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A Global Leader in Education & Research

Part of the renowned University of California system that includes UC Berkeley and UCLA, UC Santa Cruz is known for the worldwide impact of its research and teaching and its commitment to undergraduate education.

ACADEMIC OPPORTUNITIES

• A wide variety of majors and intensive programs of study
• Opportunities for undergraduate research in cutting-edge fields in the Arts, Engineering, Humanities, Physical and Biological Sciences, and Social Sciences ugr.ucsc.edu
• Field study and internships in nearby Silicon Valley and Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary
• International and national honors societies such as Phi Beta Kappa and the Golden Key International Honour Society
• UCSC College Scholars Program honors.ucsc.edu

WORLDWIDE RECOGNITION

• 1st in the nation for Hispanic students (2014, BestColleges.com)
• 2nd worldwide for research influence, tied with Stanford University (2015, Times Higher Education World University Rankings)
• One of the top greenest schools in the U.S. (Princeton Review, 2015)

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A Location Like No Other

Rarely will you find a location as inspiring as Santa Cruz, where opportunities and convenience are combined with magnificent natural beauty.

For a virtual tour of UCSC with panoramic photos, see admissions.ucsc.edu/#virtualtour

STUDY ON THE BEAUTIFUL CENTRAL COAST

- A spectacular campus featuring redwood forests, panoramic views of the Monterey Bay, and open meadows
- The nearest UC campus to Silicon Valley, a worldwide center of technological innovation
- 1.5 hours by car from San Francisco
- Next to the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary, with unique opportunities to study marine life in diverse ecosystems such as kelp forests
- 300 sunny days a year (according to Santa Cruz County officials)
- Outdoor recreational opportunities: beaches, state forests, hiking trails
- Convenient to downtown Santa Cruz, with shops, restaurants, and movie theaters, and to the ocean (about 1 mile away from campus)
Students can choose from 64 majors, 39 minors, and 51 academic concentrations in the Arts, Humanities, Engineering, Physical and Biological Sciences, and Social Sciences. First-year students can apply as “undeclared/undecided” and determine their major later as UCSC students.

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(academic concentrations listed below the major)

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UNDERGRADUATE MAJORS (IN BOLD) & MINORS

(academic concentrations listed below the major)

Anthropology*
Applied Physics
Art
Art and Design: Games and Playable Media
Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
Biography*
Biotechnology
Business Management
Economics
Chemistry*
Biochemistry
Environmental Chemistry
Classical Studies*
Cognitive Science
Community Studies
Critical Race and Ethnic Studies
Earth Sciences*
Environmental Geology
Ocean Sciences
Planetary Sciences
Science Education
Earth Sciences/Anthropology
Ecology and Evolution
Economics
Economics/Mathematics
Environmental Studies
Agroecology and Sustainable Food Systems
Environmental Studies/Biology
Environmental Studies/Earth Sciences
Environmental Studies/Economics
Economics
Feminist Studies
Culture, Power, and Representation
Law, Politics, and Social Change
Science, Technology, and Medicine
Sexuality Studies
Film and Digital Media*
Critical Studies
Integrated Critical Practice Production
German Studies
Global Economics
History*
Americas and Africa
Asia and the Islamic World
Europe
History of Art and Visual Culture*
Religion and Visual Culture
Human Biology
Italian Studies*
Jewish Studies*
Language Studies*
Chinese
French
German
Italian
Japanese
Spanish
Latin American and Latino Studies*
Latin American and Latino Studies/Politics
Law
Legal Studies*
Linguistics*
Theoretical Linguistics
Literature
Creative Writing
French Literature
German Literature
Greek and Latin Literatures
Italian Literature
Spanish/Latin American/Latino Literatures
Marine Biology
Mathematics*
Computational Mathematics
Mathematics Education
Pure Mathematics
Molecular Cell, and Developmental Biology
Music*
Neuroscience
Philosophy*
Physics*
Physics (Astrophysics)
Physics Education
Plant Sciences
Politics*
Psychology
Sociology
Spanish Studies
Languages and Linguistics
Literature and Culture
Theater Arts*
Dance
Design and Technology
Drama

JACK BASKIN SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING
Bioengineering
Assistive Technology
Cognitive/Perceptual
Assistive Technology: Motor
Biometrics
Bioinformatics
Computer Engineering*
Computer Systems
Digital Hardware
Networks
Robotics and Control
System Programming
Computer Science*
Computer Science: Computer Game Design
Electrical Engineering*
Electronics/Optics
Network and Digital Technology
Robotics Engineering
Technology and Information Management*

Majors with corresponding minors indicated with an asterisk. Other minors include:

Applied Mathematics
Astrophysics
Dance
East Asian Studies
Education
Global Information and Social Enterprise Studies
History of Consciousness
Jazz
Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM)
Education
Statistics
Sustainability Studies

