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UC Office of the President (UCOP) and UC campus updates

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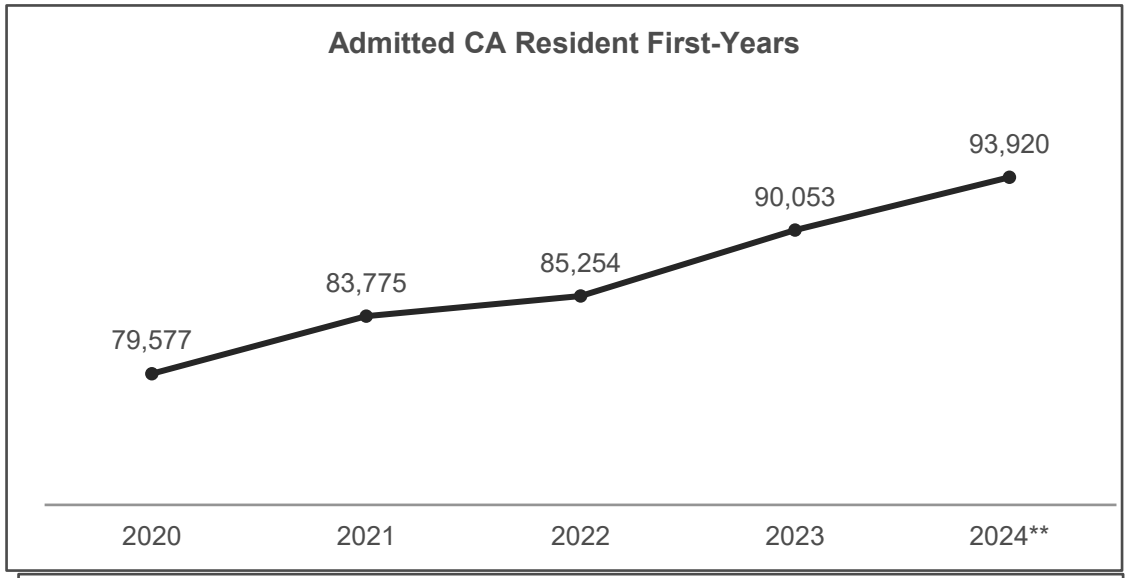
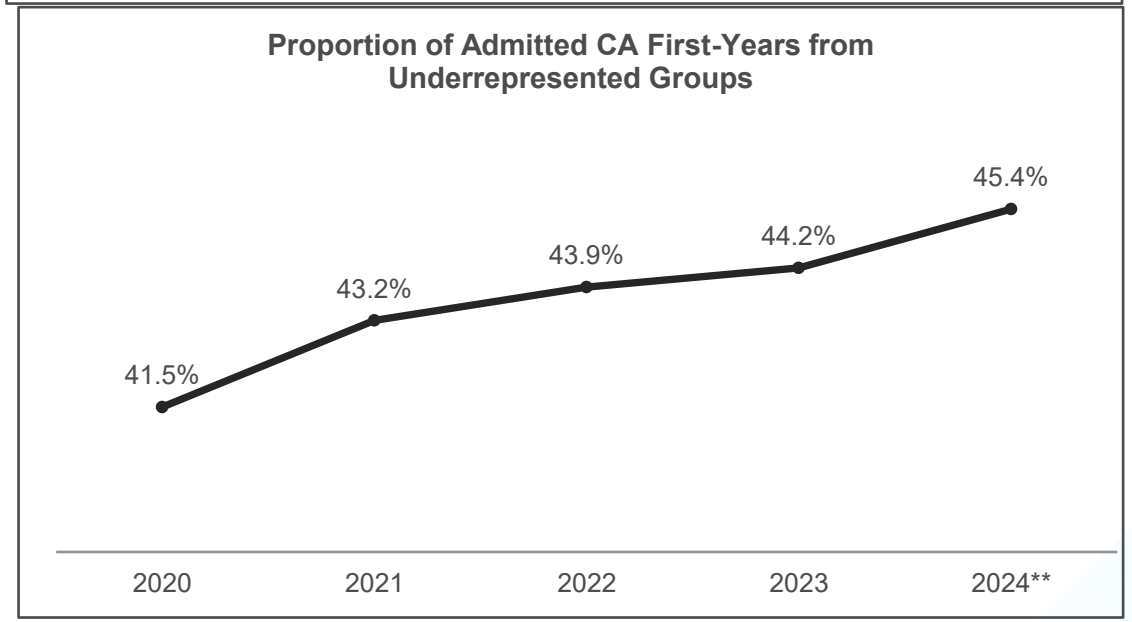
Fall 2024 admission highlights

FIRST-YEAR ADMISSION FOR FALL 2024

- State support for enrollment growth continues to result in more admission offers for CA residents
- All-time high number of admitted CA first-years (almost 94,000; up 4.3% from fall 2023)
- Proportion of underrepresented students at record levels—up over a percentage point from last year





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Test-free outcomes

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Test-free policy

UC BOARD OF REGENTS …

- Eliminated use of SAT/ACT tests in admissions.
- Tasked the faculty with exploring other standardized test options.
- Has **no plans** to reverse the test-free policy in the foreseeable future.

