submission of a portfolio, audition, interview and/or questionnaire. See the departmental websites for details:

[Architectural Studies](#) (open to transfer students only)

[Art](#)

[Dance](#)

[Design|Media Arts](#)

[World Arts and Cultures](#)

HERB ALPERT SCHOOL OF MUSIC

Applicants to the following majors are required to audition and/or interview and submit a supplemental application. See the [School of Music](#) website for details:

[Ethnomusicology](#)

[Global Jazz Studies](#)

[Music Composition](#)

[Music Education](#)

[Music Industry](#)

[Music Performance](#)

[Musicology](#)

SCHOOL OF NURSING

Applicants must complete a supplemental application. See [School of Nursing](#) website for more information.

SCHOOL OF THEATER, FILM AND TELEVISION

Visit the [school website](#) for detailed information about supplementary application materials, forms and deadlines.

Film and Television

A personal essay, critical essay, creative writing sample and two letters of recommendation are required for admission. Film and videotapes are not accepted. Prior experience is not required.

Theater

Applicants must interview and submit additional supporting materials. To qualify for admission on the basis of performance, students must audition.

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MERCED

SJV PRIME+, a partnership between UC Merced, UCSF Fresno and the UCSF School of Medicine, includes a provisional acceptance to the UCSF School of Medicine. The [SJV PRIME+ BS/MD](#) program requires completion of a supplemental application.

RIVERSIDE

COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES, ARTS, AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Art (Studio)

Transfer applicants are required to electronically submit a portfolio consisting of 10 images of original work and/or three clips of moving images or sound work. See the [Art Department](#) website for guidelines.

SAN DIEGO

MUSIC, THEATRE/DANCE AND VISUAL ARTS

Applicants to Music, Theatre/Dance and Visual Arts may submit an optional portfolio/audition video. Students who choose one of these majors on the UC application will be provided with a link to submit their art portfolio/audition video online. Faculty in the major will review the submission and share their evaluations with the UC San Diego Office of Undergraduate Admissions. The optional art portfolio may assist the overall application review but is not required for admission to UC San Diego.

SANTA BARBARA

Students interested in transferring into one of UCSB's [selective majors](#) must meet certain requirements prior to transfer.

COLLEGE OF CREATIVE STUDIES

Applicants must submit supplementary materials directly to the college, including a separate application form, unofficial academic records from all high schools and colleges/universities attended, and two letters of recommendation. Students applying to Art, Music Composition, or Writing and Literature must also submit supplemental information. See the [College of Creative Studies](#) website for complete instructions.

COLLEGE OF LETTERS AND SCIENCE

Dance

Applicants must audition for the B.A. and B.F.A. programs. Auditions for the B.A. program are held in late January/early February. Auditions are also offered during registration week of the fall quarter for admitted students who are unable to audition earlier. Students should plan to attend the earlier audition to reserve space in the program. Non-transfer students can audition

for acceptance to the B.F.A. program in the sophomore year. Transfer students can audition for the B.F.A. program in the first year. See the [Theater and Dance](#) website for more information.

Music

Applicants to the B.M. program must submit a supplemental audition form, due in December, and audition in late January prior to the fall quarter when enrollment is anticipated. See the [Music](#) website for details.

Theater

Auditions are not required for the B.A. program. Auditions are required for the B.F.A. program. Prospective and incoming first-year students are not eligible to audition for the B.F.A. program; they can audition at the end of their first year. Prospective and incoming transfer students may audition for the B.F.A. program in May or September prior to their expected start quarter. See the [Theater and Dance](#) website for more information.

SANTA CRUZ

ART

Although Art is not a screening major, students must complete one of two options in order to pursue the Art major at UCSC. One option is the portfolio review. The second option is to pass two ART 10 foundation equivalent courses. Find equivalent courses on [ASSIST](#).

MUSIC

First-year applicants who wish to be considered for a [music scholarship](#) must submit an audition recording.