Welcome to the University of California, Santa Cruz. This beautiful campus is home to much more than redwoods, deer, and wildflowers. UCSC attracts people from all over the world who want to live, work, and learn on a campus known for impactful research, interdisciplinary scholarship, and a personalized learning experience. Our spectacular setting is integral to our success, as it inspires the best minds and offers endless opportunities for recreation and rejuvenation.

Whether you’re visiting from a neighboring county, another state, or a distant land, I’m glad you’ve made the time to experience this distinctive campus. Please use this brochure as a guide to help broaden your understanding of UC Santa Cruz and the Santa Cruz community. I’m sure you’ll see why we think UC Santa Cruz is a uniquely wonderful place to be.

Enjoy your visit!

George Blumenthal
Chancellor

RANKINGS

1ST nationally for Hispanic students (2014, BestColleges.com)
2ND in the world for research influence in 2015-2016 Times Higher Education rankings, as measured by the average number of times our discoveries are cited by scholars (tied with Stanford University)
7TH in the nation in Film, Video, and Photographic Arts (2014, College Factual)
8TH in the nation for social mobility (2015, CollegeNET)
ONE of the top-ranked U.S. programs in computer game design (both undergraduate and graduate) (2016, Princeton Review)
ONE of the greenest colleges and universities in the U.S. (2015, Princeton Review)

CUTTING-EDGE RESEARCH

UC Santa Cruz is home to the following research centers:
• UC Observatories/Lick Observatory
• Center for Biomolecular Science and Engineering
• Center for Agroecology and Sustainable Food Systems
• Institute of Geophysics and Planetary Physics
• Santa Cruz Institute for Particle Physics
• Institute of Marine Sciences
• California Institute for Quantitative Biosciences
• Institute for the Biology of Stem Cells
• Center for Information Technology Research in the Interest of Society
• Chicano/Latino Research Center
• NASA University Affiliated Research Center

Other research groups study areas such as the biology of RNA, adaptive optics, Charles Dickens, computer games and playable media, international economics, linguistics, and the arts.
STUDENT PROFILE

Total enrollment for fall 2015: 17,868
16,231 undergraduates
1,637 graduate students

UNDERGRADUATES:
52.5 percent women;
47.0 percent men;
0.5 unknown

FALL 2015 ETHNICITY OF UNDERGRADUATES

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FALL 2016 UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSION PROFILE

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(percentages of all admits whose scores fell in the ranges below)

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TRANSFER STUDENTS
Mean GPA: 3.38
VISITOR INFORMATION

CAMPUS TOURS

Student-led campus tours are available by reservation all year, Monday–Friday. Reserve online: admissions.ucsc.edu/campustours. Tours leave from the Cook House.

You can view a virtual tour of UC Santa Cruz, complete with 360-degree panoramic views of campus, any time: admissions.ucsc.edu/#virtualtour

OUR DISTINCTIVE RESIDENTIAL COLLEGE SYSTEM

UC Santa Cruz combines the resources of a world class public research university with a distinctive undergraduate experience characterized by our college system. Each college is a vibrant living/learning community supported by faculty and staff who provide academic support, organize student activities, and sponsor events that enhance the intellectual and social life of the campus. All undergraduate students, whether they live on campus or not, are affiliated with one of our 10 colleges.

The colleges are located throughout the campus: Cowell and Stevenson 5, Merrill and Crown 6, College Nine and College Ten 7, Kresge and Porter 10, and Rachel Carson College (formerly College Eight) and Oakes 12.

PARKING

Visitors have several options for parking at UCSC. There are paystations and parking meters in a number of parking lots on campus, offering short-term parking (typically a two-hour limit, although some locations have one-hour limits). The cost is $2.00/hour.

If you want to park for longer than a few hours, you can purchase a one-day visitor permit for $8. From 7 a.m. to 1 p.m., you can stop by the Main Entrance Kiosk to purchase your permit and obtain a campus map. From 1 to 5 p.m., the Kiosk dispenses information only, and permits and maps can be obtained at the TAPS Sales Office in Barn H.

Visitors arriving weekdays after 5 p.m., or on weekends, will need to either park in lots without permit requirements or rely on paystations and meters. Campus parking maps (which list permit requirements and paystation/meter locations) are kept in an accessible location at the Main Entrance Kiosk for after-hours pickup. A campus parking map can also be downloaded at maps.ucsc.edu under the “Printable Maps” tab.
WHERE TO EAT ON Campus

During the academic year, visitors are encouraged to eat in one of the college dining halls. Hours vary, but on weekdays, college dining halls are generally open about 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Campus Transit operates two routes during weekdays and evenings (the Loop and Upper Campus routes) and an additional two during evening hours (the East and West Night Core routes). In addition, there is a Night Owl Service between campus and downtown Santa Cruz available for students, faculty, and staff only. In general, shuttles run from 7:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 6 to 11 p.m. on weekends. On Call stops at the North Remote Parking Lot and the Village are available by request to the driver or by calling 831.459.3228 or 831.459.2231. Maps and schedules are available on the shuttles, at shuttle stops, and online at taps.ucsc.edu/buses-shuttles/index.html. To view the locations of campus shuttles in real time, check slugroute.com.

The campus is also served by the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District (“Metro”) buses. The current adult fare is $2.00, but buses are free to current UC Santa Cruz students with valid ID cards. Children under 46 inches tall ride free.

