Welcome to the University of California, Santa Cruz, during our 50th anniversary year. This beautiful campus is home to much more than redwoods, deer, and wildflowers. For 50 years, UCSC has been attracting people from all over the world who want to live, work, and learn on a campus known for impactful research, interdisciplinary scholarship, and a personalized learning experience.

Our spectacular setting is integral to our success, as it inspires the best minds and offers endless opportunities for recreation and rejuvenation.

Whether you’re visiting from a neighboring county, another state, or a distant land, I’m glad you’ve made the time to experience this distinctive campus. Please use this brochure as a guide to help broaden your understanding of UC Santa Cruz and the Santa Cruz community. I’m sure you’ll see why we think UC Santa Cruz is a uniquely wonderful place to be.

Enjoy your visit!

George Blumenthal
Chancellor

RANKINGS

1ST in the world for research influence in 2014-2015 Times Higher Education rankings, as measured by the average number of times our discoveries are cited by scholars (tied with MIT)

1ST nationally for publication impact in the computer engineering Ph.D. program (2010, National Research Council)

2ND in the U.S. and 8th overall among universities under 50 years old (2015, Times Higher Education)

7TH worldwide in international finance (2010, Research Papers in Economics)

19TH nationally among large-sized universities for alumni participation in the Peace Corps (2014, Peace Corps)


ONE of the greenest colleges and universities in the U.S. (2015, Princeton Review)

CUTTING-EDGE RESEARCH

UC Santa Cruz is home to the following research centers:

- UC Observatories/Lick Observatory
- Center for Biomolecular Science and Engineering
- Center for Agroecology and Sustainable Food Systems
- Institute of Geophysics and Planetary Physics
- Institute for the Biology of Stem Cells
- Institute of Marine Sciences
- California Institute for Quantitative Biosciences
- Institute for the Biology of Stem Cells
- Center for Information Technology Research in the Interest of Society
- Chicano/Latino Research Center
- NASA University Affiliated Research Center

Other research groups study areas such as the biology of RNA, adaptive optics, Charles Dickens, computer games and playable media, international economics, linguistics, and the works of filmmaker Satyajit Ray.
STUDENT PROFILE

Total enrollment for fall 2014: 17,866
16,277 undergraduates
1,589 graduate students

UNDERGRADUATES:
52.8 percent women;
46.8 percent men;
0.4 unknown

FALL 2014
ETHNICITY OF UNDERGRADUATES

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FALL 2015
UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSION PROFILE

FRESHMEN
(percentages of all admits whose scores fell in the ranges below)

4.0 or higher GPA: 40.7%
3.5 to 3.99 GPA: 51.1%
below 3.5 GPA: 8.2%
Mean GPA: 3.88

ACT SCORES
Mean scores
27 or higher: 62.0%
22-26: 29.6%
21 or lower: 8.4%
Comp.: 27.6
Engl. w/Writing: 26.5
Reading: 28.0
Math: 27.8

SAT SCORES
Mean scores
1800 or higher: 55.6%
1500-1799: 36.5%
1499 or lower: 7.9%
Total: 1846.8
Crit. Reading: 599.0
Math: 639.1
Writing: 608.6

TRANSFER STUDENTS

Mean GPA: 3.41
CAMPU S TOUR S

Student-led campus tours are available by reservation all year, Monday–Friday. Reserve online: admissions.ucsc.edu/campustours. Tours leave from the Cook House 1.

You can view a virtual tour of UC Santa Cruz, complete with 360-degree panoramic views of campus, any time: admissions.ucsc.edu/#virtualtour.

OUR DISTINCTIVE RESIDENTIAL COLLEGE SYSTEM

UC Santa Cruz combines the resources of a world class public research university with a distinctive undergraduate experience characterized by our college system. Each college is a vibrant living/learning community supported by faculty and staff who provide academic support, organize student activities, and sponsor events that enhance the intellectual and social life of the campus. All undergraduate students, whether they live on campus or not, are affiliated with one of our 10 colleges.

The colleges are located throughout the campus: Cowell and Stevenson 9, Merrill and Crown 6, College Nine and College Ten 7, Kresge and Porter 10, and College Eight and Oakes 12.

PARKING

Visitors have several options for parking at UCSC. There are paystations and parking meters in a number of parking lots on campus, offering short-term parking (typically a two-hour limit, although some locations have one-hour limits). The cost is $1.50/hour.

