

BOARS Policy on Selection of Nonresident Students (rev. June 2021)

1. Per [Regents Policy 2102](#): Campuses should identify and admit students who demonstrate high levels of academic achievement and who are well-prepared to succeed at, and contribute to, the University of California.
2. Per BOARS Principles for Nonresident Undergraduate Enrollment: “Nonresident enrollment should not be used exclusively as a revenue-producing strategy to the detriment of resident access” and “fiscal considerations should not be a primary factor guiding the review of files or admissions decisions.”¹
3. Per BOARS Clarification of Principles for Non-Resident Enrollment: Nonresident students should “compare favorably” to residents admitted at the same campus.²
4. To the fullest extent possible, campuses should employ the same criteria for the admissibility of nonresident students as those employed for resident students.
5. Grade Point Average for nonresident admits should be comparable to resident admits when available and applicable. Overall, the high school curriculum for nonresident admits should be commensurate with resident admits.
6. The high school curriculum for nonresident applicants should be commensurate with resident applicants. Per [SR 450](#), a nonresident applicant must satisfy the requirements of SR 424, which outlines coursework requirements for CA residents (currently 15 college-preparatory courses in specific subject areas) with a minimum 3.4 GPA.³
7. Similar to the rationale outlined in the Guidelines for Implementation of University Policy on Admissions by Exception,⁴ nonresident applicants who do not technically meet the minimum requirements for admission outlined in SR 450, but who demonstrate strong likelihood of academic success at UC or exceptional potential to contribute to the University, may be admitted. This is in recognition of the variation in curricula outside of California that adversely affects applicants’ abilities to fulfill California’s A-G curriculum as well as diversity in grading systems. Qualified nonresidents admitted notwithstanding A-G need not be coded as Admission by Exception.
8. BOARS extends the Regents approved action for test free admissions selection in 2023-24 and 2024-25 to apply to all students applying for freshman admission.

¹ https://senate.universityofcalifornia.edu/files/committees/boars/MC2Yudof_BOARSNon-ResidentPrinciples_082109.pdf

² <https://senate.universityofcalifornia.edu/files/committees/boars/BOARS-NR-Principles-June-2011.pdf>

³ <https://senate.universityofcalifornia.edu/bylaws-regulations/regulations/rpart2.html>

⁴ <https://senate.universityofcalifornia.edu/files/committees/boars/documents/a-by-e-guidelines.pdf>