FRESHMAN SELECTION

CAMPUS POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR REVIEWING FRESHMAN APPLICANTS

Does applying Undeclared have any bearing on an applicant's chances of admission?

Berkeley	Applying Undeclared does not affect admission but offers an opportunity for students to explore before declaring a major. However, students interested in a high-demand major in the **College of Letters and Science** or a major in the **College of Engineering** are encouraged to select those majors on the application.
Davis	Applying Undeclared or Undeclared/Exploratory does not affect admission but offers an opportunity for students to explore before declaring a major.
Irvine	Applying Undeclared does not negatively affect admission chances but 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 but 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 but offers an opportunity for students to explore before declaring a major.
Riverside	Applying Undeclared does not affect admission but offers an opportunity for students to explore before declaring a major. **Note:** Undeclared is not an option for the **Bourns College of Engineering**.
San Diego	Applying Undeclared does not affect admission but offers an opportunity for students to explore before declaring a major. However, applicants interested in highly selective/capped majors are advised to apply directly to the major. For a list of selective/capped majors see: students.ucsd.edu/academics/advising/majors-minors/capped-majors.html.
Santa Barbara	Applying Undeclared is an option only in the **College of Letters and Science**. It offers an opportunity for students to explore before declaring a major. 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 but 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	Major choice is a factor in admission to the colleges of **Engineering** and **Chemistry**. The **College of Letters and Science** has several high-demand, or "capped," majors that are limited in capacity. Applicants are highly encouraged to indicate their primary major interest for any college to which they intend to apply. For more information, see admissions.berkeley.edu/academic-programs-majors.
Davis	None
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	First-year applicants receive the same application review regardless of major. The selection process will place students into their first-choice major, alternate major or as undeclared (for applicants who are not admitted to a capped major but meet selection).
Santa Barbara	In the **College of Creative Studies** and the **College of Engineering,** students are admitted to a specific major.
	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 BA** and **Music BM** programs require an audition, and direct admission is granted to students who pass the audition. Students interested in the **Dance BFA** program can audition in their sophomore year. Students interested in the **Theater BFA** program can be admitted directly to Theater BA and audition for the Theater BFA program at the end of their freshman year.
Santa Cruz	**Computer Science** (B.A. and B.S.)