Dear future alumnx: Because your admission was based on self-reported information on the UC application, it is provisional, as explained in the policy below, until we have received all official academic records and verified that you have met all of the conditions of your admission contract. Complying with the conditions within the set deadlines is crucial to finalizing your admission. Doing so will save you the stress involved with a cancellation and the time to appeal which, in the end, may not result in the reinstatement of your admission to UC Santa Cruz. We want you to be successful in the admissions process and join our campus community in the fall.

Freshman Conditions of Admission Contract Fall 2019

Your admission to UC Santa Cruz for fall quarter 2019 is provisional, subject to the conditions listed in this contract, which is also provided in the portal at my.ucsc.edu. “Provisional” means your admission will be final only after you have completed all the requirements below. All newly admitted students receive this contract.

Our goal in providing these conditions is to eliminate misunderstandings that have historically resulted in cancellation of admission offers. We expect you to review the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) located at: admissions.ucsc.edu/conditionsofadmission-faq.

The Office of Undergraduate Admissions (UA) has provided you with specific answers to commonly asked questions regarding this Conditions of Admission Contract. The FAQs provide additional explanations for each of the conditions below.

Failure to meet your Conditions of Admission Contract will result in the cancellation of your admission. It is your sole responsibility to meet all conditions. Read each of the seven conditions below and ensure that you meet all of them. Accepting your offer of admission signifies that you understand these conditions and agree to all of them.

Please note: ONLY students who have submitted all required records by specified deadlines (test scores/transcripts) will be assigned an enrollment appointment. Students who have not submitted the required records will not be able to enroll in courses.

In accepting admission at UC Santa Cruz, you agree that you will:

1. Maintain a level of academic achievement consistent with your previous coursework, in your fall and spring courses of your last year of school (as listed on your UC application) as preparation for success in college. A decline in GPA by a full grade point, may result in the cancellation of your admission.
2. Earn a grade of C or higher in all fall all and spring courses (or equivalent for other grading systems).

If you have already earned a grade of D or F (or equivalent for other grading systems) in your senior year (fall or spring), or if your overall GPA in your senior year (fall or spring) is a grade point below your previous academic performance, you have not met this condition of your admission. Immediately notify Undergraduate Admissions of any D or F grades as instructed below. Doing so may allow UA the discretion to provide you with options (if appropriate) to maintain your admission.

3. Complete all “in-progress” and “planned” coursework as listed on your application. Immediately notify Undergraduate Admissions of any changes in your “in-progress” or “planned” coursework, including attendance at a school different from that listed on your application.

Your senior-year courses listed on your application were taken into consideration when selecting you for admission. Any changes you have made to your senior year coursework must be communicated to and approved by UA. Failure to notify UA may result in the cancellation of your admission.

Notifications must be made through the following website: admissions.ucsc.edu/update-fr. Any change of coursework listed as “in progress” and “planned” or any grade of a D or F that has not been reported to the UA through the above website and approved may result in the cancellation of your admission.

4. Graduate from high school, or achieve the equivalent to earning a high school diploma.

Your final high school transcript or equivalent, such as a General Education Diploma (GED) or California High School Proficiency Exam (CHSPE), must include a date of graduation or completion.

5. Provide all official transcripts on or before July 1, 2019 to Undergraduate Admissions. Official transcripts must be electronically submitted or postmarked by the July 1 deadline. (Beginning in May, the MyUCSC portal will contain the list of transcripts required from you.)

You must arrange to have an official, final high school transcript or equivalent showing your date of graduation and final spring term grades and any college/university official transcripts sent to Undergraduate Admissions, either electronically or via mail. An official transcript is one that UA receives directly from the institution, either electronically or in a sealed envelope, with appropriate identifying information and authorized signature indicating the exact date of graduation. If you receive a GED or CHSPE or other high school completion equivalent, an official copy of the results is required. For any college course(s) attempted or completed, regardless of location, an official transcript from the college is required; the course(s) must appear on the original college transcript. Even if a college course or courses are posted on your official high school transcript, a separate official college transcript is required. If it later comes to our attention that you attempted or completed a college course at a college or university not listed on your application, you no longer meet this condition of your admission.
An official transcript sent via mail must be postmarked no later than July 1. If your school is not able to meet the deadline, please have a school official call 831-459-4008 to request an extension prior to July 1. Official transcripts sent via mail should be addressed to: Office of Undergraduate Admissions-Hahn, UC Santa Cruz, 1156 High Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95064. You can verify that your transcripts have been received by carefully monitoring your “To Do” list in the MyUCSC portal.


An official test score is one that Undergraduate Admissions receives directly from the testing agency. Information on how to contact each testing agency can be found in the MyUCSC portal. In addition to the required examination scores (ACT Plus Writing or SAT with Essay), Advanced Placement (AP) exam results must be submitted from the College Board, and International Baccalaureate (IB) exam results must be submitted from the International Baccalaureate Organization. Official TOEFL, IELTS, or other exam results are also required for students who reported scores on the application. Provide any other requested official examination score or record, as designated on your “To Do” list in the MyUCSC portal.

7. Abide by the UC Santa Cruz Code of Student Conduct.

UC Santa Cruz is a diverse, open, and caring community that celebrates scholarship: https://www.ucsc.edu/about/principles-community.html. If your conduct is inconsistent with positive contributions to the campus environment, such as engaging in violence or threats, or creating a risk to campus or community safety, your admission may be cancelled.

https://deanofstudents.ucsc.edu/student-conduct/student-handbook

If you have not met one or more of these conditions, or believe you may not be able to meet one or more of these conditions, or have any questions regarding any of these conditions after reading the FAQs, please contact Undergraduate Admissions at https://admissions.sa.ucsc.edu/inquiry/ or (831) 459-4008.

Please do not seek advice from any person or source other than the UC Santa Cruz Office of Undergraduate Admissions. Your best chance in avoiding cancellation is to report to us.