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First-year outcomes

Table 11: First Term and First Year Academic Performance of California Freshmen Universitywide

Year of First Term	Enrolled Students	First Term Average GPA	First Term Probation Rate	First Term Persistence Rate	First Year Average GPA	First Year Probation Rate	First Year Persistence Rate
2018	35,878	3.19	6.4%	98.2%	3.15	4.86%	93.0%
2019	35,514	3.21	6.4%	98.3%	3.34	3.10%	93.7%
2020	37,242	3.44	3.9%	97.7%	3.36	4.68%	92.7%
2021	39,037	3.29	6.6%	97.8%	3.25	5.96%	92.1%
2022	39,080	3.34	5.4%	98.0%	3.29	4.89%	93.2%

Source: UC Data Warehouse Undergraduate Enrollment and Longitudinal data. Probation rate = share with GPA < 2.00. First year probation rate excludes students who left before the end of the first year.

- First test-free cohort (2021)
- No noticeable declines in first-year average GPA and first-year persistence rates

- Lack of test scores, more P/NP grades in the GPA, and pandemic learning loss did not significantly impact outcomes
- Graduation data for 2021 cohort will not be available for another couple of years

Application and systemwide updates

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Fall 2025 application changes

- Terminology: The term “freshman/ freshmen” has been replaced by **“first-year”** throughout the UC application.

- Scholarships and support programs: Applicants can indicate interest in **UC’s Foster Youth Programs**, along with the Educational Opportunity Program (EOP)

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CALIFORNIA COLLEGE GUIDANCE INITIATIVE (CCGI)

- Students in partner districts can launch the UC application from californiacolleges.edu.

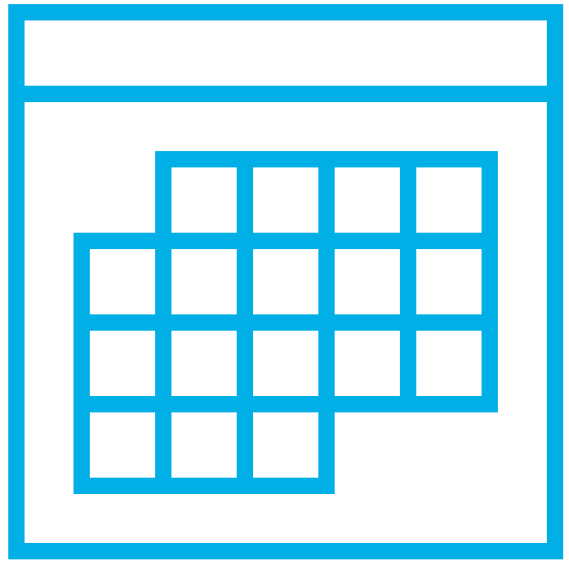
- Students will be able to import high school courses directly from californiacolleges.edu.

Fall 2025 application deadline

EXTENDED DEADLINE

- Monday, December 2, 2024
- Application is open!
- Filing period: October 1 until December 2

**The extended filing deadline is for fall 2025 applicants only.*



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AP AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDIES

- Beginning May 2025, 4 quarter/2.6 semester units will be awarded for exam scores of 3, 4, and 5.
- **Score of 3, 4, and 5** will clear the one-year U.S. History requirement for Area A.

AP PRECALCULUS

- **No credit** for the AP Precalculus exam
- **Score of 4 or 5** will validate Algebra II/Math III (both omission and deficient grades), meet a fourth year of math in Area C, and meet one year of Area G

Area C (math) updates

BEGINNING FALL 2025 (AY 2025-26):

- No changes to Area C ***requirement***
- New math disciplines
- Changes to validation rules

