

Most Popular College

UCLA is the nation's most popular college

More than 50,000 High School Seniors Applied for admission for Fall of 2007, making UCLA the most popular university.

Of course the University of California – Los Angeles campus could not house a class size that large, making admissions difficult and strict.

UCLA's popularity is still increasing as it is considered one of the best colleges to attend.

Applications increased 7.1 percent at UCLA, while applications for the entire University of California system were up 5.3 percent for the 2007 school year.

The fall 2007 freshman class will be admitted using the "holistic approach", which was adopted in the fall of 2006 by the faculty Committee for Undergraduate Admissions and Relations with Schools and approved by the UCLA Academic Senate.

In the past, applications were reviewed in sections, with two readers reviewing academics and a third reader reviewing personal achievements and life challenges. Under the holistic approach, each application is read and considered in its entirety by two readers.

"It's heartening to see how many high school students want to come to UCLA," Chancellor Norman Abrams said. "UCLA is one of the world's premier universities in both teaching and research, thanks to the exceptional quality of the students and faculty it attracts. I am especially encouraged by the increase in applications from African American students and other underrepresented minorities."

UCLA has always been known to have a diverse student body.

Data showed that the overall number of minority student applicants increased from 10,097 in fall 2006 (22.2 percent of 2006 applicants) to 11,414 for fall 2007 (23.6 percent).

The increase in the underrepresented minority applications can be attributed to UCLA's commitment to enhance the diversity of the applicant pool through various new outreach activities and to the engagement of students, alumni, community groups and organizations.