*Minor offered

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS: admissions.ucsc.edu/majors
GRADUATE STUDIES: graddiv.ucsc.edu
beginning of your senior year. To view your school’s a-g course list, visit ucop.edu/agguide. The 15 courses are:

- a. History/social science, 2 years
- b. English, 4 years
- c. Mathematics, 3 years
- d. Laboratory science, 2 years
- e. Language other than English, 2 years
- f. Visual and performing arts, 1 year
- g. College-preparatory elective, 1 year (chosen from the subjects listed above or another course approved by the university)

- Earn a grade-point average (GPA) of 3.00 or higher in these courses with no grade lower than a C.
- Complete the ACT Plus Writing examination or the SAT with Essay examination no later than December of your senior year. (SAT exams taken prior to March 2016 will be accepted.)

California students who meet these qualifications may be “qualified in the statewide context,” or “qualified in the local context” (also referred to as ELC).

For more information, visit: admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/freshman and admissions.ucsc.edu/apply/freshman.html.

Selection by UC Santa Cruz

As a selective campus, UC Santa Cruz is unable to offer admission to all UC-qualified applicants. UCSC offers admission to freshman applicants according to the selection policy described on admissions.ucsc.edu/apply/freshman.html. Professionally-trained Admissions readers conduct an in-depth review of your academic and personal achievements. The 14 factors we consider are:

- Grade-Point Average (GPA)
- Test Scores
- Courses Completed/Planned
- Honors Courses
- Eligibility in the Local Context
- Quality of Senior-Year Program of Study
- Educational Opportunities in California High Schools
- Performance in Academic Subject Areas
- Achievements in Special Projects
- Improvement in Academic Performance
- Special Talents, Achievements, and Awards
- Participation in Educational Preparation Programs
- Academic Accomplishment within Life Experiences
- Geographic Location

Minimum Qualifications for the University of California

- Complete 15 college-preparatory courses (“a-g” courses), with at least 11 finished prior to the

Admission & Selection
UC SANTA CRUZ ADMISSIONS INFORMATION FOR CALIFORNIA FRESHMAN
The admission and selection process for freshmen to UC Santa Cruz reflects the academic rigor and preparation needed for admission to a major research institution.

Applying for Admission
universityofcalifornia.edu/apply
Application available: August 1, 2016
Application filing period: November 1-30, 2016

Transferring from a California Community College

About 25 percent of UCSC students do not begin their career as freshmen, but choose to enter the university by transferring from a community college. When making their transfer admission decisions, UCSC gives top priority to qualified junior transfers from California community colleges.

admissions.ucsc.edu/apply/transfer-students
MEET SOME OF OUR STUDENTS!

CIERA-JEVAE GORDON
MAJOR: Sociology
HOMETOWN: Richmond, California
HIGH SCHOOL: Salesian High School

“I’ve had a great experience with my academics. I’ve had amazing professors that I have built personal relationships with and have taken three independent studies courses as a means of developing my own research with my professors. I have also produced my first book of poetry.”

ANGELICA LUJAN
MAJOR: Human Biology
HOMETOWN: San Gabriel, California
HIGH SCHOOL: Gabrielineo High School

“As soon as I stepped foot on the campus, I knew it was the perfect place for me. I fell in love with the beautiful campus and free spirited people. It is a place where I feel comfortable and at home.”

RICHARD PHAM
MAJOR: Computer Science
HOMETOWN: Sacramento, California
HIGH SCHOOL: Florin High School

“The students at UCSC are always willing to take their time to help you with anything you need, and those being helped seek to help those below them in order to continue the cycle of aid. Additionally, the staff is absolutely amazing. They are always so friendly and believe in your ability to succeed.”

admissions.ucsc.edu/why-ucsc/organizations.html

admissions.sa.ucsc.edu/studentprofile

GET INVOLVED! SOME OF OUR 150+ STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

African American Theater Arts Troupe
African/Black Student Alliance
Asian/Pacific Islander Student Alliance
Cosplay Club
Education for Sustainable Living Program (ESLP)
Everett Program (formerly Global Information Internship Program)
Filipino Student Association
Greek Life (26 Fraternities and Sororities)
Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE)
Mock Trial at UCSC
Model United Nations at UCSC
Movimiento Estudiantil Chicanos de Aztlán (MEChA)
Queer Student Union and Allies
Sports Clubs
Student Alliance of North American Indians (SANAI)
Student Environmental Center
University Economics Association (UEA)

Student Life at UCSC
Come live and learn with us in a rigorous, yet caring academic environment that supports your success!
Highlights for Frosh

Housing & Campus Life
• A residential-college affiliation at one of the 10 UCSC colleges, providing smaller communities of living and learning, advising, and a writing-intensive core seminar
• A two-year campus housing guarantee
• Free access to campus shuttles and buses to get around campus and town

Health & Safety
• A commitment to campus safety, with police and fire stations right on campus
• The Student Health Center on campus, providing medical, counseling, and psychological services

