

Q&A for Waitlisted Students (Regular Decision)

1. What does it mean if an application has been “waitlisted”?
 - During Regular Decision, some candidates are offered a spot on the “waitlist,” meaning they have not been denied, but they have not been admitted either. The Office of Admissions may later extend an offer to a waitlisted candidate, depending on how many admitted students decide to enroll at Penn. If a high number of admitted candidates choose to enroll, then very few or even none of the waitlist candidates may be offered a space in the class. It is important for a waitlisted candidate to place a deposit for enrollment at another University to which they have been accepted.
2. What should the student do?
 - A student offered a spot on the waitlist must reply in order to accept the waitlist spot. Some will decline this offer, and a few students will not reply at all. If the Admissions Office uses the waitlist, they will look at students who have replied positively regarding their waitlist status.
 - The student might also write a short note to their Regional Director of Admissions, briefly restating their interest in Penn. A list of Regional Directors can be found at www.admissions.upenn.edu/contact
3. Could the legacy status play a role in waitlist selections?
 - No. The waitlist is not ranked in any way, and the Admissions Office does not use legacy affiliation in selecting students.
4. Does the University of Pennsylvania accept transfer students?
 - Yes. To apply, students must complete the Transfer Admissions Application. The University only permits fall entry for transfers and expects that students will have at least one year of college work completed prior to enrollment, but no more than two years of college work.