

# Admission to a Physics Major in 2016-17

Students who were not admitted to UC San Diego in a physics major have the opportunity to apply to a major in physics **after beginning their undergraduate education at UC San Diego**. All eligible and complete applications will be considered; admittance will be limited based on the number of available seats in our program at the conclusion of the application cycle.

## **In advance of applying, the student must:**

- complete the screening courses (detailed below)
- have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 in all screening courses
- take all major-related courses for a letter- grade, earning a “C-” or higher in each course

## **2016-17 Screening Courses**

- Two UC San Diego Lecture Courses from Physics 2A-B-C-D or 4A-B-C-D-E
- Three UC San Diego Math Courses from Math 18, 20A, 20B, 20C, 20D, 20E

To apply, [click here](#) and submit the *Physics Capped Major Application*. **The deadline to submit your application is 3pm on June 30, 2017.** Your submitted application will be reviewed after the application period has closed and you will be contacted via the VAC on Wednesday, July 5, with our decision on your application.

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

**Q:** May I use AP/IB/A-Levels towards the screening requirements?

**A:** AP/IB/A-Level and/or Transfer courses from outside of UC San Diego cannot be used towards the application requirements.

**Q:** How many students will you be accepting into the program?

**A:** The number of seats available will be based on the number of students who leave our program by the end of the current academic year. It is likely that most available seats will be for students who will be starting their 2nd year in fall 2017 (available seats primarily come from students who started in fall 2016 and have changed to a major outside of physics). We cannot guess the likelihood that you will be admitted.

**Q:** I am a sophomore/junior/senior – will I have less priority in applying?

**A:** Due to the high number of current majors expected to start our core upper division program next year, we anticipate that we will have very few seats available for applicants at that level by the end of our first application cycle (June 2017). However, we are expanding our offerings and will have a new upper division track for physics majors that will begin in winter. We are planning to have an application period in September *specifically for students who will have the lower division physics major requirements complete by then*. For more information on this, please contact the [Physics Undergraduate Advisor](#).

**Q:** What fall 2017 courses should I register for if I am applying to a major in physics?

**A:** Since admission into a physics major is not guaranteed you are strongly encouraged to enroll in fall 2017 courses for your current major. If you are currently undeclared, please consult with your college for fall 2017 course recommendations.

**Have additional questions? Please contact the [Physics Undergraduate Advisor](#).**

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