Sports & Recreation
• Intercollegiate athletics and a world-famous recreation program
• NCAA Division III teams in men’s/women’s basketball, cross-country, soccer, swimming/diving, tennis, track and field, and volleyball; women’s golf. goslugs.com

Student Support Services
• Opportunities for academic support, such as advising, tutoring, and Modified Supplemental Instruction
• Summer Academy: First-Year, giving incoming students an early start and guidance for graduation from UC Santa Cruz
UC Santa Cruz Facts & Figures

ADMISSION FACTS

Number of countries represented by fall 2016 applicants: 100
U.S. states represented by fall 2016 applicants: 49 states, plus Washington, D.C., Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, and Samoa
2016 admission rate for frosh: 58.7%

Admitted frosh fall 2016 profile (percentages of all admits whose scores fell in the ranges below)
- 4.0 or higher GPA: 37.9%
- 3.5 to 3.99 GPA: 50.3%
- 3.49 or lower GPA: 11.8%
- Mean GPA: 3.85

SAT Scores
- 27 or higher: 61.8%
- 22-26: 29.6%
- 21 or lower: 8.6%
- Mean: 1820.0

ACT Scores
- 27 or higher: 61.8%
- 22-26: 29.6%
- 21 or lower: 8.6%
- Mean: 27.7

Comp.*: 27.6
Engl. w/Writing*: 26.4
Crit. Reading*: 59.8
Reading*: 28.2
Math*: 63.4
Writing*: 60.7

*mean

Student/faculty ratio: 19 to 1
Class size: 63% of undergraduate courses have fewer than 30 students; 75% have fewer than 50.
Undergraduate research: over 70% of undergraduates conduct research during their UCSC careers.

ENROLLMENT FACTS

New frosh hometowns, fall 2015
- Total enrollment for fall 2015: 17,868
- 16,231 undergraduates
- 1,637 graduate students
- Undergraduates: 52.5% women; 47.5% men; 0.5% unknown
- Mean GPA: 3.85
- 4.0 or higher GPA: 37.9%
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UC Santa Cruz seeks to enroll and graduate a student body of diverse cultural, racial, geographical, and socioeconomic backgrounds. In fall 2015, the primary ethnicities of undergraduates were African American, 3.9%; American Indian, 0.9%; Asian American/Pacific Islander, 26.6%; Chicano/Latino, 30.4%; Euro-American, 33.0%; International, 3.6%; not stated, 1.6%.

Undergraduate Ethnicities
- Central Valley: 11.2%
- Los Angeles/Orange County/ South Coast: 25.0%
- Monterey Bay/Santa Clara Valley/Silicon Valley: 11.8%
- Other Northern California: 1.6%
- San Diego/Inland Empire: 12.1%
- San Francisco Bay Area: 26.2%
- International: 7.3%
- Other States in the U.S.: 4.8%
Investing in a UCSC Education

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*Tuition and fees are subject to change. For updated information, see financialaid.ucsc.edu/cost.shtml

**Campus health insurance is mandatory. The campus medical health insurance charge will be waived for students who provide proof of insurance.

Financial Aid

In 2015-16, more than $260 million in student aid was distributed to UC Santa Cruz undergraduates. For more information, please see financialaid.ucsc.edu

Blue and Gold Opportunity Plan

UC’s Blue and Gold Opportunity Plan pays for educational and student services fees for California resident students with family incomes less than $80,000 a year. universityofcalifornia.edu/blueandgold

Middle Class Scholarship

This scholarship is for California resident students with total family income under $150,000. The scholarship amount is based on a sliding scale. admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/paying-for-uc/glossary/middle-class-scholarship/index.html

Resources for Further Support

- Educational Opportunity Programs - AB540 Student Services
- Financial Aid and Scholarship Office
- Dreamweavers Society, a supportive, cross-generational community
- SIN (Students Informing Now), a UCSC student organization financialaid.ucsc.edu/get-started/dreamers/index.html

Resources for Dreamers (Dream Act AB540 Students)

- Assembly Bill 540 allows students to pay in-state tuition if they attended a California (CA) high school for at least three years and graduated from a CA high school. Undocumented students are referred to as Dreamers at UC Santa Cruz.
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After Graduation

RECENT ALUMNI & THEIR CURRENT ACTIVITIES

Kristoffer Hellén (History, ’13), winner of the UCSC Steck Award for the best senior thesis of 2013, graduate student at the University of Indiana, studying Russian History.

Sharon Idiga (Molecular, Cell, and Developmental Biology, ’15), graduate student in Molecular and Cellular Biology, University of Iowa.

SOME WELL-KNOWN ALUMNI

Cary Joji Fukunaga (History, ’99), acclaimed director, writer, producer, cinematographer, 2014 Emmy Award winner for directing True Detective.

Susan Wojcicki (M.S. Economics, ’93), CEO of YouTube.

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