

Email response to a student denied transfer admission for Fall 2006

John

I understand your disappointment in being denied admission to UCSB's Electrical Engineering major despite your strong GPA. Because you have not yet completed all of the preparation for the EE major, it would take you more than 3 years to complete your degree at UCSB.

Prior to accepting your offer from the College of Letters & Science to complete a math degree, please consider everything that we have discussed during the last few weeks:

1. your *dream* is to be an electrical engineer
2. you are worried about the cost of college and currently have a good job that is flexible about your school hours
3. your *goal* is to be an electrical engineer
4. your family will enjoy your living at home one more year, and by continuing to share household expenses, you and your mom can save some money
5. you *can* be an electrical engineer

If you stay at De Anza Community College for one more year and complete Physics 4C, Math 2B, Engineering 37 and CIS 20JA and 20JB, with grades of B or higher, you will be very admissible next year. You can complete your circuit sequence (which is not taught at De Anza) during summer of 2007 at UCSB and begin fall term as a true junior. You would then be able to complete your EE degree at UCSB in two years.

Talk to your family about your dreams, opportunities and options before committing to a math major at UCSB and please contact me if you have questions or concerns about this information.

Best wishes on your continued academic successes,
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