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Resources for counselors

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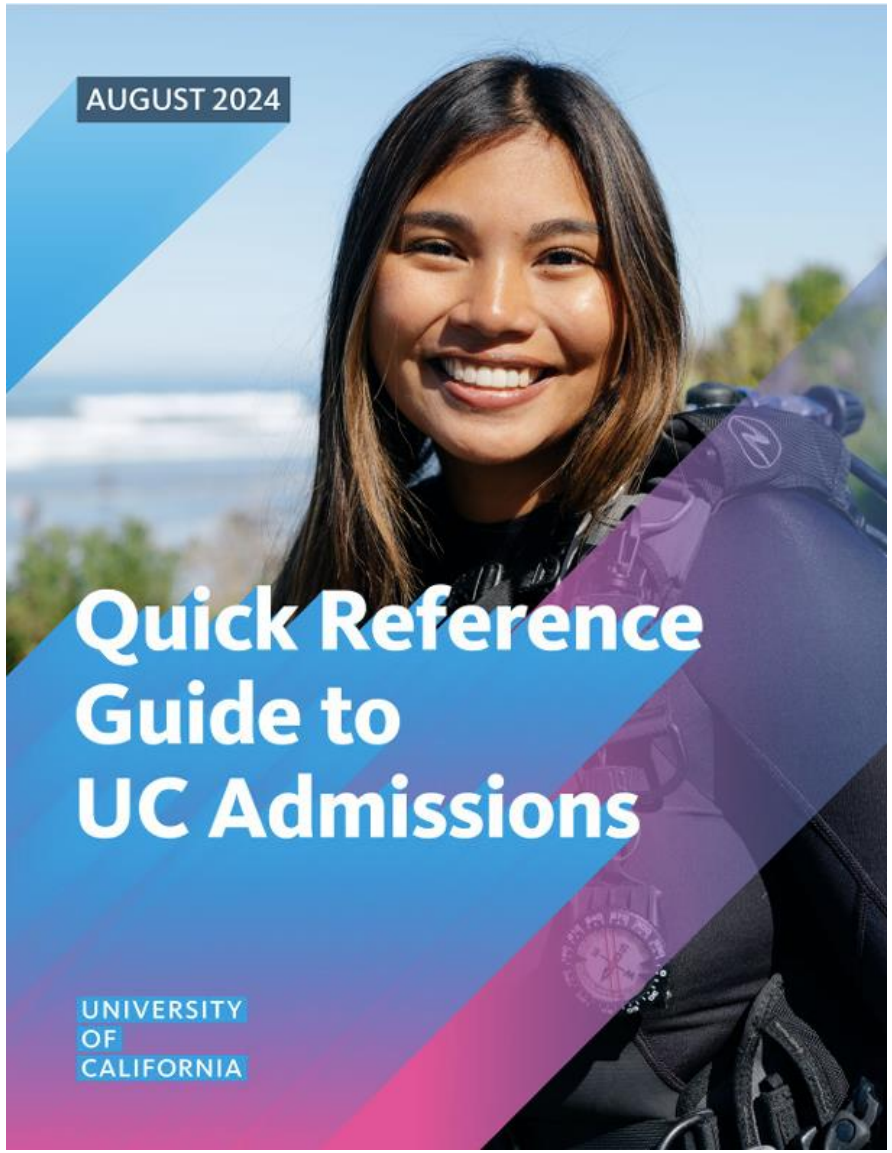
Quick Reference Guide

The Quick Reference Guide to UC Admissions is now available on our website!



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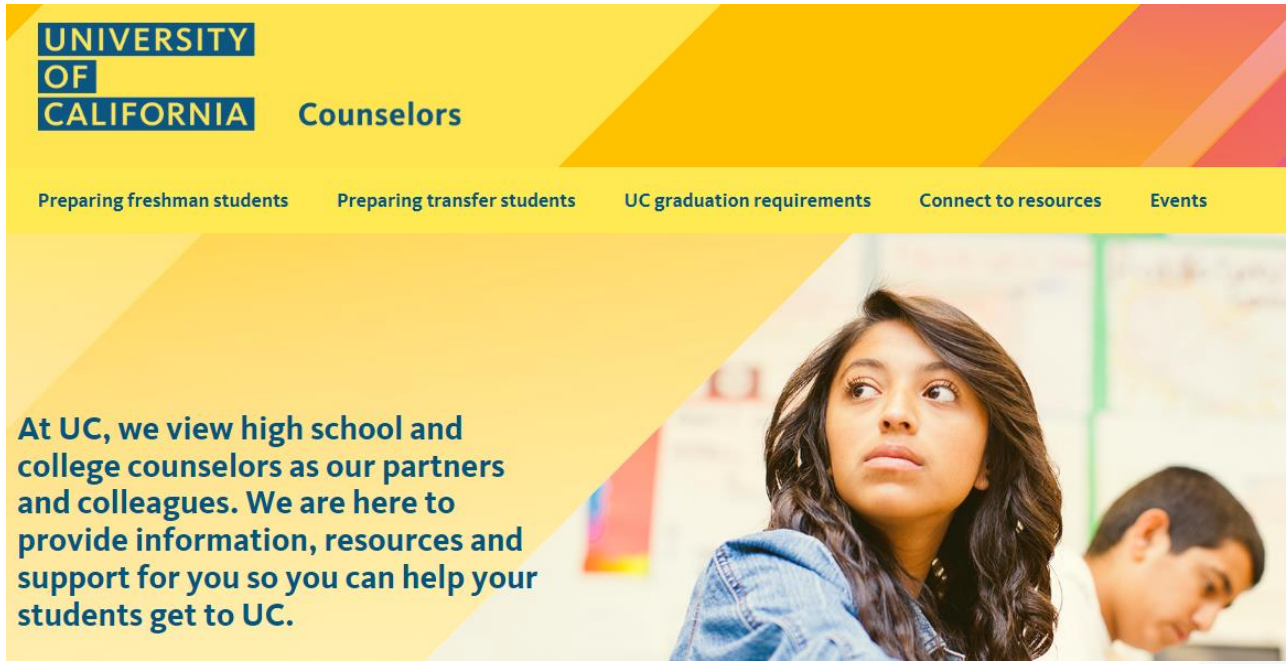
Additional resources

- Counselors website and Resource Library
- Counselors and Advisors Bulletin
- HS webinar series
  - Monthly on select Tuesdays at 9 a.m.

