

Waitlist and Enrollment FAQs

1. Why can't I get into my class from the waitlist ?

Enrollment from the waitlist happens automatically. When a student is not being enrolled off the waitlist for a class that has open seats, it's for one of these reasons:

1. The open seats in the class are restricted to certain groups, such as majors only or sophomores only, of which the student is not a member.
2. If the student were to enroll, they would exceed their unit limit for the current enrollment phase.
3. The class has open seats, but the *section* they are trying to enroll in is full.
4. The schedule of something they are already enrolled in (lecture, discussion, lab) overlaps with the course or section they are on the waitlist for.

2. A seat just opened in the section I want. But when I try to enroll, the system only lets me add to the waitlist. Why can't I enroll?

When a seat opens in a previously full section that has a waitlist, Cal Central temporarily closes enrollment in that section until after the next run of the waitlist, in order to give priority to those students on the waitlist who have been waiting for a seat to open.

3. I was enrolled in my class. When a seat opened in a section that would have been a better time for me, I tried to swap sections, but I got put on the waitlist and I now I'm not enrolled anymore. Why?

See #2 above. Sections with new openings will temporarily be closed to new enrollment until the waitlist runs because waitlisted students have priority for newly opened seats. Trying to swap into a full section will result in you losing your enrollment.

4. How often does the waitlist run?

The waitlist is processed automatically four times a day.

5. If I'm on the waitlist for a full section and I want to swap for another section, can I use the swap feature for this?

Unfortunately no. The swap feature is available only to enrolled students. If you are waitlisted and you want to make a change, you must first drop yourself from

the waitlist and then attempt to re-enroll. This can be risky. If you attempt to re-enroll in a section that appears to have open seats, those seats may not be available if they are reserved for a group to which you do not belong (for instance, seniors or majors only), and you will find yourself on the waitlist again, but this time with a lower position.

6. I can't get off the waitlist because the time of my section overlaps with another class I'm enrolled in by only a half hour. Can the Economics Department override my conflict?

It is the policy of the Economics Department not to override schedule conflicts. We do not make exceptions.

7. I've been on the waitlist for an econ class that had been reserved for majors only. I was just recently admitted and declared in the major. Will I have priority now over non-majors on the waitlist?

Most economics courses are reserved for majors only during Phase 1. We remove that restriction in Phase 2. If you become declared in the major during Phase 2 after restrictions have been removed, you will not have priority over any other student on the waitlist.