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**UNIVERSITY of the
PHILIPPINES
ADMISSION POLICIES,
PRACTICES & CHALLENGES**

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UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES SYSTEM

OVERVIEW

- Brief history and description
- Freshman Admissions
 - UP College Admissions Test (UPCAT)
 - Automatic Admissions
- Challenges
 - K-12
 - Access and Equity

HISTORY

- 1908 Established as University of the Philippines
- 1972 Reorganized into the UP System
- 2008 Chartered as the National University

7 Constituent Universities

One autonomous college

15 campuses nationwide

175 undergraduate degree programs

>53,000 students (2014)

UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES DILIMAN



ONE UNIVERSITY, ONE U.P.

CHARTER MANDATE

Academic Excellence

Social Responsibility

Democratic Access

U.P. shall take affirmative steps, which may take the form of an alternative and equitable admissions process to enhance the access of disadvantaged students.

FRESHMAN ADMISSIONS

- 1973 Democratization of Admissions policy
- 1996 Excellence-Equity Admission System

EXCELLENCE

- U.P. COLLEGE ADMISSION TEST (UPCAT)
Language, Reading, Math, Science
- (3 yrs) HIGH SCHOOL FINAL GRADES

FRESHMAN ADMISSIONS

UPCAT YEAR	Applicants	Qualifiers	Q Rate (%)*
1991	34,153	7,880	23.07
1996	51,317	10,355	20.18
2001	64,848	10,667	16.45
2006	68,724	12,457	18.13
2011	66,559	12,944	19.45
2015	88,554	14,988	16.93
2016**	5,045	1,558	31.08

**K-12 Transition Period

*Qualifiers/Actual examinees

FRESHMAN ADMISSIONS

EQUITY/ DEMOCRATIC ACCESS

INCOME

HS TYPE

GEOGRAPHIC

ETHNICITY

PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

FRESHMAN ADMISSIONS

EQUITY and INCOME

- APPLICANTS For UPCAT 2015 from different income categories have equitable distributions (approx 30%)
- A smaller percentage of the Qualifiers came from lower income groups
- *Lowest income group has lowest qualifying rate (10.44); Highest income group has highest qualifying rate (24.8%)*