We're here to help! Email **AskUC@ucop.edu** for systemwide admission policy questions



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Campus updates

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Discover Berkeley

Jocelyn De Jong

Assistant Vice Chancellor and
Director of Undergraduate
Admissions

UC Berkeley

By the numbers

124,246 first-year applicants

13,710 admits	**11%** admit rate
7,852 waitlist opt-ins	**26** waitlist admits
3.89-4.00 middle 50% admit GPA (unweighted)	**4.31-4.65** middle 50% admit GPA (weighted)

6,212 expected enrollment

UC Berkeley

Academic program updates

NEW: Neuroscience major
Israel Studies minor

Other:

- Operations Research and Management Science is now **Analytics**
- **Nutrition & Metabolic Biology**

Reminders:

L&S High demand majors
Haas School of Business

UC Berkeley

Campus highlights

- **New chancellor**
- **Housing is guaranteed for first-year students** who apply by the May 2 priority date
- Berkeley Discovery Hub

UC Berkeley

Stay connected

- **Visit**
  - Berkeley Showcase - Nov 2, 2024
  - Group tours

- **Connect with us**
  - Find your admissions officer
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  - Join Slate.org

UC Berkeley

Grow with UC Davis

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Robert Penman, Executive Director for Undergraduate Admissions

UCDAVIS

2024 first-year admission data

98,869 applications

41,616 admits	**42.1%** admit rate	**6,990** enroll target
3.80-4.0 Unweighted GPA*	**4.00-4.26** Weighted UC GPA*	
17,166 waitlist offers	**9,609** waitlist opt in	**4,354** waitlist admits
35% underrepresented	**38%** first-gen	**36%** limited income

*middle 50% Data as of Aug. 13.

UCDAVIS

New Bachelor of Science in Business

- Offered by the Graduate School of Management
- Open to the incoming first-years for fall 2025

Learn more about the Business major:

gsm.ucdavis.edu/undergraduate/business-major

UCDAVIS

Selective majors

- Design
- Computer Science
- Mechanical Engineering
- Psychology
- Pre-Landscape Architecture

UCDAVIS

Campus highlights

- UC Davis Coffee Center opens
- Writing Center launches
- New student housing under construction

Stay in touch

Sign up for our counselor email updates!

ua.ucdavis.edu/register/organization

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UC Irvine

Fall 2024 UC Irvine First-Year Admissions Recap

Applications	122,700
Admits	35,298
Admit Rate	28.77%
Projected Enrollment	7,219
Waitlist Offers	18,691
Waitlist Admits	6,313
Appeals	1,426
Appeal admits	26
Regent Scholarship Offers	1090

Admitted CA First-Year Profile

Weighted Median GPA	4.18
Weighted 25-75% GPA	4.04 – 4.27
Unweighted Median GPA	3.94
Unweighted 25-75% GPA	3.83 – 4.00

CA Resident Admit Highlights

1,562 California high schools represented

8.37% increase in California resident admits

19% identify as first-generation students

19% qualify as low-income

UC Irvine

TOP 10 APPLIED-TO MAJORS

- **UC Irvine admits to major**
- **55% of first-year applicants applied to 10 majors:**
  - Biological Sciences
  - Business Administration
  - Computer Science
  - Nursing Science
  - Psychology, B.S.
  - Undergraduate/Undeclared
  - Mechanical Engineering
  - Criminology, Law & Society
  - Political Science
  - Computer Science and Engineering

ACADEMIC UPDATES

- **NEW Major: Applied & Computational Mathematics**, School of Physical Sciences

- **School of Law 3+3 Programs**
  - Partnership between five undergraduate schools and UC Irvine School of Law to create expedited pathway for high-achieving students to receive undergraduate and J.D. degrees in six years with a $90,000 law school scholarship over three years

  - Participating programs: Campuswide Honors Collegium, School of Humanities, Joe C. Wen School of Population and Public Health, School of Engineering (scholarship only), School of Social Sciences, School of Social Ecology

- **Psychology refresher…**
  - **Psychological Science, B.A. –** foundation to pursue graduate work in the areas of public health, health services, human resources, social work, counseling, law, education and related fields

  - **Psychology, B.S. –** focuses on study of the mind and brain, incorporating biological sciences, chemistry, and physics

  - **Cognitive Science, B.S. –** preparation for research career, focusing on any of the current approaches of the field such as cognitive neuroscience, behavioral experiments, language science, or computational and mathematical modeling

CAMPUS NEWS

- **Joe C. Wen School of Population & Public Health**

- **Mesa Court Expansion** for first year housing community
  - 400 additional bed spaces
  - Scheduled to be completed Fall 2025
  - Two years of on-campus housing are guaranteed to students who meet housing deadlines

- **Sue & Bill Gross Nursing & Health Sciences Hall**
  - 9-acre complex for patient care, training, and research

- **$50 million gift to the Charlie Dunlop School for Biological Sciences to support academic and research activities**

THE IRVINE EXPERIENCE

Discover UCI

Saturday, October 19

Prospective students and their families are invited to join us for our on-campus fall preview day featuring campus tours, application sessions, and more!

Virtual Events

Ongoing through November

Prospective students are encouraged to join us for one or more of our virtual event offerings ranging from application overviews to tips on choosing a major, student panels, academic program spotlights and more.

