




Academic Senate

COMMITTEE ON UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS

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To: Dylan Rodríguez, Chair
Riverside Division

From: Sheldon Tan, Chair 
Committee on Undergraduate Admissions

RE: Proposed BS/MS Joint Five Year Combined Degree Program in Statistics

The Committee on Undergraduate Admissions reviewed the proposal for a BS/MS Joint Five Year Combined Degree Program in Statistics and had several concerns regarding the proposed admissions process for the program.

The Committee noted concern that student's SAT scores are used for preliminary conditions of admission as UC is proceeding with test-optional for 2021-2022 and soon test-blind admissions processes for 2023-2024. The Committee recommends that the program remove the inclusion of the SAT requirement to reflect the changes to admissions policy.

The Committee also noted concern with the admissions requirement for students to have "sufficient math preparation to enroll in calculus upon arrival" as it lacked specificity for students. The Committee recommends that the statement be revised to state that "students are eligible to enroll in or to receive credit for MATH 7A or MATH 9A upon arrival or in their first quarter" so that students are aware of what courses they need to take for the calculus requirement.

Lastly, the Committee requests that the proposal be updated to include the expected implementation timeframe. The committee feels the new program may be too late for 2021 cohort and the new program should be available for the Fall 2022 entry term, which will open for application in August 2021.