FRESHMAN ADMISSIONS

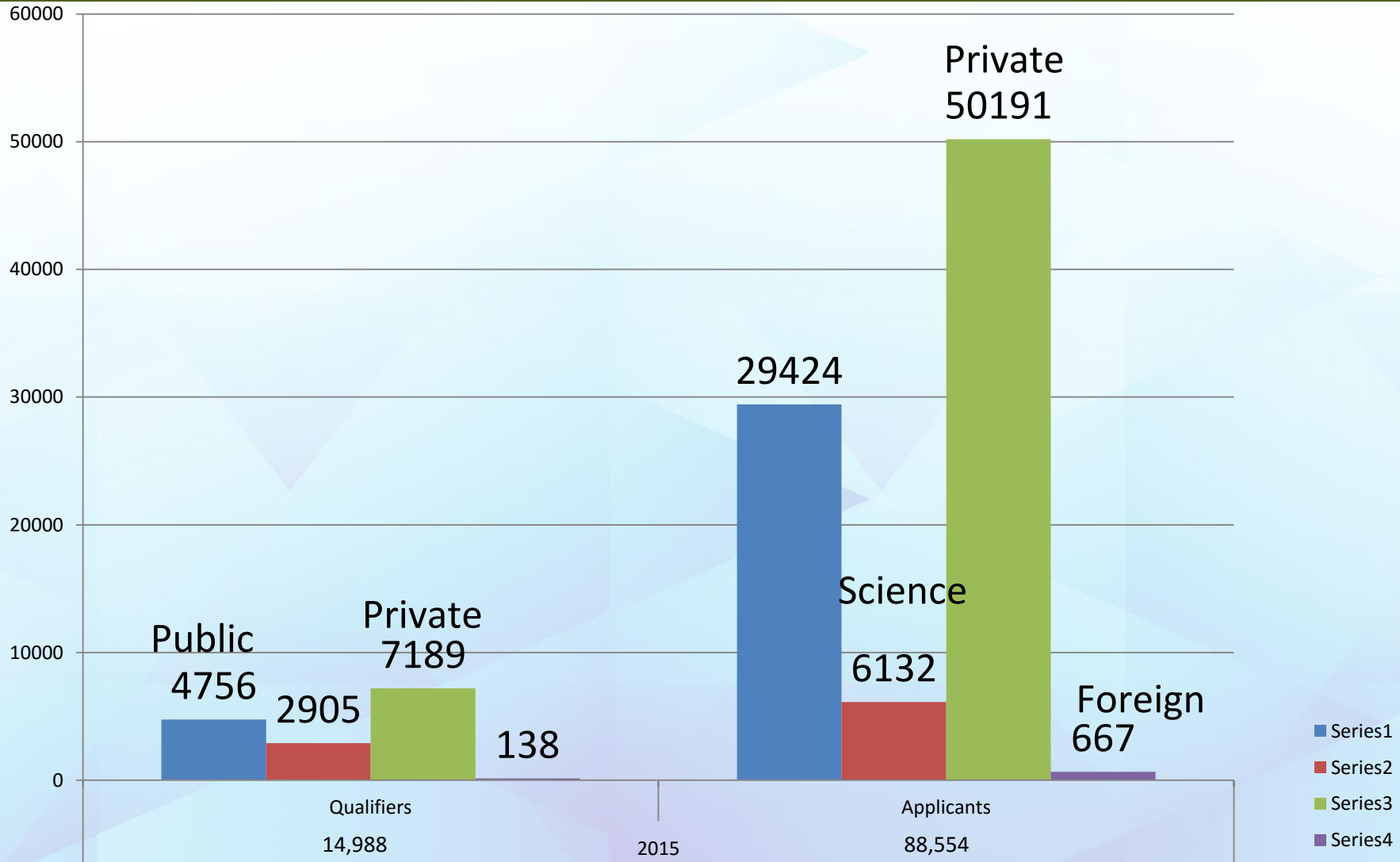
- EQUITY and High School TYPE

Applicants from general Public HS went up slightly from 27% in 2011 to 30.57% in 2015

The Qualifying rate of Private HS applicants is 14.32%; for Public HS it is 15.32%

Only 7% of Applicants are from Public Science HS but they make up nearly 20% of Qualifiers

EQUITY and HS TYPE



FRESHMAN ADMISSIONS

EQUITY and REGION

REGION	APPLICANTS %	QUALIFIERS %	QUALIFYING RATE
Luzon	44.62	38.55	14.62
Visayas	11.99	18.07	25.50
Mindanao	8.33	12.00	24.38
National Capital Region	34.29	30.46	15.03
Foreign	0.76	0.92	16.93
TOTAL N	88,554	14,988	16.93

FRESHMAN ADMISSIONS

ACCESSING UPCAT APPLICATIONS

- MORE REGIONAL APPLICATION FILING CENTERS
 - FREE COURIER SERVICE
 - **UPCAT ONLINE APPLICATIONS**
 - **ACCESS TO COMPUTERS AND INTERNET**
 - ONLINE PAYMENTS (Soon)

FRESHMAN ADMISSIONS

ACCESSing UPCAT

- MORE TESTING CENTERS IN REGIONS
- TESTING CENTERS IN THE MIDEAST FOR OFW CHILDREN
- SPECIAL TEST ADMINISTRATION FOR PWDs
- **UPCAT ONLINE REVIEWER**



CHALLENGES

- K-12 IMPACT ON UPCAT
- INTERNATIONALIZATION and UPCAT LANGUAGE
- EXCELLENCE-EQUITY SYSTEM and AFFIRMATIVE ACTION
- SCHOLARSHIPS
- INTERNATIONALIZATION VS NATIONAL RELEVANCY

MARAMING SALAMAT!



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