Ffiona Rees | *Interim Executive Director*

FALL 2024 ADMISSION RECAP

First-Year Admission Data

146,275 apps

13,166 admits

9% admit rate

6,625 enroll target

15,023 waitlist offers

9,198 waitlist opt-ins

1,224 waitlist admits

1,962 appeals received

5 appeal admit

Academic Statistics for Admits

UNWEIGHTED **GPA** — **3.95** *average*

CAPPED **GPA** — **4.22** *average*

HL/CL/AP/IB — **26** *Avg # Sem (gr 10-12)*

(data as of 8/20/2024)

ADMISSION DECISIONS BY COLLEGE/SCHOOL

	Apps	Admits	Admit Rate
Total First-Years	146,275	13,166	9%
Letters & Science	97,109	10,683	11%
Engineering	35,057	1,876	5%
Theater, Film & TV	3,685	138	4%
Arts & Architecture	3,540	196	5%
Music	1,094	218	20%
Nursing	5,790	55	1%

REFLECTIONS ON FALL 2023 AND A LOOK AHEAD…

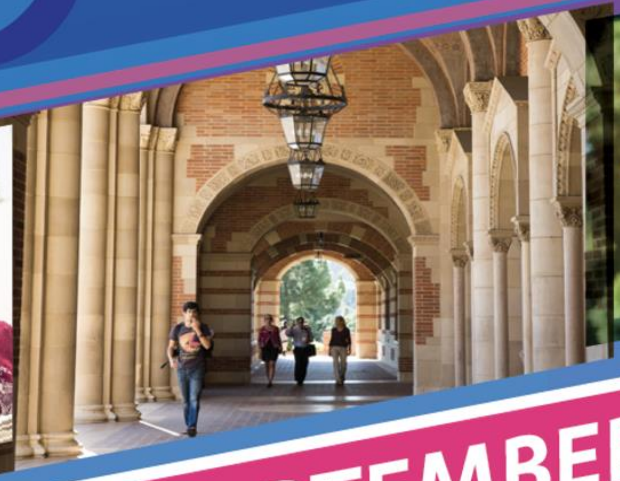
- Increased enrollment of underrepresented students
- Increased CA Res targets, decreased Non-Res
- Admission contract, senior year performance including Dual Enrollment coursework
- Continue to offer a four-year housing guarantee
- Big 10 Conference
- Olympic fever – 49 Olympians in Summer 2024 games and Summer '28 Olympic Village

WHAT'S NEW AND NOTEWORTHY

- **Appointment of Chancellor-designate Dr. Julio Frenk**
- **AANAPISI designation obtained**
- **Continued Progress towards HSI designation**
- **Latinx Resource Center -** expected in Winter 2025
- **UCLA Affordability Initiative**
  - Fundraising effort to support scholarships to reduce and eventually eliminate student loans for California undergrads
  - Bruin Success Scholarship
  - Successfully navigated FAFSA changes...round one!

UCLA VIBES

NACAC CAMPUS VISIT DAY



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OCTOBER 19, 2024

UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS

2024-25

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Fast Facts

29,477

Applications

26,820

Admitted

2,200

Estimated Enrollment

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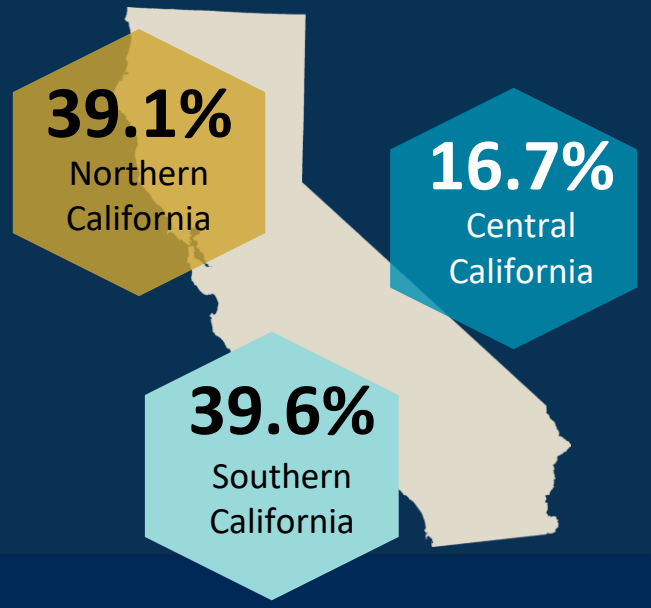

3.35 – 4.03

Middle GPA
Weighed

3.18-3.73

Unweighted

Student Data as of Fall 2024 UC Merced August IRDS

UCMERCED

81%

CALIFORNIAN

48%

FIRST-GENERATION UNDERGRADUATES

43%

PELL GRANT-ELIGIBLE

UNDERGRADUATES ADMITS

BY THE NUMBERS

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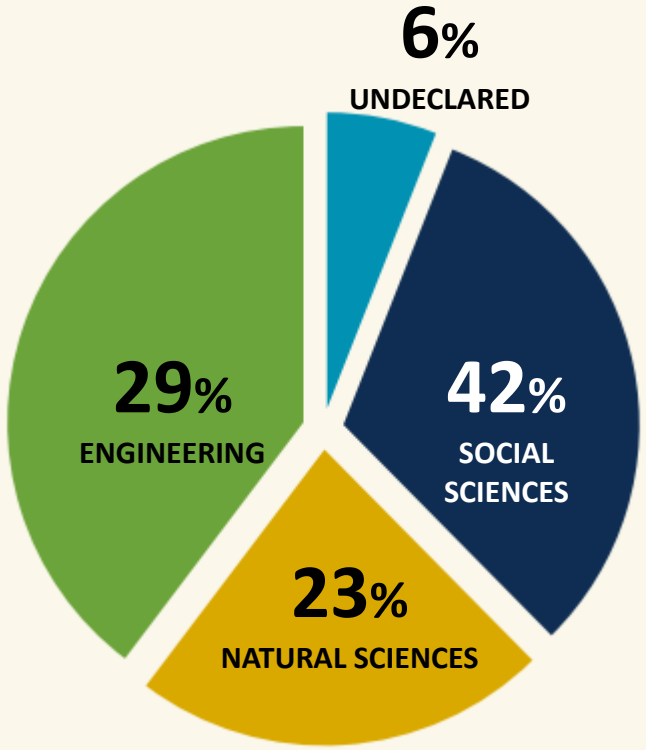

