Environment and Tempo

A lush and tranquil oasis in an urban setting, Cal is surrounded by coffeehouses, bookstores, the hills of Tilden Regional Park and the city of Berkeley, one of America's most lively, culturally diverse and politically adventurous municipalities.

UC Berkeley receives far more applications than it can admit. Consequently, to gain admission, you need to present an academic profile much stronger than that represented by the minimum University of California admission requirements.
UC Berkeley is among the more selective universities in the country, becoming more competitive each year. It is more selective, with an acceptance rate of 40.6 percent. Due to student demand, selectivity varies among Colleges, and—in the College of Engineering—among majors; for example, it is more difficult to gain admission to the Electrical Engineering and Computer Sciences major than to the Mechanical Engineering major.

For applications to the College of Letters and Science and Natural Resources no consideration is given to the indicated major in the review process. However, for the professional colleges of Chemistry, Environmental Design, and Engineering demonstrated interest in the major is also taken into consideration. Furthermore, in the colleges of Chemistry and Engineering, Berkeley faculty in these disciplines have asked that readers place added emphasis on sustained achievement in mathematics and science, and have indicated a preference that these applicants take the Math Level 2 SAT Subject Test and a science test (Biology, Chemistry or Physics) that is closely related to the applicant's intended major. UC Berkeley offers more than 100 undergraduate majors.

UC Berkeley

What's it really like to study at Cal?

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To give prospective students a glimpse into what life at Cal is like, the UC Berkeley Admissions office has launched a new student-written blog.

Want to know how much homework there is? There are a couple of posts on the Golden Bears blog that will tell you. Curious about dorm life or good places near campus to get coffee? Those revelations are also on the blog.

The posts are written by some of the university’s Ambassadors, students who travel to high school classrooms to talk about Cal, give tours of the campus, and serve as hosts at various university functions.
DAVIS  https://www.ucdavis.edu/admissions/undergraduate/apply
Acceptance Rate:  40.6%
Popular Majors:  Research and Experimental Psychology, Economics, Biology/Biological Sciences, Business/Managerial Economics, and Neurobiology and Anatomy
System:  Quarter

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UC Davis is located in a friendly, safe, college town with quick access to campus by bicycle or the student-run bus system. Students make up half of the city's population and enjoy dozens of student-friendly businesses and community events, including a nationally recognized farmers market, concerts, films, plays, exhibits and special events. The city's progressive culture complements UC Davis' commitment to sustainability.

Ranked 1st in world for veterinary medicine. Ranked 2nd in world Agriculture and Forestry. Students have more than 100 majors to choose from at UC Davis, including sustainable environmental design and marine and coastal science. It is more selective, with an acceptance rate of 40.6 percent.
IRVINE  http://www.admissions.uci.edu/applicants/transfer_admission.html
Acceptance Rate: 38.7%
Popular Majors:  Public Health, Biology/Biological Sciences, Social Psychology, Political Science and Government, Business/Managerial Economics
System: Quarter

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The contemporary campus sits on 1,500 acres of coastal foothills in Orange County, just a few miles from the Pacific Ocean. Located in Irvine, which consistently ranks as one of the safest large cities in the nation, UCI is centrally located to surfing beaches, bike trails, hiking, desert camping and mountain resorts. The centerpiece of the campus is beautiful Aldrich Park. Its unique circular design consists of sweeping lawns, native shrubs and large trees, and is surrounded by the university's academic buildings.
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A city within a city, UCLA offers students the opportunity to live, eat, work, bank, shop, visit a doctor, work out at the gym, enjoy a show or stroll through a wooded park without ever leaving campus. Bruin Walk is the hub of campus activity, where students relax between classes, enjoy midday concerts or participate in rallies.

The average GPA of transfer applicants who are admitted to UCLA is more than 3.5, and most students who are admitted have completed most or all of the preparatory coursework for their majors. We give highest priority to students transferring from
California community colleges or other University of California campuses. ALL SCHOOLS ADMIT FOR FALL QUARTER ONLY.

