

# CHANGES IN UC AND NON-UC ADMISSIONS

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# OVERALL UC DATA

## UC Overall

	2019	2020	2021
California	115,862	113,339	128,128
Out of state	32,895	31,991	46,126
International	27,773	26,769	29,446
Total	176,530	172,099	203,700

# UCSC, UCR, UCM

## Lower Three

	2019	2020	2021
UCSC	55,533	55,003 (-1%)	61,708 (+12%)
UCR	49,220	49,252 (0%)	52,563 (+7%)
UCM	24,472	24,376 (-1%)	25,458 (+5%)

# UCD, UCI, UCSB, UCSD

## Middle Four

	2019	2020	2021
UCD	78,063	76,873 (-2%)	87,118 (+13%)
UCI	95,556	97,916 (-3%)	107,939 (+10%)
UCSB	93,423	90,947 (-3%)	105,640 (+16%)
UCSD	99,112	100,034 (+1%)	118,360 (+18%)

# UCLA, UCB

## Top Two

	2019	2020	2021
UCLA	112,266	108,837 (-3%)	139,463 (+28%)
UCB	87,353	88,026 (+1%)	112,820 (+28%)

# UCLA

	2019	2020	2021
California	69,558	67,877 (-3%)	84,148 (+24%)
Out of state	22,023	23,016 (+5%)	33,838 (+47%)
International	18,685	17,944 (-4%)	21,932 (+22%)
Total	111,266	108,837 (-3%)	139,463 (+28%)

# UCB

	2019	2020	2021
California	50,123	50,223 (0%)	62,169 (+24%)
Out of state	20,193	20,659 (+2%)	29,629 (+43%)
International	17,037	17,144 (0%)	21,022 (+23%)
Total	87,353	88,026 (+1%)	112,820 (+28%)



# University of California

Admissions and Enrollment Rates, for  
Freshmen year (2019)

Campus	No. of CA Applicants	No. of CA Admitted Students	% of CA Applicants Accepted	% of Out of State Accepted	% of International Accepted
Berkeley	50,123	9,634	<b>19</b>	17	9
Los Angeles	69,558	8,352	<b>12</b>	17	8
San Diego	66,041	18,232	<b>28</b>	60	30
Santa Barbara	65,784	17,720	<b>27</b>	39	35
Davis	55,339	19,656	<b>36</b>	63	42
Irvine	70,540	15,000	<b>21</b>	44	41
Santa Cruz	44,354	20,068	<b>45</b>	85	75
Riverside	43,117	24,059	<b>56</b>	74	60
Merced	22,614	17,415	<b>77</b>	72	50

# University of California

## Admissions and Enrollment Rates, for Freshmen year (2020)

Campus	No. of CA Applicants	No. of CA Admitted Students	% of CA Applicants Accepted
Berkeley	50,260	10,154	<b>20</b>
Los Angeles	67,912	9,208	<b>14</b>
San Diego	66,376	22,658	<b>34</b>
Santa Barbara	63,291	22,406	<b>35</b>
Davis	54,602	21,660	<b>39</b>
Irvine	72,425	16,447	<b>23</b>
Santa Cruz	43,903	27,197	<b>62</b>
Riverside	43,176	28,226	<b>65</b>
Merced	23,709	20,849	<b>88</b>

# University of California

Admissions and Enrollment Rates, for  
Freshmen year (2021?)

Campus	No. of CA Applicants (2021)	No. of CA Admitted Students (2020)	% of CA Applicants Accepted (2020)	2021 Projections
Berkeley	62,169	10,154	20	16
Los Angeles	84,148	9,208	14	11
San Diego	76,380	22,658	34	30
Santa Barbara	71,209	22,406	35	31
Davis	60,941	21,660	39	36
Irvine	77,995	16,447	23	21
Santa Cruz	49,183	27,197	62	55
Riverside	45,290	28,226	65	62
Merced	25,458	20,849	88	82

