

**FAQ for Transfer Students not Admitted to Engineering Majors  
at Jacobs School of Engineering, UC San Diego**

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1. I hear all Engineering majors at UC San Diego are “capped,” what does that mean?  
A: This means that the number of spots for incoming transfer students is limited, because the demand for

7. Who reviews these applications?  
A: Each department reviews all applications from students who wish to transfer to their Engineering majors on a student-by-student basis.
8. What should I do to prepare for switching into the major?  
A: Learn about the courses, criteria, and application deadlines for the majors that interest you and do the best you can in all your courses.
- If you are Undeclared, you should take courses that fulfill College requirements and/or requirements for your “back up” major. If you have room in your course schedule, complete courses required for the Engineering major that you wish to apply to.
  - If you are in a major (not Undeclared), take coursework to make progress in that major. You should also take courses that fulfill College requirements. If you have room in your course schedule, complete courses required for the Engineering major that you wish to apply to.
- If you are not accepted into an Engineering major, you will still have made progress towards your degree. Your College advisor is the best person to help you with this type of course planning.
9. Can I still apply to Engineering through the Engineering Major Change process, if I already declared a non-Engineering major, or if I stay Undeclared during my first year?  
A: Yes, you can apply if you have a declared major or if you are Undeclared.
10. If I apply and don't get in to Engineering through the Engineering Major Change process, can I try again?  
A: Since each department in the Jacobs School of Engineering has a process for admitting UC San Diego continuing students, you will need to check individual departmental websites to verify how many times you can apply to change your major to Engineering. However, it is also important to make progress towards graduation in a major in which you can be admitted. If you have not been admitted to an Engineering major as a transfer student after your first try, you should pick another major.
11. If I don't get in to Engineering through the Engineering Major Change process, what should I major in at that point?  
A: We recommend that you work with your College academic advisor regarding the selection/choice of a

cations only once per year, and others do it more often, as often as once per quarter. Check the departmental web sites. It is a good idea to apply as soon as the departmental deadlines and screening course