TOP 5 MAJORS BY APPLICATIONS

- Biological Sciences
- Management and Business Economics
- Computer Science and Engineering
- Psychology
- Public Health

ADMISSIONS UPDATES

UC Merced Honors

Application opens in early March

SJV Prime+ Program

- UC Application must be submitted by Nov. 20
- Supplemental Application due Dec. 3

Reminder:

Competitive applicants to this program must demonstrate **deep ties to the San Joaquin Valley**.

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NEW UNDERGRADUATE MAJORS

ENGINEERING

- Aerospace Engineering, B.S. **(New)**
- Biochemical and Biomolecular Engineering, B.S. **(New)**
- Chemical Engineering, B.S.*
  - Optional Emphases
    - **(New)** Computational
    - **(New)** Semiconductor
- Electrical Engineering, B.S.
  - Optional Emphases
    - **(New)** Electric Vehicle
    - **(New)** Ground and Aerial Robotics
    - **(New)** Sustainable Energy
- Sustainability and Technology, B.A. **(New)**
  - Optional Emphases
    - Innovation Management
    - Sustainability Management
    - Technology Management

NATURAL SCIENCES

- Biochemistry, B.A. **(New)**
- Biological Sciences, B.A. **(New)**
- Ecology, Evolution and Conservation Biology, B.S. **(New)**
  - Emphases
    - Pre-Health

SOCIAL SCIENCES, HUMANITIES AND ARTS

- Communication and Media, B.A. **(New)**
  - Optional Emphases
    - Linguistics
    - Media Production
- Neuroscience, B.A. |B.S. **(New)**
- Science, Technology and Ethnics, B.S. **(New)**

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Learn more about our Majors and Minors

NCAA

DIVISION II

CONNECT WITH US

ADMISSIONS VIRTUAL EVENTS

- UC Merced Admissions Presentations
- UC Application Workshops
- UC Application Advising Sessions
- Find us at NACAC, CA College Fairs

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High School Educator Tour

- February 25-27, 2025

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Welcome to UC Riverside!

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UC RIVERSIDE

FIRST-YEAR ADMISSIONS DATA (FALL 2024)

Applications	58,161
Admits	44,743
Admit Rate	76.92%
SIR Deposits	5950
Waitlist opt-ins	3,884
Waitlist admits	2,798
Underrepresented	45%
First-gen	45%
Limited Income	43%

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Most Applied to Majors

- Biology
- Psychology
- Business Economics
- Business Administration
- Computer Science
- Humanities (Undeclared)
- Sociology
- Mechanical Engineering
- Biochemistry
- Cell/Molecular Biology

New Majors

(FALL 2025)

- Black Study
- Business Analytics
- Environmental Studies
- Global and Community Health
- Religious Studies/Admin Studies

*Expanded Tutoring and Academic Support

UC RIVERSIDE

WHAT'S NEW

North District Phase 2 project will add 1,568 new beds in two apartment-style buildings - **Opening summer 2025**

New Undergraduate Teaching and Learning Facility - **Opening summer 2026**

New Health and Counseling Center - **Opened in 2024**

New 63,400 square foot School of Business building **Opened in 2024**

Pledge to Carbon neutral **by 2045**

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Upcoming Events

Discover UCR: Preview Day
Sat. Oct. 5, 2024
admissions.ucr.edu/discoverucr

More Upcoming Events
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Campus Tours and Group Tours
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UC Counselor Conference 2024
Blia Yang, Executive Director of Undergraduate Admissions

FALL 2024
BY THE NUMBERS

First-Year Admission Summary	
Applications	134,500
Admits	36,000
Admit Rate	27%
Middle 50% GPA	4.10 - 4.28
First-Generation	8,300
Low Income	11,200
Expect to Enroll *(Fall quarter begins September 26)*	7,300

First-Year Waitlist	
Opt-Ins to the Waitlist	19,200
Admitted from Waitlist	4,600

160+ MAJORS, 8 ACADEMIC SCHOOLS

SELECTIVE MAJORS

- Biological Sciences
- Data Science
- Engineering – all majors
- Public Health

Select an alternate major if first choice is listed above.

admissions.ucsd.edu/majors

NEW MAJORS

- Artificial Intelligence, B.S.
- Cinematic Arts, B.A.
- Literary Arts, B.A.
- Media Industries and Communication, B.A.
- Structural Engineering specializations:
- Aerospace Structures, B.S.
- Civil Structures, B.S.
- Geotechnical Engineering, B.S.
- Structural Health Monitoring/NonDestructive Evaluation, B.S.