# UC APPLICATION REVIEW

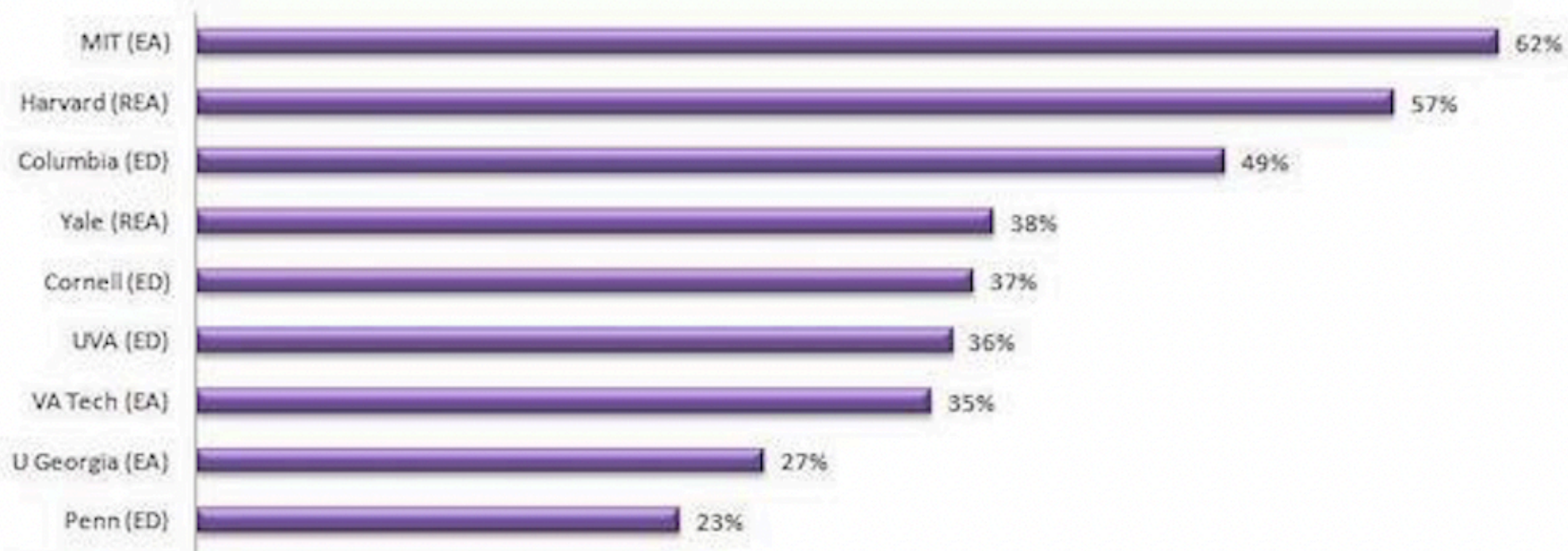
- GPA is now more important than ever
- Exam updates
  - No longer using SAT or ACT, test blind
  - Accept AP, IB, and SAT Subjects (CB has cancelled all future exams)
- Activities and honors (up to 20)
- Personal Statements
- Average time spent on application is 5 - 8 minutes (including reading the 1400-word essays)

# OVERALL ADMISSION REVIEW

- UC applications went up by 15%
- CSU applications went down by 5%, a first in decades
- Cal Poly SLO went up by 4%, Cal State Dominguez Hills went down by 17%
- Selective private and large public colleges: numbers up by 12%
- Common application: numbers down by 2%, a first in 12 years

# CHANGES IN EARLY APPLICATION NUMBERS

Increase in ED/EA Applications  
from 2019 to 2020



# IVY LEAGUE EXAMPLES

- Harvard's REA acceptance rate went from 13.9% to 7.4%
- Roughly 350 deferred last year (approximately 25% of the freshmen class)
- Dartmouth's ED acceptance rate went from 26% to 21%
- 172 deferred last year
- Overall increase in application throughout Ivy universities

# WHAT DOES ALL OF THIS MEAN?

- Competitive colleges are getting harder to get into
- Less competitive colleges are getting easier to get into
- Emphasis is changing, depending on your target
- So is this going to continue? What does it mean for 2021? 2022?