Other options (please note that some campus cafes are closed during the summer): Quarry Plaza (Café Ivêta, Bay Tree Express Store); Cowell College (Cowell Coffee Shop); Stevenson College (Stevenson Coffee House); Crown College (Banana Joe’s); Merrill College (Vivas Organic Mexican Food); Porter College (Porter Slug Grill and Café); Kresge College (Owl’s Nest); Oakes College (Oakes Café); Rachel Carson College (formerly College Eight), (College Eight Café); Colleges Nine/Ten (Terry Freitas Café); McHenry Library (Global Village Café); Academic Resources Center (Back Perch); University Center (Terra Fresca); Baskin Engineering; Earth & Marine Sciences; Physical Sciences Building; a variety of food trucks on campus.

All numbers refer to the campus map on pages 10 and 11 (center spread).
SELF-GUIDED TOURS

Feel free to use these self-guided walking tours to discover our spectacular campus. Wear comfortable shoes, as this will help you navigate our campus terrain. Also, we recommend you dress in layers for our variable coastal climate. If you are not taking the campus shuttle to the starting points, please stop by the kiosk at the Main Entrance and purchase a day parking pass (7 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Friday. From 1 to 5 p.m., all permits must be purchased at the TAPS Sales Office located in the H Barn).

If you miss anything on the tour, you can view our new virtual tour online at any time: admissions.ucsc.edu/#virtualtour

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East Campus Tour
(90–120 minutes)

Highlights: Cowell, Stevenson, Crown, and Merrill Colleges; Humanities/Social Sciences Complex; McHenry Library; Quarry Plaza; East Field House (sports facility).

1. From the Main Entrance drive up to the second stoplight. Turn left on Hagar Drive, and drive up the hill, passing meadows and the East Remote Parking Lot. If you do not have a parking pass, park in one of the paystalls and purchase a permit at the paystation. Turn right into the parking lot for the East Field House 2.

   Your walk starts here. The main physical education and recreation facilities are located here, including a fitness center, a gymnasium, dance and martial arts studios, an Olympic-sized swimming pool, and several playing fields and courts.

2. Turn right out of the parking lot and walk up Hagar Drive, watching for Steinhart Way, which will be on the left. Turn onto Steinhart Way, where you will go past Quarry Plaza 4 on your right. Turn immediately left again onto Hahn Road. In a short distance, you’ll come to Hahn Student Services, a large gray building on your right. It contains offices for Student Housing, Admissions, the Registrar, and Financial Aid.

3. Walk past the North Entry of Hahn (so labeled), turn left and walk along the west side of the building. At the end of the building, turn right, walk across the bridge, and follow signs to McHenry Library 3. Note that toward the end of the bridge you cross over a path; you’ll use this path to return to Hahn. McHenry Library is five stories high and contains group study rooms, a laptop area, the Global Village Café, and “Dead Central,” UC Santa Cruz’s celebrated Grateful Dead Archive.

4. After you have seen the library, find the path under the bridge that you were just on. Follow it through the woods until you reach Hahn Road; turn left and head back up to Quarry Plaza 4. Cross the street and walk through the Plaza. You will see the Bay Tree Bookstore on your right and Café Ivêta on your left. The Bay Tree Bookstore offers books, computers and software, and an enormous selection of Slug memorabilia. The Bay Tree Building also houses the Ethnic Resource Centers and the Career Center.

5. Walk to the end of Quarry Plaza and climb the right-hand stairs. When you reach the top, you are facing McLaughlin Drive; Hagar Drive is just to your right. Cross McLaughlin at the crosswalk and take the stairs directly in front of you which lead uphill. Climb the hill; at the top, continue straight to the double flight of stairs. Pass straight through the residence hall courtyard to the parking area. Turn right and come to a sign for Crown College 6. Enter the plaza with the fountain. Follow signs to Banana Joe’s Café, then continue on through Merrill College 6, passing the Merrill Cultural Center on your left. Veer right and walk through the Merrill quad, ending at the Gate House on your right. You will soon see a traffic circle with sculptures in it ahead on the left. As you stand and look at the circle, take the path on your right that descends down the hill. Take the steps a short way along that path on your left. At the fork, continue down the stairs to your left.

6. When you regain McLaughlin Drive, walk to your right and cross at the flashing light to the Humanities Lecture Hall. Walk down Cowell-Stevenson Road, passing the Humanities Complex immediately on your right. Proceed about another 150 yards down to a traffic circle with a stand of redwoods in its center. Bear right out of the traffic circle down a few stairs to the entry portico to Cowell College 6. Walk into Cowell College, cross the courtyard, and step to the railing for a great view. On a clear day, you’ll see the ocean from here.
7. To get to Stevenson College, retrace your steps back out through the Cowell College entryway and take the sidewalk to the immediate right. Follow it down past the Eloise Pickard Smith Gallery and on to the entrance to Stevenson College. Enter Stevenson. Walk past the Stevenson Café and past the Event Center to another charming quad. Looking toward the ocean, exit the quad down a small set of steps and turn right on the road in front of Casa 9 and Casa 11. Proceed along that road enjoying the meadow view to your left. Continue on until you pass between Apartment 3 (on the right) and the Cowell Provost House (on the left). At the main road, turn left and then in a short distance left again into the parking lot where you started.

