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Foreign students still arriving in California



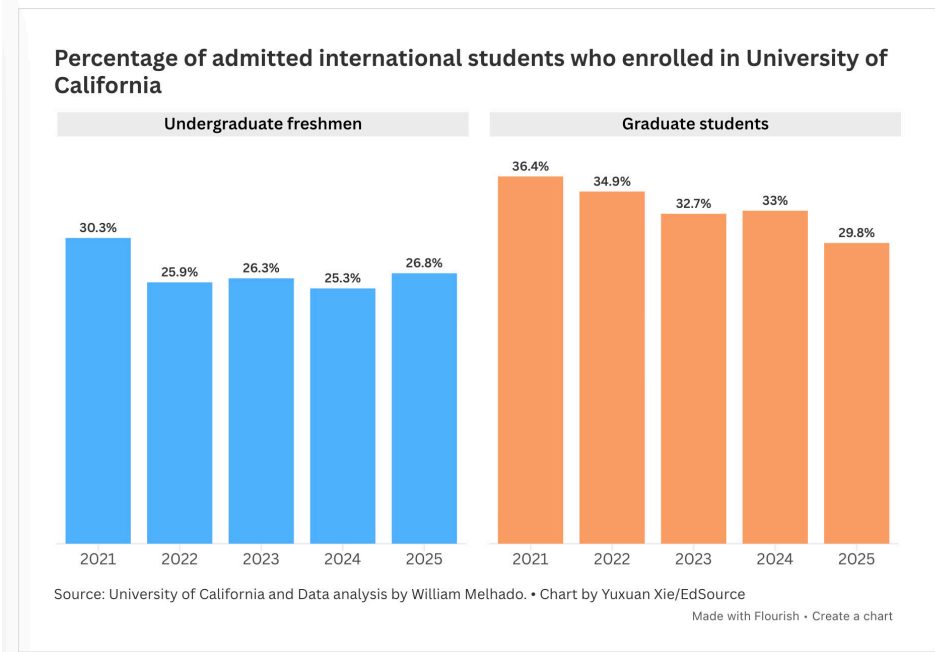
Students sit on the lawn near Royce Hall at UCLA. JAE C. HONG — THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Amid federal restrictions and U.S. drop, local universities are global draw

By William Melhado
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It's become much more difficult for foreign students to study on U.S. college campuses during President Donald Trump's second term. Last year, the Trump administration revoked more than 1,000 student visas and paused interviews for prospective international students vying to study in the U.S. to incorporate social media vetting for applicants. Last month, the federal government also restricted how long international students can stay in the U.S. by ordering students to leave the country as soon as they finish their schooling.

Federal officials say the measures are intended, in part, to curtail visa overstay. They may also have contributed to a decline in international enrollment last year, which some estimates put at nearly 20%. Some groups renewed warnings that this fall will again see fewer foreign students coming to U.S. campuses, declining by as much as 9.5%.



And yet, these visa restrictions are not keeping international students away from some California universities. At the University of California, the percentage of undergraduate enrollment of international first-year students increased, albeit marginally, in the years before

and after Trump began his second term, according to UC enrollment data. At the graduate level, however, international enrollment declined 3% between 2024 and 2025, which resulted in roughly 600 fewer foreign students on campuses. It could take several years

to determine how visa restrictions, federal funding cuts and other policies impact international student enrollment, said Valerie Lundy-Wagner, associate director of the Public Policy Institute of California's Higher Education

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L.A. COUNTY

Electing CEO is a big shift in power

Measure G reform will dilute board's role in '28, leaving top position up to voters' choice

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Without a doubt, the most controversial element within Measure G, which ushers in massive changes to how Los Angeles County government works, is the election of a county chief executive. Currently, the CEO, who figures the budget of close to \$50 billion and oversees all county department heads in the most populous county in the nation, is appointed by the five-member elected Board of Supervisors. In contrast, an elected county executive officer will be voted in by 5.8 million county registered voters beginning in the fall of 2028. He or she will have control over the budget, be

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MIDDLE EAST

Iran official says support for new sanctions would be an 'act of war'

The Associated Press

The new head of Iran's top security body warned Sunday that Tehran will see any country's support for new U.S. economic measures against the Islamic Republic as an "act of war," while Iran's president defended a memorandum of understanding with the United States as the best way out of the stalled conflict. Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent today is expected to announce the new measures after the U.S. vowed to impose an "unprecedented" level of economic warfare and isolation on a country that has lived for decades under sanctions. Also today, Pakistan's army chief is expected to visit Iran as mediators try to revive talks. Meanwhile, attacks calmed on the Strait of Hormuz but posturing did not, as a recently created

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2026 ELECTION

Hilton courts non-Trump voters

Gubernatorial candidate will need more than GOP support to win

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"Can you be anti-Trump but still vote for me?" That's the question California gubernatorial candidate Steve Hilton has been posing to voters. And if you ask him, the answer is a resounding "yes."

"You don't have to like (President Donald) Trump. You don't have to become a Republican. You just have to ask yourself: Does it make sense to vote the same way and expect a different result?" Hilton goes on to say in a full-page ad that recently ran in a few California newspapers. Some might think it unorth-

odox for Hilton, a former Fox News political commentator and a Republican who's been endorsed by Trump, to make such statements. For others, it's unsurprising. In fact, they say, it makes perfect sense.

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California gubernatorial candidate Steve Hilton speaks to the media before the start of his election night watch party at The Waterfront Beach Resort on June 2 in Huntington Beach. JEFF GRITCHEN STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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