If you want to park for longer than a few hours, you can purchase a one-day visitor permit for $6. From 7 a.m. to 1 p.m., you can stop by the Main Entrance Kiosk 1 to purchase your permit and obtain a campus map. From 1 to 5 p.m., the Kiosk dispenses information only, and permits and maps can be obtained at the TAPS Sales Office in Barn H.

Visitors arriving weekdays after 5 p.m., or on weekends, will need to either park in lots without permit requirements or rely on paystations and meters. Campus parking maps (which list permit requirements and paystation/meter locations) are kept in an accessible location at the Main Entrance Kiosk for after-hours pickup. A campus parking map can also be downloaded at maps.ucsc.edu under the “Printable Maps” tab.
GETTING AROUND CAMPUS

Campus Transit shuttles circulate through the campus, day and night, year-round to move students from class to class and to other destinations on campus. All routes are wheelchair accessible. The Campus Transit service is supported by the Student Transit Fee, so no fare is required to ride. (Please note that the shuttle service does not run during daytime on weekends, campus closures, or holidays.)

WHERE TO EAT ON CAMPUS

During the academic year, visitors are encouraged to eat in one of the college dining halls. Hours vary, but on weekdays, college dining halls are generally open about 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Campus Transit operates two routes during weekdays and evenings (the Loop and Upper Campus routes) and an additional two during evening hours (the East and West Night Core routes). In addition, there is a Night Owl Service between campus and downtown Santa Cruz available for students, faculty, and staff only. In general, shuttles run from 7:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 6 to 11 p.m. on weekends. Maps and schedules are available on the shuttles, at shuttle stops, and online at taps.ucsc.edu/buses-shuttles/index.html.

The campus is also served by the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District (“Metro”) buses. The current adult fare is $2.00, but buses are free to current UC Santa Cruz students with valid ID cards. Children under 46 inches tall ride free.

Other options: Quarry Plaza (Bay Tree Express Store); Cowell College (Cowell Coffee Shop); Stevenson College (Stevenson Coffee House); Crown College (Banana Joe’s); Porter College (Porter Slug Grill and Café); Kresge College (Owl’s Nest); Oakes College (Oakes Café); College Eight (College Eight Café); Colleges Nine/Ten (Terry Freitas Café); McHenry Library (Global Village Café); Academic Resources Center (Back Perch); University Center (Terra Fresca, 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.); Baskin Engineering; Earth & Marine Sciences; Physical Sciences Building; a variety of food trucks on campus.
SELF-GUIDED TOURS

Feel free to use these self-guided walking tours to discover our spectacular campus. Wear comfortable shoes, as this will help you navigate our campus terrain. Also, we recommend you dress in layers for our variable coastal climate. If you are not taking the campus shuttle to the starting points, please stop by the kiosk at the Main Entrance and purchase a day parking pass (7 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Friday. From 1 to 5 p.m., all permits must be purchased at the TAPS Sales Office located in the H Barn).

If you miss anything on the tour, you can view our new virtual tour online at any time: admissions.ucsc.edu/#virtualtour

East Campus Tour
(90–120 minutes)

Highlights: Cowell, Stevenson, Crown, and Merrill Colleges; Humanities/Social Sciences Complex; McHenry Library; Quarry Plaza; East Field House (sports facility).

1. From the Main Entrance drive up to the second stoplight. Turn left on Hagar Drive, and drive up the hill, passing meadows and the East Remote Parking Lot. If you do not have a parking pass, park in one of the paystalls and purchase a permit at the paystation. Turn right into the paystalls and purchase a permit if you do not have a parking pass. Park in one of the second stoplight.

2. Turn right out of the parking lot and walk up Hagar Drive, watching for Steinhart Way, which will be on the left. Turn onto Steinhart Way, where you will go past Steinhart Way, which will be on the left. Turn immediately left again onto Hahn Road. In a short distance, you’ll come to Hahn Student Services, a large gray building on your right. It contains offices for Student Housing, Admissions, the Registrar, and Financial Aid.

3. Walk past the North Entry of Hahn (so labeled), turn left and walk along the west side of the building. At the end of the building, turn right, walk across the bridge, and follow signs to McHenry Library 3. Note that toward the end of the bridge you cross over a path; you’ll use this path to return to Hahn. McHenry Library was expanded and renovated in 2011 to create a new, 210,000-square-foot library for the 21st century. The building is five stories high and contains group study rooms, a laptop area, the Global Village Café, and “Dead Central,” UC Santa Cruz’s celebrated Grateful Dead Archive.