Central Campus Tour
(45-75 minutes)

Highlights: Science Hill; Colleges Nine and Ten; Jack Baskin School of Engineering.

1. Drive up Empire Grade and take the West Entrance. Proceed up Heller Drive to the Core West Parking Structure, which will be on your right just shy of McLaughlin Drive. Turn right to enter the structure. You are entering the Parking Structure on the west side. Park and take note of what level you are on. On foot, exit through the corner stairs on the east side of the building. Leave the structure stairs at level 1 onto a paved footpath that skirts a small ravine. The footpath ends at Steinhart Way; cross at the crosswalk and find the sidewalk between two small parking areas. Take the five-step concrete staircase ahead of you. Immediately turn left and walk along the concrete corridor until you are under an overpass. To your right is Thimmann Labs, which houses the Biology advising office; ahead off to the right is a courtyard with a well-known sea lion sculpture. Before that courtyard, take the set of stairs on the left. At the top, a curving path leads to Sinsheimer Labs, which houses the Molecular, Cell, and Developmental Biology Department.

2. With the curving entrance to your back, enter the brick plaza. On your left you will see the Science and Engineering Library. Turn to the right; Natural Sciences 2 is on your left, and the Natural Sciences Annex is on your right. Walk between these two buildings and descend the stairs.

3. At the bottom of the stairs, take an immediate left, walking under the futuristic “flying buttress” retrofits of Natural Sciences 2. If the building is open, visit the Center for Adaptive Optics on your right to see its unusual open space plan. Past the Center for Adaptive Optics on the right is Earth and Marine Sciences, another building with an interesting lobby.

4. The Interdisciplinary Sciences Building, on your left, is home to Environmental Studies. Walk to the end of it, and turn left. After you pass the building, you will see a pedestrian bridge on your right. Cross the bridge and stay on the sidewalk to McLaughlin Drive. Walk to the right to the intersection with College Ten Road; cross the street. Take the footpath that climbs to your right. Now you are in the complex of College Nine and College Ten. To the north are the Colleges Nine and Ten Apartments and the International Living Center (ILC). Turn left at the sign for Terry Freitas Café. Climb the stairs, veer to the right, and continue uphill until you come to the University Center on your right. On the ground floor is the College Nine/Ten Dining Commons. Upstairs is Terra Fresca, a lively restaurant open to faculty, staff, students, and visitors.

5. Continue past the University Center; ahead and to the left you will see Social Sciences 2. At the far end of the charming grassy meadow on your right, you’ll see Social Sciences 1. Turn left and walk in front of Social Sciences 2 to the traffic circle. Turn left again and descend College Ten Road back to McLaughlin. Turn right and stay on the sidewalk, crossing a bridge over the Moore Creek.
drainage. When the sidewalk ends, take the crosswalk across Red Hill Road, staying on the same side of McLaughlin; then follow the small footpath up a slight hill. Bear left at the fork in the footpath. On your right is the Communications Building, which houses our well known Department of Film and Digital Media. Bear right at the next fork. Ahead of you is the Engineering 2 (E2) building on the right, and to the left Baskin Engineering. Bear left around the traffic circle and cross the street to the Baskin Auditorium of the Jack Baskin School of Engineering. Baskin Engineering has undergraduate laboratories on the first floor, and houses Electrical Engineering, Applied Mathematics and Statistics, and Baskin School Advising. You can read about undergraduate and graduate research on posters displayed on E2’s balcony overlooking the plaza, or visit the departments of Computer Engineering, Computer Science, and Economics.

6. After visiting the Engineering complex, return to McLaughlin Drive by going down the short roadway. Facing you is the Physical Sciences Building, home to Chemistry, Microbiology and Environmental Toxicology, and Biomolecular Engineering. To the left of this building is the new Biomedical Research Building. Cross McLaughlin Drive at the crosswalk and turn right. Within a few minutes you will see the Core West Parking Structure on your left.

West Campus Tour
(60-75 minutes)

Highlights: Oakes College; Rachel Carson College (formerly College Eight); Porter College; Kresge College; Theater Arts Center; Elena Baskin Visual Arts Center; Music Center.

1. Drive up Empire Grade and take the West Entrance to campus. Drive approximately one-half mile up Heller Drive and turn right on Meyer Drive. Turn left at the next opportunity (Kerr Road), and make an immediate right into the parking lot. If you do not have a parking pass, park in one of the paystalls and purchase a permit at the paystation. When you get out of your car, stand in the lot so that you are facing downhill and see the Music Center (a low, sand-colored building) in front of you. On your left is the Digital Arts Research Center, which provides studio space and cutting-edge digital arts facilities and houses the graduate program in Digital Arts and New Media (DANM). Go back to Kerr Road, where you entered the parking lot, and turn left. Cross Meyer Drive and stay on the paved path; you will have the choice of veering right towards a long flight of steps going up the hill, or veering left into the woods; take the path into the forest.

2. Walk five minutes through a grove of trees to Oakes College. Enter the Oakes quad by veering left after you leave the woods. Cross the grassy quad, where classrooms and offices are on your left, and descend the stairs at the end of the yard. Turn right and skirt the Oakes Café. Turn right again at the end of the building and then climb the stairs at the end of the building to return to the yard. Retrace your steps to the entrance of Oakes College. As you exit from Oakes, follow the roadway, which veers left after the traffic circle. Turn right just after you pass Building 6 (also on your right), and walk between the Rachel Carson College (formerly College Eight) dorms. Take the second set of stairs to your right, cross a small quad, and continue up several staircases to the arch. When you reach the top, catch your breath by stopping and turning 180 degrees to see the ocean view.