# WHAT DOES ALL OF THIS MEAN?

- For rising seniors, unfortunately the trends we saw this year will continue next year
- As for rising juniors, only time will tell...
- Best thing is to prepare as best you can

# NON-UC ADMISSION COMPONENTS

- GPA
- Strength of Schedule
- Outside academic involvements
- Standardized tests
- Activities, especially leadership
- Outside letters of recommendation
- Personal statements

# STUDENT COMPARISON 1

- GPA: 3.8 - 4.2
- SAT: 1,530 (Verbal 750, Math 780)
- SAT Subjects: ML2 750
- AP exams: AB (5), Biology (4), Chem (4), US (3), English (4), Psychology (4)
- Activities: S/D, School Band, Tutoring program, Cross Country
- Major: Computer Science
- Boston College, rejected from UCLA/UCB and top 20s

- GPA: 3.8 - 4.2
- SAT: 1,490 (Verbal 690, Math 800)
- SAT Subjects: ML2 800, Biology (800)
- AP exams: AB (5), Biology (4), Chem (4), US (3), English (4), Psychology (4)
- Activities: Robotics, C2SDK, AoP tutor, Cyber Patriot
- Major: Computer Science
- CMU, accepted into UCB EECS, rej (CIT, MIT, Cornell, Columbia...)

# STUDENT COMPARISON 2

- GPA: 4.0 - 4.4
- ACT: 35
- SAT Subjects: None
- AP exams: Psychology, US, Bio, AB, Chem (5), Eng (4)
- Activities: Music (multiple orchestras), Music outreach, Dance, Tutoring, summer lab
- Major: Biology
- UCLA, USC, rej (JHU, Duke, Columbia, Brown...)

- GPA: 4.0 - 4.3
- ACT: 32
- SAT Subjects: ML2 (800), Bio (780), Chem (760)
- AP exams: CSP (4), US (5), Bio (5), English (4), AB (5), Chem (5)
- Activities: 2 labs, publication, science fair, iGEM, Red Cross, YLHC
- Major: Biology
- Columbia, Duke, rej (Stanford, Yale, Dartmouth, JHU...)

# STUDENT COMPARISON 3

- GPA: 3.5 - 3.9
- SAT: 1,580
- SAT Subjects: ML2, US (800)
- AP exams: AB, US, World, Stats (5), Chem, English (4)
- Activities: S/D (pres), TOC, S/D outreach/coaching, Newspaper (Editor), Political intern (3 years), writer
- Major: Political Science
- NYU, Middlebury, UCSC, rej (UCI, UCSD, USC, BU, Vandy...)

- GPA: 4.0 - 4.2
- ACT: 33
- SAT Subjects: None
- AP exams: AB (5), Psych, Eng, Bio (4)
- Activities: Tennis (competitive, not recruited), couple of clubs, couple of volunteer work
- Major: Engineering
- UCLA, UCSD, SCU, rej (UCB, Duke, Rice,, Cornell, NYU, USC...)

# ACTION PLAN FOR UC ADMISSION

- Protect your GPA and making your transcript interesting and focused
- Concentrate on your AP exams
- Focus your activities (especially if you are STEM) and pursue leadership
- Maximize your summers
- Look for a unique angle to help you stand out
- Remember, UCs do not accept LORs (this means the activities need to speak for themselves) and do not have interviews

# ACTION PLAN FOR CIT, MIT, CMU, STEM COLLEGES

- Protect your GPA and making your transcript interesting and focused
- Ace your AP exams, especially math and science, and do well on as many of them as possible
- Focus your activities towards your major
- Academic competitions (AMC, SO, USACO) and publications really really help
- Become an expert in your field
- Create a strong base of recommendations to match your activities
- Prepare and submit additional information, if possible

# ACTION PLAN FOR TOP 20 COLLEGES

- Your GPA needs to be near perfect and focused/interesting
- Ace all of your standardized tests, more the better!!!
- Focus your activities on leadership and making the greatest possible impact
- Concentrate on creating a unique storyline (researcher, entrepreneur, educator, musician, artists, environmentalist) that goes as far as you can.
- There are many components and the more you can provide the better
- Prepare and submit additional information, interviews a must (when available)



# WHAT CAN I DO TO BE BETTERED PREPARED

- Plan, Plan, Plan
- Plan, Plan, Plan (success does not happen by accident)

# WHAT CAN ELITE DO TO HELP?

Please click on the links below for more information!!

- [AP Prep Classes](#)

- [AP Credit Classes](#)

- [Dual Enrollment Classes](#)

- [Elite Activities](#)

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