4. After you have seen the library, find the path under the bridge that you were just on. Follow it through the woods until you reach Hahn Road; turn left and head back up to Quarry Plaza 4. Cross the street and walk through the Plaza. You will see the Bay Tree Bookstore on your right. The Bay Tree Bookstore offers books, computers and software, and an enormous selection of Slug memorabilia. The Bay Tree Building also houses the Ethnic Resource Centers and the Career Center.

5. Walk to the end of Quarry Plaza and climb the right-hand stairs. When you reach the top, you are facing McLaughlin Drive; Hagar Drive is just to your right. Cross McLaughlin at the crosswalk and take the stairs directly in front of you which lead uphill. Climb the hill; at the top, continue straight to the double flight of stairs. Pass straight through the residence hall courtyard to the parking area. Turn right and come to a sign for Crown College 6. Enter the plaza with the fountain. Follow signs to Banana Joe’s Café, then continue on through Merrill College 6, passing the Merrill Cultural Center on your left. Veer right and walk through the Merrill quad, ending at the Gate House on your right. You will soon see a traffic circle with sculptures in it ahead on the left. As you stand and look at the circle, take the path on your right that descends down the hill. Take the steps a short way along that path on your left. At the fork, continue down the stairs to your left.

6. When you regain McLaughlin Drive, walk to your right and cross at the flashing light to the Humanities Lecture Hall. Walk down Cowell-Stevenson Road, passing the Humanities Complex immediately on your right. Proceed about another 150 yards down to a traffic circle with a stand of redwoods in its center. Bear right out of the traffic circle down a few stairs to the entry portico to Cowell College 3. Walk into Cowell College, cross the courtyard, and step to the railing for a great view. On a clear day, you’ll see the ocean from here.
7. To get to Stevenson College, retrace your steps back out through the Cowell College entryway and take the sidewalk to the immediate right. Follow it down past the Eloise Pickard Smith Gallery and on to the entrance to Stevenson College. Enter Stevenson. Walk past the Stevenson Café and past the Event Center to another charming quad. Looking toward the ocean, exit the quad down a small set of steps and turn right on the road in front of Casa 9 and Casa 11. Proceed along that road enjoying the meadow view to your left. Continue on until you pass between Apartment 3 (on the right) and the Cowell Provost House (on the left). At the main road, turn left and then in a short distance left again into the parking lot where you started.

Central Campus Tour
(45-75 minutes)

Highlights: Science Hill; Colleges Nine and Ten; Jack Baskin School of Engineering.

1. Drive up Empire Grade and take the West Entrance. Proceed up Heller Drive to the Core West Parking Structure, which will be on your right just shy of McLaughlin Drive. Turn right to enter the structure. You are entering the Parking Structure on the west side. Park and take note of what level you are on. On foot, exit through the corner stairs on the east side of the building. Leave the structure stairs at level 1 onto a paved footpath that skirts a small ravine. The footpath ends at Steinhart Way; cross at the crosswalk and find the sidewalk between two small parking areas. Take the five-step concrete staircase ahead of you. Immediately turn left and walk along the concrete corridor until you are under an overpass. To your right is Thimann Labs, which houses the Biology advising office; ahead off to the right is a courtyard with a well-known sea lion sculpture. The footpath leads to Sinsheimer Labs, which houses the Molecular, Cell, and Developmental Biology Department.

2. With the curving entrance to your back, enter the brick plaza. On your left you will see the Science and Engineering Library. Turn to the right; Natural Sciences 2 is on your left, and the Natural Sciences Annex is on your right. Walk between these two buildings and descend the stairs.

3. At the bottom of the stairs, take an immediate left, walking under the futuristic “flying buttress” retrofits of Natural Sciences 2. If the building is open, visit the Center for Adaptive Optics on your right to see its unusual open space plan. Past the Center for Adaptive Optics on the right is Earth and Marine Sciences, another building with an interesting lobby.

4. The Interdisciplinary Sciences Building, on your left, is home to Environmental Studies. Walk to the end of it, and turn left. After you pass the building, you will see a pedestrian bridge on your right. Cross the bridge and stay on the sidewalk to McLaughlin Drive. Walk to the right to the intersection with College Ten Road; cross the street. Take the footpath that climbs to your right. Now you are in the complex of College Nine and College Ten. To the north are the Colleges Nine and Ten Apartments and the International Living Center (ILC). Turn left at the sign for Terry Freitas Café. Climb the stairs, veer to the right, and continue uphill until you come to the University Center on your right. On the ground floor is the College Nine/Ten Dining Commons. Upstairs is Terra Fresca, a lively restaurant open to faculty, staff, students, and visitors.

