2007 Freshman Admissions to the University of California

Overview

The admissions outcomes reported in the summary below and the accompanying tables are preliminary and focus entirely on admission of freshman applicants. Transfer admissions data will be available mid-May. These data reflect admissions as of April 3, 2007, and, except where noted, are for California resident students only. Some campuses will continue to admit small numbers of applicants.

Unless otherwise noted, the universitywide totals in this summary and in the tables are “unduplicated,” meaning that each student is counted only once. Data provided for individual campuses typically reflect multiple admissions offers; on average, fall 2007 freshman applicants applied to 3.5 UC campuses. In making year-to-year comparisons, note that the fall 2004 cycle was anomalous because state budget difficulties resulted in a reduction in the number of students UC was able to admit.

Summary

The University of California admitted a record number of freshman students for the fall 2007 term. A total of 57,318 California high school seniors were offered admission, a 3.8 percent increase of admitted students (2,076) over the fall 2006 term (55,242). Overall, 77.4 percent of fall 2007 California freshman applicants have been offered admission to the University, compared to 78.2 percent in fall 2006. The decline in the admissions rate was anticipated because the minimum grade point average required for UC-eligibility increased from 2.80 to 3.00 for fall 2007 applicants.

The University of California offered admission to all eligible freshman applicants for the fall 2007 term. Several campuses were able to admit a greater number of applicants – from 289 additional admissions offers at UC Berkeley to 1,342 additional offers at UC Santa Barbara. Other campuses, including UC Davis and UC San Diego, made fewer admissions offers for the fall 2007 term due to the enrollment of larger than expected freshman classes for the fall 2006 term.

An additional 2,969 students have been offered admission to the winter or spring term at UC Berkeley and UC San Diego, and approximately 1,100 California resident freshman applicants to UC Berkeley, UC Irvine, UCLA, and UC San Diego will receive offers to participate in the UC Merced “Shared Experience” program. This program offers students the opportunity to begin their UC education at UC Merced, with the option of remaining at Merced or transferring to another UC campus in their junior year.

Also not included in these tables are admission offers for another 4,100 UC-eligible applicants who were not offered admission to a campus to which they originally applied. These applicants will be offered admission to UC Merced and UC Riverside through a process known as a referral.
Nine out of every 10 admitted freshman students are California residents. Admissions offers to out-of-state and international students numbered 6,283, a slight increase over fall 2006 (6,143).

Freshman students have until May 1 to make their fall 2007 enrollment decision.

A brief summary of the admissions data follows:

- **Universitywide**, the admission of African American students increased by 10.2 percent, followed by Chicano/Latino students (10.0 percent), White students (3.5 percent) and Asian American students (1.8 percent) compared to fall 2006 outcomes. There is virtually no change in the number of American Indian students offered admission.

- **Underrepresented students** – African Americans, American Indians and Chicano/Latinos – comprise 22.9 percent of the Universitywide admits, up from 21.7 percent for fall 2006. All campuses registered gains in the proportion of underrepresented students in the admitted class.

- **Representation by Gender.** The admitted class is 56.6 female and 43.4 percent male. The relative proportion of admitted student by gender has remained stable over the last several years.

- **Geographic representation throughout California continues to improve.** Nearly three-quarters (74 percent) of all admitted students call Los Angeles, the San Francisco Bay Area, Orange and San Diego/Imperial counties home. However, nearly all other regions of the state experienced greater increases in the percent of applicants offered admission compared to the previous year. Only the Monterey/San Benito/Santa Cruz region experienced a decline in the number and percent of applicants offered admission – a decline that was foreshadowed by a decline in applications from this region.

- **Universitywide**, UC continues to excel at offering opportunity and access to students from families that have traditionally not enjoyed the benefits of higher education. Roughly 38 percent of freshman admits come from families where neither parent has a 4-year degree, 35 percent come from low income families, and nearly a fifth come from high schools in the lowest 40 percent of California schools, as ranked by Academic Performance Index score.

- **The academic quality of the incoming freshman class continues to be outstanding.** UC admits take on average 23 year-long college preparatory courses, earn a high school grade point average of 3.79, and score above 590 on each test of the SAT or 25 on the ACT.


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