

March 17, 2023

Denny Cao  


Dear Denny:

After careful review of your application for admission, we regret to inform you that we are unable to offer you admission for Fall 2023. UCLA continues to receive far more applications for admission than we can accommodate in our freshman class. For Fall 2023, we received nearly 146,000 freshman applications and were able to admit fewer than one in ten. Our challenge lies not only in our volume of applications but in the quality of the students who choose to apply to our campus.

Each application is unique, and each student presents wonderful attributes and potential. Our work is challenging but our commitment to being thorough in our review process is sincere. Every application is read at least twice with consideration given to accomplishments both in and outside of the classroom and we are mindful of the opportunities and challenges students face while achieving so much in their schools and communities. Ultimately, no single attribute or achievement guarantees admission—there are simply too many well-qualified, accomplished, and capable applicants for the number of freshman spaces available at UCLA.

If attending UCLA remains your ambition, you should know that there is another opportunity for admission later in your academic career: applying as a junior-level transfer student. You can learn more about the transfer option at [www.admission.ucla.edu/transfer](http://www.admission.ucla.edu/transfer).

I understand this is disappointing news. While no language in a decision letter can lessen that disappointment, please know that we understand the emotional investment you have made in this process and take this responsibility very seriously. We wish you all the best in your collegiate experience.

Sincerely,

Gary A. Clark, Jr.  
Executive Director  
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