5. Continue past the University Center; ahead and to the left you will see Social Sciences 2. At the far end of the charming grassy meadow on your right, you’ll see Social Sciences 1. Turn left and walk in front of Social Sciences 2 to the traffic circle. Turn left again and descend College Ten Road back to McLaughlin. Turn right
and stay on the sidewalk, crossing a bridge over the Moore Creek drainage. When the sidewalk ends, take the crosswalk across Red Hill Road, staying on the same side of McLaughlin; then follow the small footpath up a slight hill. Bear left at the fork in the footpath. On your right is the Communications Building, which houses the fabled Department of Film and Digital Media. Bear right at the next fork. Ahead of you is the Engineering 2 (E2) building on the right, and to the left Baskin Engineering. Bear left around the traffic circle and cross the street to the Baskin Auditorium of the Jack Baskin School of Engineering. Baskin Engineering has undergraduate laboratories on the first floor, and houses Electrical Engineering, Applied Mathematics and Statistics, and Baskin School Advising. You can read about undergraduate and graduate research on posters displayed on E2’s balcony overlooking the plaza, or visit the departments of Computer Engineering, Computer Science, and Economics.

6. After visiting the Engineering complex, return to McLaughlin Drive by going down the short roadway. Facing you is the Physical Sciences Building, home to Chemistry, Microbiology and Environmental Toxicology, and Biomolecular Engineering. To the left of this building is the new Biomedical Research Building. Cross McLaughlin Drive at the crosswalk and turn right. Within a few minutes you will see the Core West Parking Structure on your left.

West Campus Tour
(60-75 minutes)

Highlights: Oakes College; College Eight; Porter College; Kresge College; Theater Arts Center; Elena Baskin Visual Arts Center; Music Center.

1. Drive up Empire Grade and take the West Entrance to campus. Drive approximately one-half mile up Heller Drive and turn right on Meyer Drive. Turn left at the next opportunity (Kerr Road), and make an immediate right into the parking lot. If you do not have a parking pass, park in one of the paystalls and purchase a permit at the paystation. When you get out of your car, stand in the lot so that you are facing downhill and see the Music Center (a low, sand-colored building) in front of you. On your left is the Digital Arts Research Center, which provides studio space and cutting-edge digital arts facilities and houses the graduate program in Digital Arts and New Media (DANM). Go back to Kerr Road, where you entered the parking lot, and turn left. Cross Meyer Drive and stay on the paved path; you will have the choice of veering right towards a long flight of steps going up the hill, or veering left into the woods; take the path into the forest.

2. Walk five minutes through a grove of trees to Oakes College. Enter the Oakes quad by veering left after you leave the woods. Cross the grassy quad, where classrooms and offices are on your left, and descend the stairs at the end of the yard. Turn right and skirt the Oakes Café. Turn right again at the end of the building and then climb the stairs at the end of the building to return to the yard. Retrace your steps to the entrance of Oakes College. As you exit from Oakes, follow the roadway, which veers left after the traffic circle. Turn right just after you pass Building 6 (also on your right), and walk between the College Eight dorms. Take the second set of stairs to your right, cross a small quad, and continue up several staircases to the arch. When you reach the top, catch your breath by stopping and turning 180 degrees to see the ocean view.

3. Follow College Eight Road out to Heller Drive. Cross at the crosswalk and continue up the path. The Porter Wave sculpture is to your left. Continue along the footpath until you see the restrooms in the Porter Academic Building. Here you can enter the southwest corner of the Porter College courtyard, where you will find the Koi Pond. Upstairs is the Mary Porter Sesnon Art Gallery. Turn left after the Koi Pond to exit the courtyard, and then turn right. Walk between the two residence halls of Porter College, noting the totem pole in the Porter quad. Porter College is home to the popular Transfer Community, a living/learning community for transfer students.
4. Continue across Porter-Kresge Road and walk between the Porter-Kresge apartments. At the end of the apartment complex, turn left to get on the roadway, and then turn right. Stay on the road as you pass Kresge Gardens on the left; once you reach a large parking lot, look right for the Kresge College sign. The entrance to Kresge is on your right. Enter Kresge, following the climbing path with apartments 111-214 on your left. Keep climbing, going to the right of a small plaza, past Classroom 319 and Classroom 327. You’ll be walking around the Classroom 317/319 Building and up some zig-zag, wide steps that require some caution. Walk through the long corridor of Bauhaus-style dorms. When you reach the final plaza, turn right down deep stairs, entering the woods. Cross the bridge back to Heller Drive.