TOP 10

Best Drama Schools in the World

- Hollywood Reporter, 2024

FIRST-YEAR FACTS

MOST APPLIED TO SCHOOLS AND MAJORS

ACADEMIC SCHOOLS

- Social Sciences
- Engineering
- Biological Sciences
- Physical Sciences
- Arts & Humanities

MAJORS

- Computer Science
- Business Economics
- Human Biology
- Psychology
- General Biology

CAMPUS UPDATES

FALL 2024

NEW ACADEMIC SCHOOL

- School of Computing, Information and Data Science (SCIDS)
- Will offer 16 disciplines
- Specific majors to be announced

NEW RESIDENCE HALLS

- Theater District Living and Learning Neighborhood
- Pepper Canyon West Living and Learning Neighborhood

TRITON EVENTS

FALL SHOWCASE

October 5, 2024

- **On-campus event for students interested in apply for fall 2025 admission**
- **Guests can connect with current students, academic schools and programs, campus support services, and more!**

ONLINE EVENTS

- **Webinars for students, counselors, and parents**
- **More details at admissions.ucsd.edu/events**

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Office of Admissions

Campus Updates

Changes to Majors (Fall 2025)

- Molecular & Cellular Biology
  - Emphases redefined
- Music B.M streamlined
- Earth Science

First year success

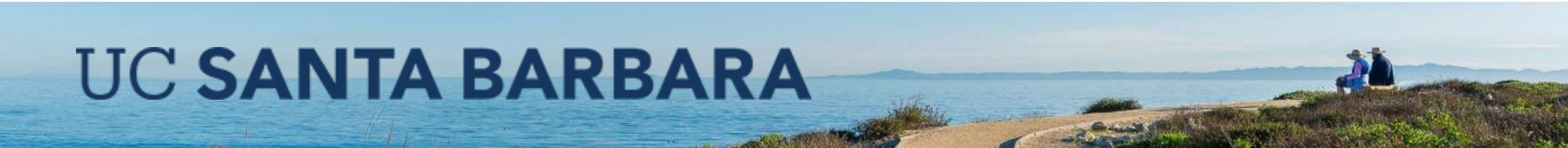
- Launched a STEM support program | UCSB MAX
- First-generation programming

Housing

- First year guaranteed in the residence halls
- About 80% of students live within a mile of campus

Diversity Initiatives

- New Guardian Scholar space opens this fall!
- HSI Director
- Expanded our Undocumented Student Services



Counselor Resources

- Meet and connect with your UCSB Admissions Counselor
- Join our Counselor Mailing List & read our monthly newsletters
- Join counselor webinars/chats, and/or watch the videos on our Counselor Resource playlist
- Share our UC Application Playlist (In English & y Español)
- Group visit registration
- Sign up to become an admissions reader!

Fall 2024 Freshman Data

	Freshman	Admit
Applicants	110,256	33%
	Applicants	**Admits**
Creative Studies (CCS)	2,218	255 | 11%
Engineering (COE)	22,038	3,904 | 18%
Letters & Science (L&S)	86,000	32,246 | 37%
GPA (UC GPA capped)	Unweighted	Weighted
	3.91	4.19

College Review:
CCS: Supplemental application & faculty review
COE: Math review as we admit into the major
L&S: Major is not a factor except for Music & Dance

Waitlist:
Offers: 15,985
Opt-In: 10,641
Admitted: 8,747

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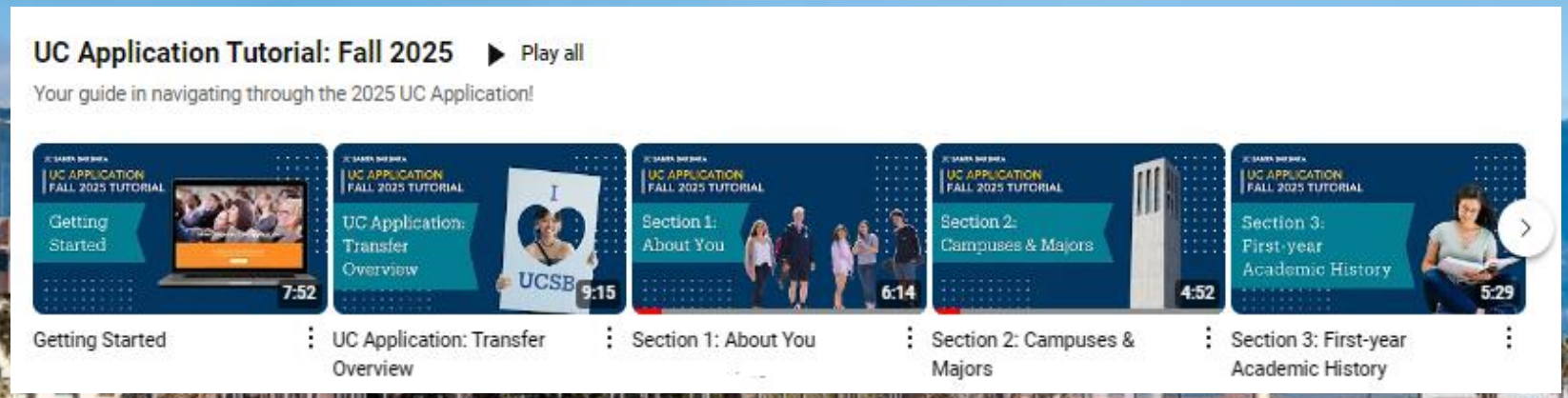

