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.ue.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.

Martha Mendoza
William Finnegan
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
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.

UNDERGRADUATE MAJORS (IN BOLD) & MINORS (academic concentrations listed below the major)

**Academic Life at UCSC**

**Anthropology***
Applied Physics
Art
Art and Design: Games and Playable Media
Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
Biotechnology
**Business Management Economics**
Chemistry*
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
**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

**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***

**Legal Studies***
Linguistics*
Theoretical Linguistics

**Life Sciences**

**Majors with corresponding minors indicated with an asterisk. Other minors include:**
- Applied Mathematics
- AstroPhysics
- Dance
- East Asian Studies
- Education
- Electronic Music
- Global Information and Social Enterprise Studies
- History of Consciousness
- Jazz
- Mathematics
- Neuroscience
- Philosophy*
- Physics*
- Physics (Astrophysics)
- Politics
- Psychology
- Sociology
- Spanish Studies
- Statistics
- Sustainability Studies

**JACK BASKIN SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING**

**Bioengineering**
Assistive Technology
Cognitive/Perceptual
Assistive Technology
Motor
Bioelectronics
Biomechanical

**Bioinformatics**

**Computer Engineering**
Computer Systems
Digital Hardware
Networks
Robotics and Control
System Programming

**Computer Science***
Computer Science:
Computer Game Design
Electrical Engineering*
Computational Mathematics
Mathematics Education
Pure Mathematics

**Molecular, Cell, and Developmental Biology**

**Music***
Neuroscience

**Philosophy***

**Physics***

**Physiology***

**Politics***

**Psychology***

**Sociology***

**Spanish Studies**
Languages and Linguistics

**Theater Arts***
Dance
Design and Technology

**Undergraduate Programs:** admissions.ucsc.edu/majors

**Graduate Studies:** graddiv.ucsc.edu
Admission & Selection

UC SANTA CRUZ ADMISSIONS INFORMATION FOR FRESHMEN FROM OUTSIDE CALIFORNIA

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

• Complete 15 college-preparatory courses ("a-g" courses), with at least 11 finished prior to the beginning of your senior year. 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 3.40 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.)

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

Admission & Selection

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

• Participation in Educational Preparation Programs
• Academic Accomplishment within Life Experiences
• Geographic Location

Applying for Admission
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 Chicoano/a de Aztlán (MEChA)
Queer Student Union and Allies Sports Clubs
Student Alliance of North American Indians (SANAI)
Student Environmental Center
University Economics Association (UEA)

MEET SOME OF OUR STUDENTS!

JESSIE BRYM
MAJOR: Cognitive science
HOMETOWN: Farmington, NH
HIGH SCHOOL: Farmington High School

“My experience at UCSC has made me a more confident and well rounded person. I am able to discuss more socially relevant topics as well as engage in conversations about academics. I have also gained many wonderful friends that have given me a lot of support and love over the last four years.”

KEVIN DOYLE
MAJOR: Physics (astrophysics)
HOMETOWN: West Chester, PA
HIGH SCHOOL: West Chester East High School

“Everything about my major (astrophysics) has been the most enjoyable challenge I’ve faced. It’s by no means easy, but that’s half the fun, and all of my professors genuinely care about our success and want to help us in any way they can.”

KYRA McCLELLAND
MAJOR: Marine biology
HOMETOWN: Mooresville, NC
HIGH SCHOOL: Lake Norman High School

“Moving from New Jersey to Santa Cruz has made me a more outgoing person. UCSC has made me go outside of my comfort zone and try new things. It has made me explore different academic opportunities as well as new activities like hiking, that I did not do back in my hometown.”

ALEXANDRA GOODMAN
MAJOR: Psychology
HOMETOWN: Montclair, NJ
HIGH SCHOOL: Montclair High School

“I absolutely love UCSC. I can’t imagine going anywhere else. There are so many wonderful things about this school. The location is spectacular, but the personality of the school is what really sets it apart from other schools. I’ve never met so many unique and interesting people who are all so passionate about the world.”

admissions.ucsc.edu/why-ucsc/organizations.html
admissions.sa.ucsc.edu/studentprofile
Support
• 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

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

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—you will have a room waiting for you when you arrive on campus in the fall
• Free access to campus shuttles and buses to get around campus and town

Highlights for Out-of-State Frosh
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

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
(percentage of all admits whose scores fell in the ranges below)
- 4.0 or higher GPA: 37.9%
- 3.49 or lower GPA: 11.8%
- Mean GPA: 3.85

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

SAT Scores
- 1800 or higher: 53.9%
- 1500-1799: 37.6%
- 1499 or lower: 8.5%

Admitted freshman fall 2016 profile
(percentage of all admits whose scores fell in the ranges below)
- 3.5 to 3.99 GPA: 50.3%
- Mean GPA: 3.85

ACT scores
- 27 or higher: 61.8%
- 22-26: 29.6%
- 21 or lower: 8.6%

SAT scores
- 1800 or higher: 53.9%
- 1500-1799: 37.6%
- 1499 or lower: 8.5%

Enrollment Facts

New out-of-state freshman top home states, fall 2015
- Arizona
- Colorado
- Florida
- Hawaii
- Illinois
- New Jersey
- New York
- Pennsylvania
- Texas
- Washington

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, 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

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

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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