
Post-decision release: Next steps for admitted, waitlisted and denied students

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Decisions

Your first-year student has applied, what's next?

- Students will be notified between March 1-31
 - Each campus reviews and provides decisions independently
- Applicant/Campus portals
 - Students will be prompted to create a username and password to access each applicant/campus portal
- Communication is usually conducted via email to the address used on their application



After a first-year student applies, they will wait until March for decisions to be released.

UC does not offer early action or early decision.

Each campus has their own applicant portal where students will be invited/prompted to create a username/password to access their applicant/campus portal.

Some updates can be made to their application while they wait decisions. Updates can include their telephone number, email, mailing address or various test scores.

Communication is usually done through the email the student applied with. It's important for students to apply with an email they check regularly.

Admitted decision

Your student has been admitted!

- An admission decision should include:
 - Major
 - College assignment (UC San Diego)
 - Provisional admission contract



Once a student receives a decision, it will include their major, college assignment (for UC San Diego) and their provisional admission contract. Some campuses may also include a financial aid award letter/college financial plan when releasing decisions or shortly after.

Admitted student events

Events

- Students should take advantage of the events offered by the campuses they were admitted to, such as:
 - Admit days/open houses
 - Receptions
 - Webinars/virtual events
 - Meet and greets
 - Transitional summer programs



Each campus offers events for admitted students which they should take advantage of to narrow down their decision and learn more in depth of what each campus has to offer. Events include but are not limited to:

- Admit days/open houses
- Receptions
- Webinars/virtual events
- Meet and greets
- Transitional summer programs

Example of transitional programs include:

- Summer Bridge UCSD & UC Merced
- Bridge Program UCSB
- Highlander Early Start Academy (HESA) UCR
- Summer Pathways UCLA

After admitted decision

Students have until May 1 to accept their offer/submit their Statement of Intent to Register (SIR) to one UC campus

- \$250 non-refundable deposit. Fee waivers available for those that qualify

Provisional admission

- Final official transcripts and test scores are required to verify what was reported on the UC application and to meet UC minimum requirements
- Each campus provides conditions for admission, detailed in a provisional contract
- Students' admission is confirmed during the summer after verification that all provisions have been met; violations of the admission contract may result in cancellation of admission



Students have until May 1st to decide which campus they want to accept their offer/SIR, which can only be done for one UC campus. There is a \$250 nonrefundable enrollment deposit. There are fee waivers available for those that qualify.

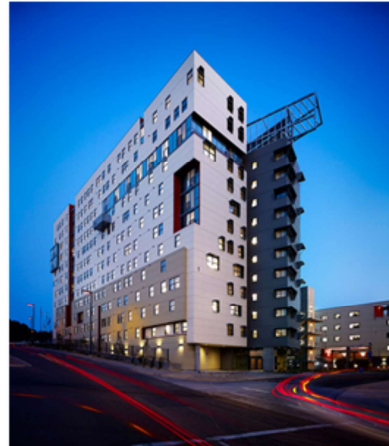
A student's admission is provisional. Final transcripts and test scores are needed to verify all self reported information on their UC application and to meet UC eligibility.

It's important for students to read their provisional contract in its entirety and ask any clarification questions prior to accepting their offer. Students may be subject to cancellation if provisions are not met or if information on their UC application does not match their official transcripts/test scores.

Admitted – Staying up to date

Enrollment checklist and action items

- Each campus will provide an enrollment checklist via their applicant portal
- Example checklist items:
 - Transcripts and test scores
 - Housing
 - Immunizations and student health
 - Orientation
 - Registration of classes



Once a student accepts their offer, students can keep up to date with deadlines and action items via an enrollment checklist. Deadlines are usually for:

- Transcripts and test scores which are typically on July 1st for transcripts and July 15 for test scores,
- Housing which typically falls around shortly after the SIR deadline
- Immunizations and student health
- Orientation
- Registration of classes, etc.

Please note that deadlines do vary per campus, which is why it's important for students to familiarize themselves with each campus's method of keeping track of them.

