Waitlist Step-by-Step for Freshman Applicants for Fall 2021

If you are offered a place on the UC Santa Cruz waitlist, you must opt in. You will not be placed on the waitlist automatically.

1 If you’ve received a UCSC waitlist offer...
   • Your admission status on my.ucsc.edu will indicate that you were denied admission, but that you have a waitlist option.
   • To accept your waitlist option, in my.ucsc.edu click on the Waitlist Offer link, and then click the button indicating "Accept Waitlist Offer."
   • Once you’ve completed that step, you should receive an immediate acknowledgment that you’ve accepted your Waitlist Option.

Deadline: April 1, 2021

2 If you’re later offered admission...
   • No later than the end of August, we will send you an email indicating you’ve been offered admission and your portal status will change.

3 ...accept the offer of admission....
   • Accept your offer of admission through the portal by the stated deadline, normally one week from being offered admission.
   • Once we have received your acceptance, you will be able to log in to my.ucsc.edu to verify your new status and sign up for Slug Orientation (our summer orientation program). This process normally takes no more than two days once you’ve accepted your offer of admission through the portal.

Deadline: One Week

What else can I do besides wait?

Explore other options...
• Did you receive an offer from another college or university? Take it! Do not rely on being admitted off the UCSC waitlist.
• Consider the transfer route. Many UCSC undergraduates began as transfer students, most from California community colleges.

For more information, read the FAQs at admissions.ucsc.edu/apply/waitlist-student-faq.html.