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)

ucsc.edu/about/achievements

EIGHT PULITZER PRIZES

In 2016, alumni Martha Mendoza (independent major, journalism and education, ’88) and William Finnegan (English literature, ’74) both won Pulitzer Prizes; Mendoza’s reporting resulted in the freeing of 2,000 slave workers in Thailand. Mendoza is a two-time Pulitzer winner, as is alumna Dana Priest. Other Pulitzer-winning alumni include Hector Tobar, Laurie Garrett, and Annie Wells.
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

ADVANTAGES TO UC SANTA CRUZ LOCATION

• 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 and less than an hour’s drive from San Jose International Airport; about 1 mile from the ocean
• 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)

CALIFORNIA: THE GOLDEN STATE

• Most populous state in the U.S., 6th largest economy in the world, 17 million international visitors in 2015 (according to the California State Government)
• Home to San Francisco, Los Angeles, Hollywood, Disneyland, and other famous places
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Admission & Selection

UC SANTA CRUZ ADMISSIONS INFORMATION FOR FRESH FROM OUTSIDE THE U.S.

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.

Minimum Qualifications for the University of California
UC has slightly different admission requirements for international students. For freshman admission, you must:

1. Complete 15 year-long academic courses with a 3.4 GPA:
   • 2 years of history/social science
     (in place of U.S. History, history of your country)
   • 4 years of composition and literature in language in which you are instructed
   • 3 years of math including geometry and advanced algebra
   • 2 years of laboratory science
     (1 biological/1 physical)
   • 2 years of a second language
   • 1 yearlong course of visual and performing arts
   • 1 additional course from any subject areas above

2. Meet other requirements specific to your country
3. 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.)

In addition, students with very high test scores may qualify by their examination scores alone.

You can find more detailed information by visiting admission.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

English Proficiency Requirement
If you attend a school in a country where English is not the native language, or if English is not the language of instruction at your school, you will need to show proficiency in English. Minimum IELTS score: 6.5; minimum TOEFL scores: 80 for Internet-based and 550 for paper-based. You can also satisfy the English proficiency requirement through the SAT/ACT/IB Examinations. If you come from a bilingual school, you must also meet the English Proficiency Requirement.

applying-for-admission.ucsc.edu/apply/international-students/english-proficiency.html

Applying for Admission
universityofcalifornia.edu/apply
Application available: August 1, 2016
Application filing period: November 1-30, 2016
Meet Some of Our International Students!

Cha-Hao Andrew Chang
Major: Plant Sciences
Hometown: Taiwan/Shanghai
High School: St. Georges

“I was surprised by how aware the students here are about all sorts of social justice issues and environmental problems we face. UCSC has shown me a new side of our society that I never paid much attention to.”

Ruoyan Wang
Major: Physics (Astrophysics)
Hometown: Zhengzhou, Henan Province, China
High School: Henan Experimental High School

“All my professors are clear and helpful. They treat you like friends and make you feel quite comfortable. Some of them are hard, but I promise you will receive much more than you expect.”

Wenxue Zheng
Major: Business Management Economics, Mathematics
Hometown: Fujian, China
High School: Fuzhou No. 3 High School

“In Australia, we don’t have the same college experience because few students live on campus. Here, students become a family because we live together, we eat together, and we share things that only a family should know. Through this community, I’ve learnt how to open myself up to people and accept others.”

Get Involved! Some of Our 150+ Student Organizations

AMSA UCSC Premedical Chapter
Centro Americanos Unidos
Chinese Student Association
Chinese Taiwanese Union (CTU)
Education for Sustainable Living Program (ESLP)
Everett Program (formerly Global Information Internship Program)
Filipino Student Association
Indian Student Association (ISA)
Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE)
Japanese Student Association (JSA)
Model United Nations at UCSC
Muslim Student Association (MSA)
Student Environmental Center (SEC)
University Economics Association (UEA)
Vietnamese Student Association (VSA)

“Before coming here, I was a quiet and shy girl who believed that the only thing I needed to do in university was study. But when I met so many cool people at UCSC and got involved in some clubs and organizations, my life became much more colorful, and I am becoming closer to our society. I am becoming a better me.”

Student Life at UCSC

Come live and learn with us in a rigorous, yet caring academic environment that supports your success!

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

admissions.sa.ucsc.edu/studentprofile
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 four-year campus housing guarantee for freshmen—you will have a room waiting for you when you arrive on campus each fall

Support
* Opportunities for academic support, such as advising, tutoring, and Modified Supplemental Instruction
* The International Education Office, providing visa support, advising, special programs, and social events for international students
* International Orientation before classes start in the fall (airport pickups available)
* Summer Academy: International, giving incoming students an early start and guidance for graduation from UC Santa Cruz

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

Highlights for International Frosh
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Enrollment Facts

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

• Undergraduates: 52.5% women; 47.0% men; 0.5% unknown

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.

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 freshman: 58.7%

Admitted freshman fall 2016 profile (percentages of all admits whose scores fell in the ranges below)

ACT Scores
27 or higher: 61.8% 1800 or higher: 53.9%
22-26: 29.6% 1500-1799: 37.6%
21 or lower: 8.6% 1499 or lower: 8.5%
Comp.*: 276 Total*: 1820.0
Engl. w/Writing*: 26.4 Crit. Reading*: 597.8
Reading*: 28.2 Math*: 634.1
Math*: 27.7 Writing*: 607.7

*mean

Enrollment Facts

New international freshman top home countries, fall 2015

Brazil
Canada
Germany
Hong Kong
India
Japan
Mexico
People’s Republic of China
Qatar
Republic of Korea

Undergraduate Ethnicities

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%.
Investing in a UCSC Education

UCSC’s Undergraduate Dean’s Scholarships and Awards range from $12,000 to $40,000, distributed over four years and applied to non-resident tuition. These scholarships and awards are only available to admitted non-resident students, based primarily on their academic achievement.

**ESTIMATED UNDERGRADUATE EXPENSES 2016-2017**

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*Tuition and fees are subject to change. For updated information, see [financialaid.ucsc.edu/cost.shtml](http://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.
After Graduation

RECENT ALUMNI & THEIR CURRENT ACTIVITIES

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