3. Follow Rachel Carson College Road out to Heller Drive. Cross at the crosswalk and continue up the path. The Porter Wave sculpture is to your left. Continue along the footpath until you see the restrooms in the Porter Academic Building. Here you can enter the southwest corner of the Porter College courtyard, where you will find the Koi Pond. Upstairs is the Mary Porter Sesnon Art Gallery. Turn left after the Koi Pond to exit the courtyard, and then turn right. Walk between the two residence halls of Porter College, noting the totem pole in the Porter quad. Porter College is home to the popular Transfer Community, a living/learning community for transfer students.
4. Continue across Porter-Kresge Road and walk between the Porter-Kresge apartments. At the end of the apartment complex, turn left to get on the roadway, and then turn right. Stay on the road as you pass Kresge Gardens on the left; once you reach a large parking lot, look right for the Kresge College sign. The entrance to Kresge is on your right. Enter Kresge, following the climbing path with apartments 111-214 on your left. Keep climbing, going to the right of a small plaza, past Classroom 319 and Classroom 327. You’ll be walking around the Classroom 317/319 Building and up some zig-zag, wide steps that require some caution. Walk through the long corridor of Bauhaus-style dorms. When you reach the final plaza, turn right down deep stairs, entering the woods. Cross the bridge back to Heller Drive.

5. Use the crosswalk to cross Heller and then continue down McLaughlin Drive, keeping the Parking Structure on your right. Turn right at Steinhart and follow the sidewalk. Stay on Steinhart until you come to Kerr Road; turn right onto the stairs just past Kerr Road. At the bottom of the stairs you will be in the Kerr Hall traffic circle. Follow it around to turn left on Kerr Road.

6. Soon you will come to a vista where, on a cloudless day, Monterey Bay sparkles below you. To your right is the Theater Arts Complex where you can see the Mainstage, Media Theater, and other facilities. To your left is the Elena Baskin Visual Arts Center. The center includes facilities for drawing, painting, installations, photography, casting, sculptural construction, and printmaking. Beyond the Arts Center is the spectacular view of the ocean. Continue walking down Kerr Road to the parking lot that contains your car.

7. As time permits, go to the east end of the parking lot and explore the Music Center. Housing the Music Department, the center includes a recital hall, an ensemble rehearsal hall, a performance studio, electronic music studios, a gamelan studio, classrooms, and practice rooms.

Accessibility
Accessible parking spaces (also known as “disabled” or “handicap” parking spaces) are available close to each campus building. Those with DMV placards or plates may park in accessible parking spaces; in metered or paystation spaces without paying the meter fee; or in 10-, 15-, or 20-minute spaces for longer than the posted time.

Please see ada.ucsc.edu for more information on accessibility, including elevators on campus and a wheelchair user’s guide.
University Activities

UC Santa Cruz is a lively hub of learning, culture, and enrichment activities. The campus serves its students, faculty, staff, and the public by offering numerous events and opportunities for learning that are free and open to the public.

The following are just a few of the many opportunities available to the public. For a full, searchable schedule of events, go to: events.ucsc.edu. Or call the ticket office at 831.459.2159. | All numbers refer to the campus map on pages 10 and 11 (center spread). For off-campus facilities, see map on page 19.

**RESEARCH AND INSTRUCTIONAL FACILITIES**

The **UCSC Arboretum** has gardens with plants from Australia, New Zealand, and South Africa, as well as California natives, cactus and succulents, and a world conifer collection. The Arboretum also hosts lectures and workshops and a free garden tour (with paid admission) on the first Saturday of every month. Empire Grade, one-half mile west of the main entrance to the campus.

Open daily 9 a.m.–5 p.m., except July 4, November 24–25, December 25–26 & 30–31, and January 1–6. Admission is $5 for adults, $2 for children 6 to 17 years old, free for children under 6. Free to UCSC students and members of Friends of the Arboretum. 

arboretum.ucsc.edu

The **UCSC Greenhouses** instructional facility, located on the roof of Thimann Labs, is open to the public. It houses a botanical collection of over 700 species of plants with emphasis on ethnobotany, systematic botany, evolution, and ecology.

Open Monday–Friday, 9 a.m.–3 p.m. greenhouse.ucsc.edu

The **30-acre Farm**, a project of the Center for Agroecology & Sustainable Food Systems, is located on the hilly slopes to the west of the main entrance road. Fruit trees, vegetables, flowers, herbs, berries, and other crops are used to study organic methods of sustainable agriculture. Similar work is done at the two-acre **Alan Chadwick Garden** just below Merrill College.

Produce is sold at the main campus entrance late spring through early fall on Tuesdays and Fridays, 12–6 p.m. Both facilities are open year-round 8 a.m.–6 p.m. and welcome visitors. Free docent-led tours available the first Sunday of the month, April–November.

casfs.ucsc.edu

**Lick Observatory**, a facility of UC Observatories/Lick Observatory, is located atop Mt. Hamilton near San Jose. The Observatory produces a popular summer concert and lecture series, Music of the Spheres, and Evenings with the Stars, and a Summer Visitors Program.