5. Use the crosswalk to cross Heller and then continue down McLaughlin Drive, keeping the Parking Structure on your right. Turn right at Steinhart and follow the sidewalk. Stay on Steinhart until you come to Kerr Road; turn right onto the stairs just past Kerr Road. At the bottom of the stairs you will be in the Kerr Hall traffic circle. Follow it around to turn left on Kerr Road.

6. Soon you will come to a vista where, on a cloudless day, Monterey Bay sparkles below you. To your right is the Theater Arts Complex where you can see the Mainstage, Media Theater, and other facilities. To your left is the Elena Baskin Visual Arts Center. The center includes facilities for drawing, painting, installations, photography, casting, sculptural construction, and printmaking. Beyond the Arts Center is the spectacular view of the ocean. Continue walking down Kerr Road to the parking lot that contains your car.

7. As time permits, go to the east end of the parking lot and explore the Music Center. Housing the Music Department, the center includes a recital hall, an ensemble rehearsal hall, a performance studio, electronic music studios, a gamelan studio, classrooms, and practice rooms.

**Accessibility**

If you have a disability-related need to park close to buildings, you have several options at UCSC:

- You can park in accessible parking spaces (also known as “disabled” or “handicap” parking spaces) if you have a DMV placard or plate.
- You can park in Medical spaces if you have a UCSC Medical parking permit. Medical spaces were created to accommodate those who need to park close due to disability-related reasons, but don’t need the extra width provided by accessible parking spaces. Medical permits are obtained by providing medical documentation to either the Disability Resource Center (for students) or to the TAPS Sales Office (for faculty or staff).
- If you have a DMV placard, you can park in metered spaces without paying the meter fee, or in 10-, 15-, or 20-minute spaces for longer than the posted time.

Please see [ada.ucsc.edu](http://ada.ucsc.edu) for more information on accessibility, including elevators on campus and a wheelchair user’s guide.
University Activities

UC Santa Cruz is a lively hub of learning, culture, and enrichment activities. The campus serves its students, faculty, staff, and the public by offering numerous events and opportunities for learning that are free and open to the public.

The following are just a few of the many opportunities available to the public. For a full, searchable schedule of events, go to: events.ucsc.edu. Or call the ticket office at 831.459.2159. | All numbers refer to the campus map on pages 10 and 11 (center spread). For off-campus facilities, see map on page 19.

RESEARCH AND INSTRUCTIONAL FACILITIES

The UCSC Arboretum has gardens with plants from Australia, New Zealand, and South Africa, as well as California natives, cactus and succulents, and a world conifer collection. The Arboretum also hosts lectures and workshops. Empire Grade, one-half mile west of the main entrance to the campus.

Open daily 9 a.m.–5 p.m., except Thanksgiving and Christmas Days. Admission is $5 for adults, $2 for children 6 to 17 years old, free for children under 6.

arboretum.ucsc.edu

The UCSC Greenhouses, instructional facility, located on the roof of Thimann Labs, is open to the public. It houses a botanical collection of over 1,000 species of plants with emphasis on ethnobotany, systematic botany, evolution, and ecology.

Open Monday–Friday, 9 a.m.–3 p.m.

greenhouse.ucsc.edu

The 25-acre Farm, a project of the Center for Agroecology & Sustainable Food Systems, is located on the hilly slopes to the west of the main entrance road. Fruit trees, vegetables, flowers, herbs, berries, and other crops are used to study organic methods of sustainable agriculture. Similar work is done at the four-acre Alan Chadwick Garden just below Merrill College.

Produce is sold at the main campus entrance late spring through early fall on Tuesdays and Fridays, 12–6 p.m. Both facilities are open year-round 8 a.m.–6 p.m. and welcome visitors. Docent-led tours available.

casfs.ucsc.edu

Lick Observatory, a facility of UC Observatories/Lick Observatory, is located atop Mt. Hamilton near San Jose. The Observatory produces a popular summer concert and lecture series, Music of the Spheres, and a Summer Visitors Program.

The station gallery is open 12 noon–5 p.m., Thursday–Sunday.

ucolick.org/public

Seymour Marine Discovery Center at Joseph M. Long Marine Laboratory, a major research facility for UC Santa Cruz’s Institute of Marine Sciences, is located three miles from campus at 100 Shaffer Road at the west end of Delaware Avenue in Santa Cruz (see UC Santa Cruz Off-Campus Locations map on page 18). Visitors can learn about marine life in Monterey Bay and the Pacific through aquaria, exhibits, and touch tanks.

