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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
• 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

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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.
The selection process for transfers to UC Santa Cruz reflects the academic rigor and preparation needed for admission to a major research institution. Junior-level transfer students selected for admission are expected to graduate within two years of their initial enrollment.

Selection Criteria:
To be considered for admission by UC Santa Cruz, junior-level transfer students must have completed the following no later than the end of the spring 2017 term:

1. Complete at least 60 semester units or 90 quarter units of UC-transferable coursework.
2. Complete the following UC-transferable course pattern with minimum C (2.00) grades.
   a. Two English composition courses
   b. One course in mathematical concepts and quantitative reasoning
   c. Four courses from at least two of the following subject areas: arts and humanities, social and behavioral science, and physical and biological sciences
3. Earn at least an overall UC GPA of 2.40, but higher GPAs are more competitive.
4. Complete required lower-division courses with the required grades/GPA for the intended major.*

Other criteria that may be considered by UC Santa Cruz include:
- Completion of UC Santa Cruz General Education courses
- Completion of IGETC
- Completion of an AS/AT degree
- Participation in honors programs
- Performance in honors courses

ASSIST
Comprehensive articulation information, including transferable course agreements (TCAs) for all California community colleges, is available on the ASSIST web site at assist.org.

UC Santa Cruz Transfer Admission Guarantee (UCSC TAG)
UCSC TAG is designed for California community college transfer students at the junior level. The UC TAG application must be submitted online between September 1 and 30, 2016 for fall 2017 consideration. admissions.ucsc.edu/tag

UC Transfer Admission Planner (UC TAP)
UC TAP is an online tool designed for California community college students interested in transferring to UC, including those who are seeking a TAG. The planner helps students track their progress toward meeting UC’s minimum requirements, and allows UC staff to communicate important information to prospective transfer students. uctap.universityofcalifornia.edu

*Major-specific screening criteria can be found at: admissions.ucsc.edu/apply/transfer-students

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Applicants with International Academic Records
UCSC welcomes transfer students from outside the United States. We require all applicants whose first language is not English to adequately demonstrate English competency as a part of the application process. One of the ways that transfer students may fulfill this requirement is by completing two UC-transferable English composition courses (not ESL) in the U.S. with grades of B (3.00) or higher. admissions.ucsc.edu/apply/international-students/intl-transfer.html
Adriana LANDEROS
MAJOr: Molecular, Cell, and Developmental Biology
HOMETOWN: Salinas, California
TRANSFERRED FROM: Hartnell College

“I’ve learned to appreciate the mentorship I have received and feel I have a need to do the same for other students like myself. Currently, I serve as a peer mentor for transfer students in the Transfer Prep Program (TPP) and really enjoy interacting with prospective transfer students and chatting about my experiences at UCSC.”

Vincent RIVERA
MAJOr: Sociology
HOMETOWN: La Habra, California
TRANSFERRED FROM: Cerritos College

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Ryan SHOOK
MAJOr: Sociology
HOMETOWN: Gilroy, California
TRANSFERRED FROM: Gavilan College

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Erica GREEN
MAJOr: Human Biology
HOMETOWN: Hayward, California
TRANSFERRED FROM: Grand Canyon University

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

GET INVOLVED! SOME OF OUR 150+ STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS
African American Theater Arts Troupe
African/Black Student Alliance
Anthropology Society
Asian/Pacific Islander Student Alliance
Cosplay Club
Education for Sustainable Living Program (ESLP)
Everett Program (formerly Global Information Internship Program)
Filipino Student Association
Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE)
Mock Trial at UCSC
Model United Nations at UCSC
Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano/a de Aztlán (MEChA)
Pre-Veterinary Club
Queer Student Union and Allies Student Alliance of North American Indians (SANAI)
Student Environmental Center (SEC)
University Economics Association (UEA)

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Highlights for Transfer Students

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

Student Support Services
- Services for Transfer and Re-entry Students, providing academic and personal support stars.ucsc.edu
- Services and organizations for military veterans and former foster youth
- International transfers have an array of services available to them, including visa and immigration advising from UCSC’s International Scholar & Student Services (ISSS). ieo.ucsc.edu
- Summer Academy: Transfer, giving incoming students an early start and guidance for graduation from UC Santa Cruz

Housing & Campus Life
- A one-year campus housing guarantee
- A residential-college affiliation at one of the 10 UCSC colleges, providing general advising
- Family Student Housing available on campus (no housing guarantee offered for Family Student Housing)
- Free access to campus shuttles and buses to get around campus and town

TRANSFER COMMUNITY
The Transfer Community at Porter College:
- traditional residence halls with single, double, and triple rooms
- students can be affiliated with any of UCSC’s residential colleges
- most common age range is 20-22

Why do students like the Transfer Community?
- live with other transfer students
- experience living on campus
- convenience: close to classes and on-campus resources
- develop friendships and support networks
Enrollment Facts

- Total enrollment for fall 2015: 17,866
- 16,231 undergraduates
- 1,637 graduate students
- Undergraduates: 52.5% women; 47.0% men; 0.5% unknown
- 2,561 transfer students
- 1,507 new transfer students entered fall 2015
- 1,364 re-entry students aged 25 or over (for undergraduates) or 29 or over (for graduate students)

Admission Facts

- 2016 admission rate for transfers: 57.2%
- Fall 2016 transfer admission GPA (mean): 3.38
- Number of California Community Colleges with at least one fall 2016 admit: 110

New transfer student hometowns, fall 2015

- Central Valley: 9.8%
- Los Angeles/Orange County/South Coast: 28.5%
- Monterey Bay/Santa Clara Valley/Silicon Valley: 24.3%
- Other Northern California: 0.3%
- San Diego/Inland Empire: 7.1%
- San Francisco Bay Area: 27.0%
- International: 1.1%
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Undergraduate Ethnicities

UC Santa Cruz seeks to enroll and graduate a student body of diverse cultural, racial, geographical, and socio-economic 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%.

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.
Investing in a UCSC Education

**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](http://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](http://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/paying-for-uc/glossary/middle-class-scholarship/index.html)

- **UCSC’s Undergraduate Dean’s Scholarships and Awards** range from $6,000 to $20,000, distributed over two 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. [financialaid.ucsc.edu/undergrad-deans/index.html](http://financialaid.ucsc.edu/undergrad-deans/index.html)

**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.**

**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.
- The California Dream Act (Assembly Bill 130 and 131) extends eligibility for certain types of institutional and state aid to undocumented students. Dreamers fill out the California Dream Act Application to be considered for these types of aid.

**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](http://financialaid.ucsc.edu/get-started/dreamers/index.html)
Deutron Kebebew (B.S., electrical engineering, ’03, transferred from Gavilan College), Program Manager at Encompass Community Services and winner of the Tony Hill Community Service Award.

Chelsey Klimowicz (B.A., sociology, ’14, transferred from Fullerton College), graduate student at Auburn University in Alabama, working toward an M.S. in Rural Sociology.

Rolando Perez (B.S., bioengineering, ’15, transferred from Hartnell College), Ph.D. student studying synthetic biology, Stanford University.

Michelle Romero (B.A., literature, ’10, transferred from Foothill College), Deputy Director of Green For All, a nonprofit organization founded by Van Jones.

After Graduation
SOME TRANSFER ALUMNI

SLUG CONNECTION
Sign up for the Slug Connection, your personalized online connection to UC Santa Cruz Admissions!
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Campus Tours
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