The station gallery is open 12 noon–5 p.m., Thursday–Sunday. ucolick.org/public

**Seymour Marine Discovery Center at Joseph M. Long Marine Laboratory**, a major research facility for UC Santa Cruz’s Institute of Marine Sciences, is located three miles from campus at 100 Shaffer Road at the west end of Delaware Avenue in Santa Cruz (see UC Santa Cruz Off-Campus Locations map on page 18). Visitors can learn about marine life in Monterey Bay and the Pacific through aquaria, exhibits, and touch tanks.

Admission is $8 for adults, $6 for senior citizens, students, and children ages 3–16, and free for children age 2 and under. Docent-led tours depart at 11 a.m., 1, 2, and 3 p.m. every day except Monday. The center is open Tuesday–Sunday, 10 a.m.–5 p.m.; call 831.459.3800 for information.

seymourcenter.ucsc.edu
ART GALLERIES

Art is everywhere on campus, from the murals and sculptures in our buildings, to the student and faculty art displayed in the cafes and galleries, to the studios at the Elena Baskin Visual Arts Center 11.

There are two primary art galleries on campus: the Mary Porter Sesnon Art Gallery at Porter College 10, and the Eloise Pickard Smith Gallery at Cowell College 8. Open during the academic year, both schedule exhibitions of work by contemporary artists and important collections of historic interest.

The Art Department also sponsors Open Studios to display student work.

831.459.3606 (Sesnon), 831.459.2953 (Smith)

MUSIC

Musical groups and performances flourish on campus, and UCSC is home to many talented musicians playing diverse forms of music. On any given weekend during the academic year, you may hear concerts by UCSC’s student ensembles, recitals by senior student musicians or faculty members, or professional musicians who have been invited to campus. Concerts are often free or low-admission.

Examples of recent musical events at UC Santa Cruz include the Star Trek opera Menagerie: The Trial of Spock, Concert Choir & Chamber Singers: Brahms’ German Requiem, Porter College Gospel Choir, Anderson Paak and the Free Nationals, and April in Santa Cruz: Pacific Rim Music Festival.

For calendars of events and more information, see events.ucsc.edu or arts.ucsc.edu/events.

THEATER

UC Santa Cruz presents a lively program of theater throughout the academic year, including a diverse array of student productions and professional theater productions.

Theater troupes on campus include the African-American Theater Arts Troupe (AATAT), BarnStorm, Chautauqua Annual Student Theater Festival, and Rainbow Theater. Recent theatrical performances on campus have included A Dream Play by August Strindberg; The Odyssey; The Waiting Room by Lisa Loomer; Give – a Physical Theater and Sound Event, and Shakespeare To Go.

Also, be sure to see UCSC’s annual student-produced Chautauqua Festival or the student-choreographed dance performance, Random with a Purpose, if you are on campus during those times.

FILM

With its celebrated Film and Digital Media Department, UCSC is a creative center for filmmaking and film studies. Join us on campus for film screenings that are free and open to the public, including screenings of student works, film festivals, and screening/lectures.

Recent film screenings and related events at UCSC have included the Banff Mountain Film Festival; Robert Reich Inequality for All; Maria en tierra de nadie by Marcela Zamora; The Education of Auma Obama with Director Branwen Okpako, and Ghosts of Amistad; In the Footsteps of Rebels by Tony Buba.

LECTURES, READINGS, AND COLLOQUIA

Opportunities abound on campus for learning about and discussing our world and the important issues of our time. Recent events have included the Living Writers Reading Series; How Cells Traffic and Export Proteins, with Nobel Prize-winning biologist Randy Schekman; The Search for Life in the Universe, with Dr. Lucianne Walkowicz from the Adler Planetarium; and India, USA and China, with Ambassador Venkatesan Ashok, Consul General of India, San Francisco.

SPORTS

In addition to numerous club sports and intramural teams, UCSC has men’s and women’s NCAA Division III teams in basketball, cross-country, soccer, swimming and diving, tennis, track and field, volleyball; women’s golf.

Join us on campus for a home game, conference, or meet. See goslugs.com for a complete schedule.

NATURE

With the university campus covering 2,000 acres of hilly terrain, there is ample opportunity for recreational hikers to enjoy the scenery, including the UCSC Campus Natural Reserve, 400 acres of protected natural land on campus. The Natural Reserve includes a wide range of geologic formations, ecological communities, and soil types, such as redwood forest, riparian corridors, seep zones and springs, chapparal communities, and mixed evergreen forest.

The campus also has miles of paved and unpaved bicycle trails through beautiful scenery.

A PDF of an An Upper Campus Map showing pedestrian and bike trails is available online at maps.ucsc.edu.

Annual Event: César Chávez Convocation

The annual César Chávez Convocation is presented every spring by UC Santa Cruz to celebrate the memory of civil rights leader César Chávez. In 2016, the keynote speaker was alumna Carmen Perez, executive director of New York-based The Gathering for Justice. news.ucsc.edu/2016/05/chavez-convocation.html

Annual Event: Martin Luther King, Jr. Convocation

The annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Convocation is presented every winter by UC Santa Cruz to celebrate the memory and ideals of the civil rights leader. Every year, distinguished leaders are invited to Santa Cruz to give a free public presentation. In 2016, the keynote speaker was Alicia Garza, social activist and co-creator of the Viral Twitter Hashtag and Movement #BlackLivesMatter. specialevents.ucsc.edu/mlk
Santa Cruz Activities

Located on California’s Central Coast, 75 miles south of San Francisco and 30 miles southwest of San Jose, Santa Cruz is a medium-sized (population 62,000) town with its own vibrant personality.