Admission is $8 for adults, $6 for senior citizens, students, and children ages 3–16, and free for children age 2 and under. Docent-led tours depart at 11 a.m., 1, 2, and 3 p.m. every day except Monday. The center is open Tuesday–Sunday, 10 a.m.–5 p.m. and is closed Mondays except in July and August; call 831.459.3800 for information.

seymourcenter.ucsc.edu
ART GALLERIES

Art is everywhere on campus, from the murals and sculptures in our buildings, to the student and faculty art displayed in the cafés and galleries, to the studios at the Elena Baskin Visual Arts Center 11. There are two primary art galleries on campus: the Mary Porter Sesnon Art Gallery at Porter College 10, and the Eloise Pickard Smith Gallery at Cowell College 11. Open during the academic year, both schedule exhibitions of work by contemporary artists and important collections of historic interest.

The Art Department also sponsors Open Studios to display student work. 831.459.3606 (Sesnon), 831.459.2953 (Smith)

MUSIC

Musical groups and performances flourish on campus, and UCSC is home to many talented musicians playing diverse forms of music. On any given weekend during the academic year, you may hear concerts by UCSC’s student ensembles, recitals by senior student musicians or faculty members, or professional musicians who have been invited to campus. Concerts are often free or low-admission.

Examples of recent musical events at UC Santa Cruz include Baroque Festival–Celtic Baroque; Concert Choir: Palestrina and Rheinberger, 300 Years of Polyphony; Baltimore Consort; UCSC Jazz Ensembles: “The Cost of Living”; sfSoundGroup: Music of James Tenney and UCSC Composers; UCSC’s West Javanese and Balinese Gamelans; and “The Little Prince” opera.

For calendars of events and more information, see events.ucsc.edu or arts.ucsc.edu/events.

THEATER

UC Santa Cruz presents a lively program of theater throughout the academic year, including a diverse array of student productions and professional theater productions.

Theater troupes on campus include the African-American Theater Arts Troupe (AATAT), BarnStorm, Chautauqua Annual Student Theater Festival, and Rainbow Theater. Recent theatrical performances on campus have included the interdisciplinary production *Birth of Stars*; Aristophanes’ *The Congress Ladies*; *Black Eagles*; and *Shakespeare To Go*.

Also, be sure to see UCSC’s annual student-produced Chautauqua Festival or the student-choreographed dance performance, *Random with a Purpose*, if you are on campus during those times.

FILM

With its celebrated Film and Digital Media Department, UCSC is a creative center for filmmaking and film studies. Join us on campus for film screenings that are free and open to the public, including screenings of student works, film festivals, and screening/lectures.

Recent film screenings and related events at UCSC have included the Banff Mountain Film Festival; “Wavemakers” Film Screening and Talk with Caroline Martel; “Lois Weber in Early Hollywood” Book Launch and Reception with Professor Shelley Stamp; and a series of film screenings on global Islam.

LECTURES, READINGS, AND COLLOQUIA

Opportunities abound on campus for learning about and discussing our world and the important issues of our time. Recent events have included the Living Writers Reading Series; a conference on *The Feminist Architecture of Gloria Anzaldúa; Imagining Social Identities Through Computing* with MIT professor D. Fox Harrell; and Dr. Michelle Alexander on her book *The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness*.

SPORTS

In addition to numerous club sports and intramural teams, UCSC has men’s and women’s NCAA Division III teams in basketball, cross-country, soccer, swimming and diving, tennis, and volleyball, plus women’s track and golf.

Join us on campus for a home game, conference, or meet. See goslugs.com for a complete schedule.

NATURAL

With the university campus covering 2,000 acres of hilly terrain, there is ample opportunity for recreational hikers to enjoy the scenery, including the UCSC Campus Natural Reserve, 400 acres of protected natural land on campus. The Natural Reserve includes a wide range of geologic formations, ecological communities, and soil types, such as redwood forest, riparian corridors, seep zones and springs, chapparal communities, and mixed evergreen forest.

The campus also has miles of paved and unpaved bicycle trails through beautiful scenery.

A PDF of an An Upper Campus Map showing pedestrian and bike trails is available online at maps.ucsc.edu.
Santa Cruz Activities

Located on California’s Central Coast, 75 miles south of San Francisco and 30 miles southwest of San Jose, Santa Cruz is a medium-sized (population 62,000) town with its own vibrant personality.