Admitted student circumstances

Application updates/changes

- Students should contact each campus they've been admitted to about any application changes or updates, as each campus handles modifications differently
 - Schedule changes
 - Misreported grades
 - Deficient senior year grades
 - Major changes

Deferments

- Some campuses **may** allow deferments which are granted on a case-by-case basis
 - Medical reasons, military, mission trips, etc.



Once a student accepts their offer, it is important for students to keep in communication with each campus to notify them of any changes or updates to their application or that may affect their provisions. Each campus handles application updates/changes differently. They can report:

- Schedule changes
- Misreported grades
- Deficient senior year grades
- Major changes

Some campuses may allow deferments, but are done case by case and not guaranteed. Reasons for deferments may include: medical, military, mission trips, etc. Please note if student wants to take a gap-year, they should re-apply (or wait to apply).

Waitlisted decision

What to do with a waitlist offer:

- Students must opt-in to the waitlist
- Students can opt-in to waitlists from multiple campuses
- Students can only accept one offer of admission
- Students should submit a SIR to a college or university where they have been admitted prior to the May 1 deadline



Waitlist myths and misconceptions

- The waitlist is ranked
 - **No**
- Your student can send letters of continued interest or recommendations to better their chances
 - **No**
- Your student should call the admissions office to learn about their status on the waitlist
 - **No**

Students invited to the waitlist are high achievers and competitive students, but due to a high volume of applicants and the competitive pool of students, they were not granted an initial admission offer.

We encourage students to opt-into the waitlist if they wish to, but to also consider an SIR to a college or university that they were given admission to so that they have somewhere to go in the fall should they not be accepted from the waitlist.

The waitlist does vary from year to year and that there is no guarantee that they will be extended an offer of admission through the waitlist.

Waitlist decision timeline

- Campuses generally admit students from the waitlist between May and July
- Students may not appeal their admission decision while on the waitlist
- Some campuses may allow students who are denied from the waitlist to appeal their final decision

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Denied admission decision

Why was a student not admitted?

- All applications are thoroughly reviewed in a comprehensive review process
- Applicant pools are very competitive, as applications to the UC system increase every year
- Campuses typically cannot provide a specific reason as to why students are denied, as there are many factors considered during the comprehensive review process
- Campuses do not accept letters of recommendation or letters of continued interest after someone has received a denial decision



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Denied appeal information

- All UC campuses will accept/review appeals when a student has not been offered admission
- Successful appeals are very rare
- Each campus has various deadlines and timelines for when appeal decisions are released
- Appeal decisions are final. Students will not be able to appeal that decision or submit any additional information after that point

Each application has been thoroughly reviewed twice at the very least. All UC campuses provide students the opportunity to appeal their denied decision. Please note successful appeals are rare and appeal decisions are final. Students will not be able to appeal or submit any additional information beyond that point. Only appeal if you can provide new and compelling information.

Denied appeal content

- If a student chooses to submit an appeal, they must provide NEW and COMPELLING information for further consideration

Not NEW and COMPELLING information:

- Sport or club
- New award
- New grade during senior year

NEW and COMPELLING Information:

- Recent death in the family
- Not previously disclosed compound disadvantages
- Misreported coursework

Here are some examples of what would be considered new and compelling information as well as what is not.

Transfer path

- The transfer path is a great option for students who were not accepted as a first-year but still want to attend a UC
- Transfer admit rates are higher than first-year rates at most UC campuses
 - UC San Diego first-year admit rate for Fall 2024: 27%
 - UC San Diego transfer admit rate for Fall 2024: 55%
- UC campuses offer advising on transfer requirements for prospective students to make sure they are on track to transfer to a university
- Resources for transfer students:
 - UC TAP
 - Assist.org



If not attending as a first-year student, the transfer path is a great option. The transfer review process differs from first-year as transfer students' application receives a full evaluation of their college level coursework. If you would like to learn more, there will be a separate session going into detail the transfer path and you can access the recording as well after the conference is concluded.

The following resources are useful for transfer students.

UC TAP - <https://uctap.universityofcalifornia.edu/students/index.cfm>

Helps students and UC admissions advisors connect and provide advising on their transfer admissions/major requirements and application submission.

Assist.org - <http://assist.org/>

Has all UC transferable courses and transfer course agreements from all California Community Colleges.

UC San Diego admit rates are listed as an example.

Thank you



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