Since UC Santa Cruz was established here in 1965 on the site of the former Cowell Ranch, the university and the town have influenced each other to create its current diverse population of artisans, scientists and scholars, outdoor enthusiasts, students, and computer industry professionals.

Enjoying a moderate climate with 300 sunny days a year and low humidity, Santa Cruz is also a popular vacation destination. Travelers come from all over the world to enjoy the county’s 29 miles of beaches, ringed by mountains covered with redwood trees; picturesque seaside vistas; and the laid-back ambience of the town that has been nicknamed “Surf City.”

Santa Cruz Activities

Located downtown, the Museum of Art & History features changing exhibitions of contemporary art and Santa Cruz history. Activities and events.
705 Front Street, Santa Cruz
Open Tuesday–Sunday 11 a.m.–5 p.m. Fridays until 9 p.m. Community Festivals on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of each month. 831.429.1964 santacruzmah.org

Santa Cruz’s famous beaches offer swimming, surfing, sailing, picnicking, kayaking, volleyball, scenic drives, whale watching, and people watching.

Santa Cruz County Conference and Visitor’s Center 831.425.1234 or 800.833.3494 santacruz.org

Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk is an old-fashioned, family-style seaside amusement park, featuring roller coasters and other rides, a carousel, arcades, food, and souvenir shopping.
400 Beach Street, Santa Cruz
Open daily from May through late August; weekends and holidays during fall, winter, and spring. 831.423.5590 beachboardwalk.com

Santa Cruz Harbor is a full-service marina with 1,200 boats, a launch ramp, a fuel pier, charter boats, fishing and whale watching, and restaurants.
135 5th Avenue, Santa Cruz
Office open daily 9 a.m.–5 p.m. 831.475.6161 santacruzharbor.org/visitorInformation.html

Along the scenic Santa Cruz Municipal Wharf is a collection of nine gift shops, eight restaurants, and rental companies for kayaks, fishing skiffs, and stand up paddleboards. Wild pelicans strut along the railings, and sea lions can be viewed through holes cut in the floor.
21 Municipal Wharf, Santa Cruz
Open daily to the public , 5 a.m.–2 a.m. 831.420.5725 santacruzca.org/things/index.php?attid=489

Santa Cruz Wharf EcoTour Every Saturday and Sunday, 1 and 3 p.m. Santa Cruz Wharf, admission free
Led by specialists from UCSC’s Seymour Marine Discovery Center, tours meet at the stage on the west side of the wharf behind Olitas Restaurant at the EcoTour sign (located behind the elevator).
Spring and summer only. 831.459.3800 seymourcenter.ucsc.edu/visit/behind-the-scenes-tours

Six miles north of Santa Cruz, Roaring Camp Railroads is a family-friendly, fun ride through towering redwoods on two historic railroads. Visit an 1880’s logging camp.
5401 Graham Hill Rd., Felton
Open daily 9 a.m.–5 p.m. 831.335.4484 roaringcamp.com

Santa Cruz Pride Parade is an LGBTQ Event
First Sunday in June, every year
Parade kicks off at Pacific Avenue and Church Street in downtown Santa Cruz
The largest LGBTQ+ Pride parade on the Central Coast, with a 42-year history. In 2016, the parade had a theme of “Embracing the Generations!” and featured a wide variety of social service, religious, sexual identity-focused, and community organizations.
santacruzpride.org

Santa Cruz Greek Food and Cultural Festival September 9–11, 2016
223 Church St. between Cedar & Center in Downtown Santa Cruz
The 36th annual, award-winning street festival is jam-packed with delicious Greek dishes and spirits, complemented by a live bouzouki band and dancing.
831.429.6500 facebook.com/santacruzgreekfestival

SANTA CRUZ AREA ATTRACTIONS

Centered on Pacific Avenue, Downtown Santa Cruz features shopping, restaurants, movie theaters, and cultural activities. downtownsantacruz.com

EVENT Downtown Santa Cruz Antique Street Faire
Second Sunday of the month, 9 a.m.–5 p.m.
Lincoln Street between Pacific and Cedar
Vendors offer an eclectic mix of antiques and unique items, from vintage clothing to collectibles and more. Look for that hard-to-find item or see what local merchants have to offer.
facebook.com/pages/Santa-Cruz-Antique-Faire/157459219817

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**EVENT**
Free Friday Night Bands on the Beach
Two free shows each Friday night, June 17–September 2, 2016
6:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. on the Beach
Bandstand at the Wharf
2016 schedule includes Blue Öyster Cult, Smash Mouth, and more!
beachboardwalk.com/concerts

**EVENT**
Wharf to Wharf Race
Sunday, July 24, 2016 (annually on the fourth Sunday in July)
Race starts at 8:30 a.m. sharp at Beach and Cliff Streets near the Santa Cruz Wharf
Thousands of runners, walkers, and fitness enthusiasts converge for this six-mile, annual run from Santa Cruz to Capitola. Widely acclaimed as “the best little road race in California,” this classic fun-run has it all; more than 50 live bands and other acts, throngs of festive spectators, and an opportunity to earn the coveted Wharf to Wharf T-shirt.
wharftowharf.com/home

**EVENT**
24th Annual Aloha Outrigger Races & Polynesian Festival
Sunday, August 21, 2016
Races start 9 a.m. Festival starts 11 a.m. Santa Cruz Wharf
Celebrate the aloha spirit! At 9 a.m. the action starts in the water, with a series of outrigger canoe races, designed for first-time paddlers. The free festival, featuring dance, Polynesian culture and crafts, takes place 11 a.m.–5 p.m.
cityofsantacruz.com/departments/parks-recreation/recreation-events

The perplexing Mystery Spot is a spot, 150 feet in diameter, located in the redwoods of the Santa Cruz Mountains, where the ordinary laws of gravity and perspective are turned upside down.