Since UC Santa Cruz was established here in 1965 on the site of the former Cowell Ranch, the university and the town have influenced each other to create its current diverse population of artisans, scientists and scholars, outdoor enthusiasts, students, and computer industry professionals.

Enjoying a moderate climate with 300 sunny days a year and low humidity, Santa Cruz is also a popular vacation destination. Travelers come from all over the world to enjoy the county’s 29 miles of beaches, ringed by mountains covered with redwood trees; picturesque seaside vistas; and the laid-back ambience of the town that has been nicknamed “Surf City.”

Santa Cruz Area Attractions

Located downtown, the Museum of Art & History features changing exhibitions of contemporary art and Santa Cruz history. Docent-led tours, lectures, family activities.

705 Front Street, Santa Cruz
Open Tuesday–Sunday 11 a.m.–5 p.m. Fridays until 9 p.m. 831.429.1964
santacruzmah.org

Santa Cruz’s famous beaches offer swimming, surfing, sailing, picnicking, kayaking, volleyball, scenic drives, whale watching, and people watching.

Santa Cruz County Conference and Visitor’s Center 831.425.1234 or 800.833.3494
santacruz.org

Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk is an old-fashioned, family-style seaside amusement park, featuring roller coasters and other rides, a carousel, arcades, food, and souvenir shopping.

400 Beach Street, Santa Cruz
Open daily from Memorial to Labor Day; weekends and holidays during fall, winter, and spring. 831.423.5590
beachboardwalk.com

Santa Cruz Harbor is a full-service marina with 1,200 boats, a launch ramp, a fuel pier, charter boats, fishing and whale watching, and restaurants.

135 5th Avenue, Santa Cruz
Office open daily 9 a.m.–5 p.m. 831.475.6161
santacruzhbor.org/visitorinformation.html

Along the scenic Santa Cruz Municipal Wharf is a collection of nine gift shops, eight restaurants, and fishing charter companies. Wild pelicans strut along the railings, and sea lions can be viewed through holes cut in the floor.

21 Municipal Wharf, Santa Cruz
Open daily to the public, 5 a.m.–2 a.m. 831.420.6025
cityofsantacruz.com/visiting/santa-cruz-wharf

Santa Cruz Wharf EcoTour

Every Saturday and Sunday, 1 and 3 p.m. Santa Cruz Wharf, admission free
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Spring and summer only. 831.459.3800
seymourcenter.ucsc.edu/visit/behind-the-scenes-tours

Six miles north of Santa Cruz, Roaring Camp Railroads is a family-friendly, fun ride through towering redwoods on two historic railroads. Visit an 1880’s logging camp.

5401 Graham Hill Rd., Felton
Open daily 10 a.m.–5:30 p.m. 831.335.4484
roaringcamp.com

Santa Cruz Greek Food and Cultural Festival

September 11-13, 2015
223 Church St. between Cedar & Center in Downtown Santa Cruz
The 35th annual, award-winning street festival is jam-packed with delicious Greek dishes and spirits, complemented by a live bouzouki band and dancing. 831.429.6500
santacruz.com/events/index.php?evtid=7708

Santa Cruz Pride Parade and Festival: an LGBTQ Event

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The largest LGBTQ+ Pride parade on the Central Coast. In 2015, the parade, which drew the largest crowd in its 41-year history, had a theme of “Transforming, Transcending” and featured a wide variety of social service, religious, sexual identity-focused, and community organizations. santacruzpride.org

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EVENT Downtown Santa Cruz Antique Street Faire

Second Sunday of the month, 9 a.m.–5 p.m. Lincoln Street between Pacific and Cedar

Vendors offer an eclectic mix of antiques and unique items, from vintage clothing to collectibles and more. Look for that hard-to-find item or see what local merchants have to offer.

facebook.com/pages/Santa-Cruz-Antique-Faire/157499219817

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**EVENT**
**Free Friday Night Bands on the Beach**
Two free shows each Friday night, June 19–September 4, 2015
6:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. on the Beach
Bandstand at the Wharf
See Blue Öyster Cult, Smash Mouth, and more!
beachboardwalk.com/concerts