UCLA is a top destination for many transfer applicants. Every year, however, UCLA receives more transfer applications than spaces available. For that reason, and because UCLA offers no transfer admission guarantee, we encourage you to make yourself competitive for multiple UC campuses. UC has simplified that process for ten of the most popular majors through their new Transfer Pathways. UCLA offers more than 125 undergraduate majors.

MERCED
http://admissions.ucmerced.edu/transfer_requirements
Acceptance Rate: 45%
Popular Majors: Biological Sciences, Psychology, Mechanical Engineering, Management & Business Economics, Computer Science Engineering
System: Semester

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In Merced, students will find movie theaters, music and live theater venues, shopping, special events, and an extensive network of bike paths and parks, as well as popular
Lake Yosemite, located adjacent to campus. Some of the state's finest natural attractions - Yosemite, Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks are favorites - and popular recreational activities, like skiing, snowboarding, whitewater rafting, hiking and camping, are all within an easy drive.

RIVERSIDE  http://collegeportrait.ucr.edu/campus_profile.html
Acceptance Rate:  56%
Popular Majors:  Social Sciences, Business, Management, Marketing, and Related Support Services, Biological and Biomedical Sciences, Psychology, and Engineering
System:  Quarter

Environment and tempo
The 1,200-acre park-like campus and the region's sunny climate provide an ideal setting for outdoor activities. Students can meet for study groups in many of the quiet niches around campus, exercise in the greatly expanded Student Recreation Center or catch up with friends at the Bell Tower to listen to Wednesday "Nooner" concerts.
Acceptance Rate: 47%
Popular Majors: Social Sciences; Psychology; Biological and Biomedical Sciences; and Visual and Performing Arts
System: Quarter

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Located on the Pacific Coast at the foot of the Santa Ynez Mountains, the campus is known for its breathtaking beauty. Most students live in residence halls or in apartments within walking distance of - or a quick bike ride from - campus. In fact, bicycles are the principal mode of transportation in the UCSB community.

Admits junior-level transfers for the fall term only. Admitted applicants typically exceed UC admission requirements, so applicants should plan a course of study that exceeds minimum requirements and complete as much preparation for their chosen major as possible. Priority is given to California community college students.
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UC Santa Cruz is well known for its rigorous but supportive academic environment, its distinctive residential college system and its award-winning sustainability programs. The campus is located in a spectacular setting between the Pacific Ocean and redwood forests. From the bridges to the big redwood trees! The campus is in the middle of the woods and on top of a hill to look out and see the view of the ocean! In 2012, Campus Explorer rated UC Santa Cruz as the number one college in the U.S. for "outdoorsy people," and in 2010, Forbes ranked the campus among the 23 most beautiful college campuses in the world. The metropolitan areas of the Bay Area — San Francisco, San Jose, and the East Bay — are within one to two hours’ drive. UC Santa Cruz has recently been ranked among the top best-value public universities by the Princeton Review and Kiplinger's Personal Finance.
SAN DIEGO  http://studentresearch.ucsd.edu/_files/UCSDCollegeProfile.pdf
Acceptance Rate: 50%
Popular Majors: Biology, Economics, Computer Science & Engineering, Chemistry, Mathematics
System: Quarter

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The serene setting of the San Diego campus, with its stands of giant eucalyptus trees and spectacular views of the Pacific Ocean, strikes a perfect balance with the academically charged atmosphere. The campus is 12 miles north of downtown San Diego and its vibrant nightlife, theaters and cultural activities. Breathtaking destinations abound for camping and hiking, snow sports, and ocean and beach activities.
UC San Diego is a student-centered, research-focused, service-oriented public institution recognized as one of the top 15 research universities worldwide.

Located along the sun-soaked Southern California shore, internationally renowned faculty and accomplished students enjoy one of the most beautiful locations and best weather in the U.S. Undergraduates participate in multidisciplinary research focused on innovation, discovery and enriching society. A unique, six-college residential system provides a smaller, supportive environment within the large research university. UC San Diego has ranked first in the nation for five consecutive years, based on research, civic engagement and social mobility.