Advance reservations recommended (may be made online or over the phone).
465 Mystery Spot Road, Santa Cruz
Open daily. Summer: 10 a.m.–6 p.m. weekdays, 9 a.m.–8 p.m. weekends. Winter: by reservation only, 831.423.8897 mysteryspot.com

The Santa Cruz Farmers’ Market offers fresh, local produce, flowers, baked goods, and specialty food items.
DOWNTOWN—Lincoln and Cedar Streets, Wednesdays, 1:30–6:30 p.m., daylight savings time until Thanksgiving; 1:30–5:30 p.m., winter hours; WESTSIDE—corner of Western Drive and Mission Street, Saturdays, 9 a.m.–1 p.m., year-round
santacruzfarmersmarket.org

There are over 50 wineries and tasting rooms in the Santa Cruz area, including Bargetto Winery in Soquel–bargetto.com; Beauregard Vineyards in Santa Cruz 831.425.7777; Bonny Doon Vineyard in Davenport (founded by UCSC alumnus and Vintner’s Hall of Famer Randall P. Graham)—831.471.8031; Storrs Winery in downtown Santa Cruz (303 Potrero Street, #35, 831.458.5030); and Santa Cruz Mountain Winegrowers Association 831.685.8463, scmwa.com

Año Nuevo State Reserve offers naturalist-led tours of an elephant seal breeding rookery.
North of Davenport, off Hwy 1, Davenport Visitor permits issued from 9 a.m.–3 p.m. For information call 650.879.2025. Reserve online at www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=523

Wilder Ranch State Park has trails for hiking, biking, and equestrian use, a historic ranch center, and six miles of pristine coastline.
1401 Old Coast Road, off Hwy 1, north of Santa Cruz. Interpretive center and park store open Thursday–Sunday 10 a.m.–4 p.m.; park open daily 8 a.m.–sunset. 831.423.9703
www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=549

Natural Bridges State Beach features a beautiful display of monarch butterflies October–February. The beach has low-tide tidepools and a natural arch made of rock.
2531 West Cliff Drive, Santa Cruz 8 a.m.–sunset 831.423.4609
www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=541

**EVENT**
Tours of the Monarch Butterfly Grove
Weekends, October 15, 2016–January 17, 2017
Tours at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.
Natural Bridges State Beach. Tour is free. $10 parking fee applies. 831.423.4609
Join a docent naturalist and see monarch butterflies wintering in Santa Cruz. Monarch migration is variable. Please call for current update. santacruz.org/upcoming-events/event-detail-page/eventgid/8276

**HITTING THE WATER**
The Santa Cruz area’s waterways range from calm, glassy sloughs to pounding surf, offering opportunities for family members at all levels of skill to enjoy surfing, kayaking, whale and dolphin watching, charter cruises, sailing, fishing, stand up paddleboarding, or windsurfing. The “Things to Do” section of the Santa Cruz County Visitor’s Bureau has a large selection of water-based activities.
santacruz.org/things/index.php
ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Santa Cruz features a lively and diverse arts scene, including art galleries, live music venues, live theater and film, and even our own symphony orchestra.

MUSIC:

- Santa Cruz County Symphony, a critically acclaimed orchestra performing 10 classical concerts from October to May. santacruzsymphony.org 831.462.0553
- Kuumbwa Jazz Center, recognized in 2011 by DownBeat Magazine as “one of the great jazz venues in the world.” kuumbwajazz.org 831.427.2227
- The Catalyst, a Santa Cruz icon for popular music that has been one of Neil Young’s favorite stops. catalystclub.com 831.429.4135

ART:

- Museum of Art and History (see separate listing on page 14)
- The Tannery Arts Center, a live/work multidisciplinary arts campus that offers classes, shows, and other events. tanneryartscenter.org 831.621.6226
- Artisans Gallery featuring American-made items with an emphasis on local artists. 1368 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz artisanssantacruz.com 831.423.8183

THEATER:

- Rio Theatre for the Performing Arts, a versatile live venue. riotheatre.com 831.423.8209
- Santa Cruz Actors’ Theatre, since 1985. sccat.org 831.335.4409

A few miles south of Santa Cruz on Highway 1, Cabrillo College offers the Visual and Performing Arts Complex (VAPA), featuring theater and musical performances. cabrillovapa.com 831.479.6154

FILM:

- Regal Cinemas Santa Cruz 9. regmovies.com/theatres/theatre-folder/Regal-Santa-Cruz-9-3973
- Regal Riverfront 2. regmovies.com/theatres/theatre-folder/Regal-Riverfront-Stadium-2-4515
- Nickelodeon and Del Mar Theatres, Santa Cruz landmarks, featuring independent and foreign films, plus midnight movies at the Del Mar. The Del Mar Theatre is a beautifully restored theater from 1940. landmarktheatres.com/santa-cruz 888.7-CINEMA

EVENT

- First Friday
  The free First Friday Art tour happens every month, rain or shine. firstfridaysantacruz.com

- Cabrillo Festival of Contemporary Music
  54th Season: July 31–August 13, 2016
  Venues: Santa Cruz Civic Auditorium, 307 Church Street, Santa Cruz; Mission San Juan Bautista in San Juan Bautista; Nestldown in the Santa Cruz Mountains
  Featuring renowned guest artists from all over the world, the festival focuses on exciting new music, orchestral works that are seldom over one or two years old. cabrillomusic.org 831.426.6966

- Santa Cruz Film Festival
  Date TBA
  Various venues in Santa Cruz
  Features the year’s best and most relevant films, including the work of local filmmakers. santacruzfilmfestival.org

ACCOMMODATIONS

If you’re planning on staying in the area overnight, Santa Cruz has a wide variety of accommodations. Summer is peak season in Santa Cruz, so we recommend you book early. For more information, search santacruz.org/placessostay

DINING

Santa Cruz has a range of dining options, from inexpensive coffeehouses to Zagat-rated fine
dining, featuring cuisines from all over the world. For more information, search santacruz.org/food-drink/restaurants

AROUND SANTA CRUZ

Santa Cruz County is home to many beachside, mountain, and agricultural communities, offering additional opportunities for sightseeing, sports and recreation, and cultural excursions. With their unique histories and populations, these towns create a diverse and fascinating cultural landscape for the area.

CAPITOLA

Just south of Santa Cruz on Highway 1 is Capitola Village, a seaside town of about 10,000 people featuring beaches, shops and restaurants, and a famous view of brightly-painted houses by the seashore.

EVENT

Begonia Festival
 Labor Day Weekend, September 2–5, 2016
 A Capitola tradition since 1954, the Begonia Festival features a nautical parade of begonia-themed floats, a sand sculpture contest, dances, movies, and more.
 begoniafestival.com
 begoniafestival@gmail.com

EVENT

Wings over Watsonville
 September 3, 2016, 8 a.m.–6 p.m.
 Watsonville Municipal Airport
 One of the nation’s longest continuously held Fly-In and Air Shows, featuring aircraft fly-ins, historic and antique aircraft, a free Friday-night kids’ movie, and more.
 cityofwatsonville.org/municipal-airport/ wings-over-watsonville-2016 831.768.3575

EVENT

Santa Cruz County Fair
 September 14–18, 2016
 Santa Cruz County Fairgrounds in Watsonville
 An old-fashioned family event celebrating the rich agricultural history of Santa Cruz County and featuring shows, contests, animals, rides, delicious local food, and more.
 santacruzcountyfair.com 831.724.5671

SCOTTS VALLEY

Just north of Santa Cruz on Highway 17 is the city of Scotts Valley, population 11,755. Surrounded by state parks and redwood trees, Scotts Valley is a picturesque community with a high technology culture.

EVENT

Scotts Valley Art Wine & Beer Festival
 August 20–21, 2016
 Skypark, 361 Kings Village Road, Scotts Valley
 Come enjoy fine art, wine & beer tasting, great food, and live entertainment in an open park setting. Over 150 artists from around California and surrounding states will be displaying their juried art.
 svartfest.com

SAN LORENZO VALLEY

Follow signs for California State Route 9 to head north to San Lorenzo Valley, the home of literally millions of giant redwood trees. As you wind your way through the trees, you’ll come upon the picturesque villages of Felton, Ben Lomond, Brookdale, and Boulder Creek, charming mountain communities with unique shopping and dining opportunities and plenty of local pride. Sunset Magazine recently named Boulder Creek one of 20 “ultimate fantasy towns.”

MONTEREY

The renowned Monterey Bay Aquarium, which was established by UCSC alumna Julie Packard, is located in Monterey, about an hour’s drive from Santa Cruz. This beautiful aquarium’s mission is to inspire conservation of the oceans.

886 Cannery Row, Monterey
Open every day except December 25,
regular hours: 9:30 a.m.–6 p.m.
montereybayaquarium.org 831.648.4800
Clock Tower  
Museum of Art and History  
Pacific Avenue  
Santa Cruz Metro Center  
Santa Cruz City Hall  
Civic Auditorium  
Santa Cruz Public Library  
San Lorenzo River  
San Lorenzo Park  
Santa Cruz County Government Center  
Downtown Farmers’ Market  
(Wednesdays 1:30 to 6:30 p.m.)  
Antique Street Faire  
(Second Sunday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.)  
Louden Nelson Community Center  
Santa Cruz Boardwalk  
City of Santa Cruz Wharf  
Yacht Harbor  
Delaveaga Park and Golf Course  
Lighthouse Field  
Bay Street to UC Santa Cruz  
UC Santa Cruz  
Pogonip Park  
Harvey West Park  
Moore Creek Preserve  
Natural Bridges State Park  
Seymour Marine Discovery Center at Joseph M. Long Marine Laboratory  
Wilder Ranch State Park  
Westside Farmers’ Market  
(Saturdays 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.)  
Mystery Spot
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