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“Overview of UC Admission and Enrollment”

University of California Presentation Handouts

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UC Admissions in Context

Meeting the Master Plan: UC admits California high school students who graduate in the top 12.5%. UC meets this commitment by admitting top performers in both the state and individual high schools.

As a Result: Access for a wide variety of Californians

- 41% of undergraduates are the first generation in their family to graduate from college
- Over 42% of undergraduates receive Pell grants
- The State's Cal Grant and UC's Blue and Gold aid ("institutional aid") benefit UC students greatly; 55% have their mandatory tuition and fees fully covered

UC Application Timeline

- **August 1:** Application opens
- **November 1–30:** Application submission period
- **December–February:** Campuses review applications using *Comprehensive Review* criteria
- **February–March:** Freshman applicants notified
- **March–April:** Transfer applicants notified
- **March–June:** Guaranteed CA applicants not admitted given opportunity to be admitted on campuses with space
- **May 1:** Freshman commitment deadline
- **June 1:** Transfer commitment deadline

UC Admissions Policy: Comprehensive Review

FRESHMAN

1. Top 9% Local Context (ELC)
2. Test Scores
3. Grade-Point Average
4. Courses Completed/Planned
5. Honors Courses
6. Quality of Senior-Year Program of Study
7. Academic Opportunities in California High Schools
8. Performance in Academic Subject Areas
9. Achievements in Special Projects
10. Improvement in Academic Performance
11. Special Talents, Achievements, and Awards
12. Participation in Educational Preparation Programs
13. Academic Accomplishment Within Life Experiences
14. Geographic Location

TRANSFER

1. Grade-Point Average in All Transferrable Courses
2. Completion of Courses to Meet Major Preparation
3. Completion of Courses to Meet Breadth Requirements
4. Participation in Academic Honors Courses/Programs
5. Completion of an Assoc. Degree for Transfer offered by a California Community College
6. Completion of Special Projects
7. Special Talents, Achievements, and Awards
8. Academic Accomplishment Within Life Experiences
9. Geographic Location

Freshman & Transfer Admission Policy: Comprehensive Review

- Broad criteria; no single criterion determines outcome
- Every application read individually, in its entirety
- Achievement evaluated “*in context*” of opportunity and experience

Admissions & Enrollment

- **“Admission” and “enrollment” are not the same**
 - Campuses *admit* a specific number of students knowing that most students *will not* accept their offers and enroll.
- **Increasing demand for UC**
 - Fall 2015 saw a record 193,873 student applications.
 - This impacts our *admission rate* (% of applicants to whom we offered admission).
 - If a campus is very popular with applicants, the *yield*—the percentage who accepts an admission offer—will be higher than at a less popular campus.
 - The result is that the more popular campus must admit fewer students than the less popular campus to enroll the same number of students. (See next slide.)

How many students will likely accept admission impacts how many students are admitted

| FALL 2014 | UCLA | UCSB |
|---|--------|--------|
| Enrolled California Freshmen | 4,143 | 4,153 |
| Admitted California Freshmen | 9,374 | 18,992 |
| “Yield” Rate | 44% | 22% |
| California Freshman Applications | 56,039 | 51,104 |
| Admit Rate | 17% | 37% |

Observations on the Current Admissions Cycle (Fall 2015)

- The racial and ethnic diversity of our admitted class is unchanged.
- Campus admit rates vary reflecting local conditions: campus capacity, previous enrollment, attrition, and graduation of current students.
- To keep resident enrollment in 2015 at 2014 levels, UC admitted fewer resident undergraduate students.
- Overall nonresident enrollment will be about 15% (last year it was 13.4%).

Transfer and Transfer Pathways

- UC admits more of its new students as transfers from community colleges than any other comparable university.
- Transfer Pathways provide community college students with a single set of courses to take that will prepare them for transfer into a particular major at any UC undergraduate campus.
- Transfer Pathways now exist for 10 of UC's most popular majors; 11 more will be released later this year.
- Transfer students who complete a Pathway will be well positioned for academic success and on-time graduation once they have transferred to UC.

Questions

