

Dynamic College Admissions and the Determinants of Students' College Retention (Electronic Companion)

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Appendix

A APPENDIX

A.1 SURVEYS

2019 Admissions Process Knowledge and Preferences

Preferencias y Conocimientos del Proceso de Admisión 2019.

Introduction

Welcome to the **2019 Admissions Process Knowledge And Preferences Survey**.

This survey's aim is to understand your knowledge and preferences regarding the *Admissions Process*. Additionally, we would like to know how likely it is that you think for you to be selected in each of your application choices.

Admissions Likelihood

Cutoff score (*puntaje de corte*) is defined as the latest accepted weighted score for each major. Each student gets placed into their best preference for which their weighted score is greater than or equal to the cutoff score that results from the current Admissions Process.

Do you know what was **last year's** cutoff score for the majors that you applied to?

1. I know last year's cutoff scores for each major that I applied to.
2. I know last year's cutoff scores for only a few of the majors that I applied to.
3. I don't know any last year's cutoff scores for the majors that I applied to.

What do you think is the likelihood that you will be accepted into your first preference?

1. Slider controller that ranges from 0-100.

Admissions Likelihood and Cutoff Scores for Choice Portfolio

In the next question we will show you your application portfolio in the same order that you applied to. Please tell us what you think the **current** process' cutoff scores, and how likely you think that your own cutoff score will be **above** the current cutoff score.

What do you think the current Admissions Process cutoff scores will be for each of these majors?

1. Matrix with the applicant's choices + sliders that range from 350 to 850 points.

How likely do you think that your own weighted score will be **higher** than the cutoff score for each of these majors? In a scale from 0 to 100, where 0 is "entirely sure that your own score will NOT be above the cutoff score for this major" and 100 is "entirely sure that your own score WILL be above the cutoff score for this major"

1. Matrix with the applicant's choices + sliders that range from 0 to 100.

Ideal major

This question's aim is to know where you would have applied to in the hypothetical case in which your admission did not depend on your scores. We remind you that this is only a hypothetical question and will not have any effect in your application nor in your admission probabilities.

If the Admissions Process did not depend on your PSU score, nor your NEM scores, nor your Ranking scores. What would have been your main major choice?

1. Drop down menu with the entire selection menu.

What do you think the cutoff score would have been for this major?

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Application requirements.

This section's aim is to understand your knowledge about the major-specific application requirements for the *Sistema Unico de Admisión*.

Randomly select two majors from the applicant's application and ask them about their specific requirements.

Do you know which are the application requirements and seats for each of the following majors?

1. Matrix with two randomly chosen applicant's choices, and 3 random requirements out of a list of 6.

For each of the requirements selected above (that the respondent says to know), ask them about the specific values of them.

Network

Within all your choices in your application: Do you know anyone that's close (family, friend, etc.) that is currently enrolled in that major?

Errors

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At the time that you submitted your application, you did not meet at least one application requisite for the following choices:

1. List of applicant's choices with errors.

Did you know that you did not meet at least one application requisite for these choices?

1. Yes
2. No

If Yes:

Why did you decide to include in your application some choices for which you did not meet at least one of the application requirements?

1. I expect that at least one of my scores to change, which would allow me to meet the application requirements.
2. Because it did not affect the rest of my application, I included some choices I preferred even though I knew I did not meet all the requirements.
3. I thought there was a chance that I was going to be considered for these choices, even though I knew I did not meet all these requirements.
4. Other, please explain.

If No:

Why do you think you did not know these requirements?

1. Lack of access to information.
2. The information is not clear.
3. Other, please explain.

2020 Admissions Process Knowledge and Preferences

Informed Consent

You have been invited to participate in a study of beliefs regarding your application. The objective of this survey is to gather information regarding your application preferences and about how the mechanism works.

Please know that:

- Participation is completely **voluntary**.
- You can choose to answer **any** questions that you like, as well as **stopping your participation** at any point of the survey.
- Participation in this survey **does not** affect in any way or form your application, and neither your application's outcomes.
- All your responses are **confidential** and kept under strict **safekeeping**.

The sole purpose of the information obtained by DEMRE is **better understanding and improvement of the admissions process**. In the same fashion as **all** other information collected by DEMRE, this information is processed and made available to the scientific community for research purposes, **ensuring that anonymity of individuals is kept**.

1. Accept
2. Decline

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Retention

The objective of the next question is to know about your preferences and expectations. We remind you that this questions is completely hypothetical and will not have any effect on your application nor on your chances of admission.

With respect to **major_i**, and in the case that you **enroll in this major in the 2020 process**, what is the probability that you will enroll in the same major the next year (2021 process)?

In a scale from 0 to 100, where 0 is "entirely sure that I will **NOT** enroll in the same major, and 100 is "entirely sure that I **WILL** enroll in the same major".

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Without regard as to whether you actually applied to this major or not: How likely do you think that it would be that your own weighted score will be **above** the cutoff score for this major? In a scale from 0 to 100, where 0 is "entirely sure that your own score will **NOT** be above the cutoff score for this major" and 100 is "entirely sure that your own score **WILL** be above the cutoff score for this major".

In the case that you did not include this major in your portfolio. Which of the following applies? (Multiple Selection):

1. The likelihood of being assigned to that major is too low.

2. The major coursework is very hard, and I do not think I would be able to finish if I were to register.
3. I do not have enough financial resources to pay for the major.
4. To include this major, I would have to remove another major from my portfolio.
5. The decision as to where to apply was not completely undertaken by me and it was influenced by other people such as family, friends or others.
6. I thought that if I had added this major, it would have affected my chances of admissions to the other majors in my portfolio.
7. Given that my chances of being admitted to this choice are very low, I did not include it on my portfolio so that I could be placed in a higher reported choice.
8. Other. Please explain.

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