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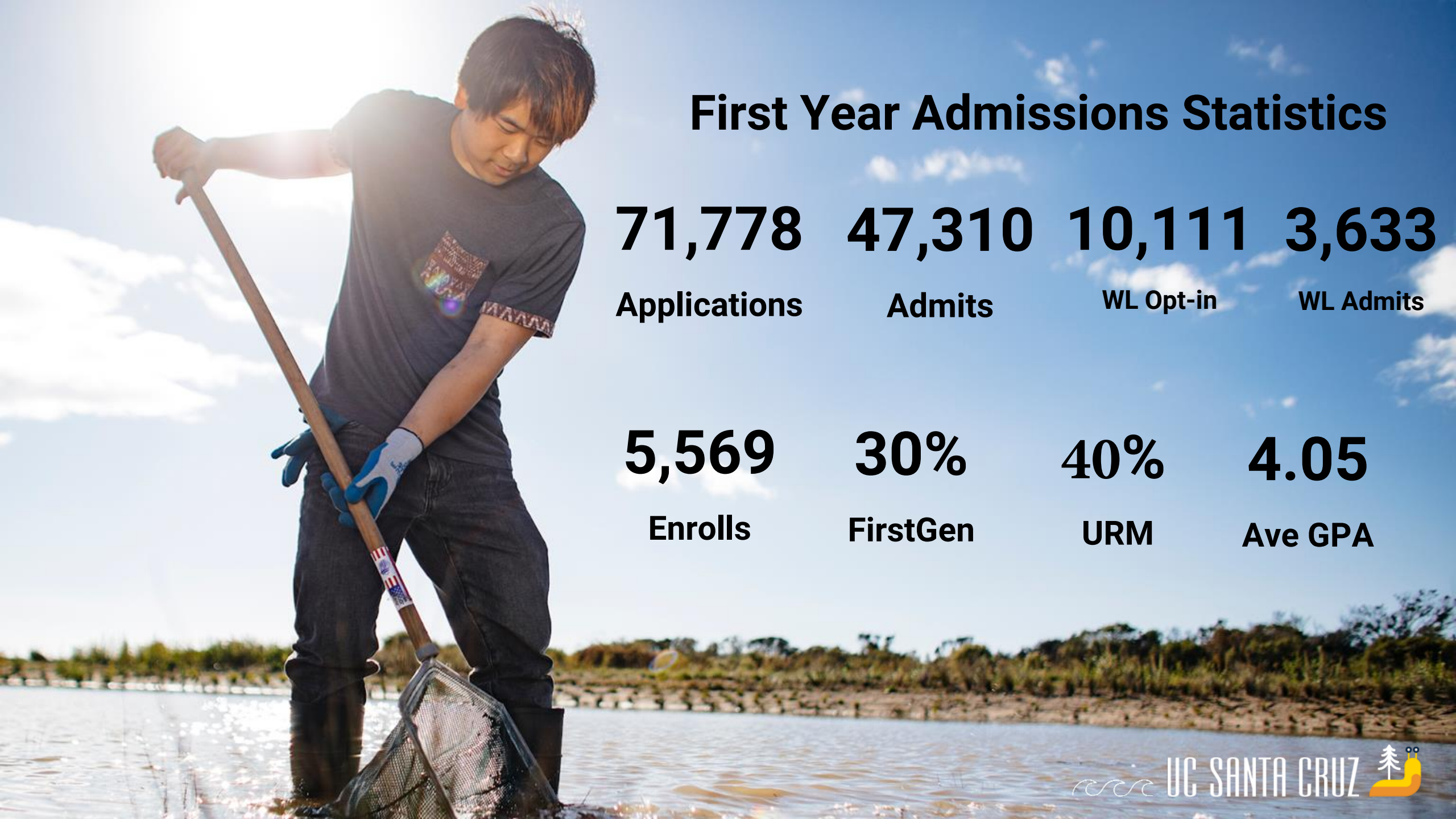

First Year Admissions Statistics

71,778	47,310	10,111	3,633
Applications	Admits	WL Opt-in	WL Admits

5,569	30%	40%	4.05
Enrolls	FirstGen	URM	Ave GPA

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NEW Housing Updates

FAMILY STUDENT HOUSING

- Opening late 2025
- 140 apartment units
- New & expanded Early Education child care program for 140 children of students, staff & faculty

DELAWARE AVENUE PROJECT

- Opening fall 2026
- Housing 400 upper-division undergrads & 60+ employees
- Student housing will be ~20% < market rate

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Campus Highlights

FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

Assistant Teaching Prof. Samantha Gorman, co-writer & narrative director of Stranger Things VR on Meta Quest platform

STUDENT ORG SPOTLIGHT

The African American Theater Arts Troupe (AATAT) is student-led group that produces plays, workshops, and events that highlight African American experiences and contribute to the broader cultural discourse on campus.

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Join us at an upcoming event:

Fall Open House
Saturday, November 2

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Campus panel and Q&A

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