**EVENT**
**Wharf to Wharf Race**
Sunday, July 26, 2015
Race starts at 8:30 a.m. sharp at Beach and Cliff Streets near the Santa Cruz Wharf
Thousands of runners, walkers, and fitness enthusiasts converge for this six-mile, annual run from Santa Cruz to Capitola. Widely acclaimed as “the best little road race in California,” this classic fun-run has it all; more than 50 live bands and other acts, throngs of festive spectators, and an opportunity to earn the coveted Wharf to Wharf T-shirt.
wharftowharf.com/home

**EVENT**
**23rd Annual Aloha Outrigger Races & Polynesian Festival**
Sunday, August 23, 2015
Races start 9 a.m. Festival starts 11 a.m.
Santa Cruz Wharf
Celebrate the aloha spirit! At 9 a.m. the action starts in the water, with a series of outrigger canoe races, designed for first-time paddlers. The free festival, featuring dance, Polynesian culture and crafts, takes place 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
santacruz.org/events/index.php?evtid=7614

The perplexing **Mystery Spot** is a spot, 150 feet in diameter, located in the redwoods of the Santa Cruz Mountains, where the ordinary laws of gravity and perspective are turned upside down.

Advance reservations recommended (may be made online or over the phone).
465 Mystery Spot Road, Santa Cruz
Open daily. Summer 10 a.m.–6 p.m., Winter 10 a.m.–4 p.m.
831.423.8897 mysterspot.com

The Santa Cruz Farmers’ Market offers fresh, local produce, flowers, baked goods, and specialty food items.
DOWNTOWN – Lincoln and Cedar Streets, Wednesdays, 1:30–6:30 p.m., daylight savings time until Thanksgiving; 1:30–5:30 p.m., winter hours; WESTSIDE – corner of Western Drive and Mission Street, Saturdays, 9 a.m.–1 p.m., year-round
santacruzfarmersmarket.org

There are over 50 **wineries and tasting rooms** in the Santa Cruz area, including Bargetto Winery in Soquel, bargetto.com; Beauregard Vineyards in Santa Cruz 831.425.7777; Bonny Doon Vineyard in Davenport (founded by UCSC alumnus and Vintner’s Hall of Famer Randall P. Graham)—831.425.3625; Storrs Winery in downtown Santa Cruz (303 Potrero Street, #35, 831.458.5030); and Santa Cruz Mountain Winemakers Association in Aptos 831.685.VINE.scmwa.com

**Año Nuevo State Reserve** offers naturalist-led tours of an elephant seal breeding rookery.
North of Davenport, off Hwy 1, Davenport
December 15 – March 31
Visitor permits issued from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. For information call 650.879.2025.
Reserve online at parks.ca.gov/?page_id=523

**Wilder Ranch State Park** has trails for hiking, biking, and equestrian use, a historic ranch center, and six miles of pristine coastline.
1401 Old Coast Road, off Hwy 1, north of Santa Cruz. Interpretive center and park store open Thursday–Sunday 10 a.m.–4 p.m.; park open daily 8 a.m.–sunset. 831.423.9703 parks.ca.gov

**Natural Bridges State Beach** features a beautiful display of monarch butterflies October–February. The beach has low-tide tidepools and a natural arch made of rock.
2531 West Cliff Drive, Santa Cruz
8 a.m.–sunset 831.423.4609 parks.ca.gov

**EVENT**
**Tours of the Monarch Butterfly Grove**
Weekends, October 12, 2015—January 15, 2016
Tours at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.
Natural Bridges State Beach. Tour is free.
$10 parking fee applies. 831.423.4609
Join a docent naturalist and see monarch butterflies wintering in Santa Cruz. Monarch migration is variable. Please call for current update.
831.429.6500 santacruz.org/events/index.php?evtid=7669

**HITTING THE WATER**
The Santa Cruz area’s waterways range from calm, glassy sloughs to pounding surf, offering opportunities for family members at all levels of skill to enjoy surfing, kayaking, whale and dolphin watching, charter cruises, sailing, fishing, kite-boarding, or windsurfing. The “Things to Do” section of the Santa Cruz County Visitor’s Bureau has a large selection of water-based activities.
santacruz.org/things/index.php
For more information, search santacruz.org/things/index.php

ucsc.edu/visit UC Santa Cruz Visitor Guide 2015 15
ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Santa Cruz features a lively and diverse arts scene, including art galleries, live music venues, live theater and film, and even our own symphony orchestra.

MUSIC:
Santa Cruz County Symphony, a critically acclaimed orchestra performing 10 classical concerts from October to May. santacruzsymphony.org 831.462.0553

Kuumbwa Jazz Center, now in its 40th year, recognized in 2011 by Down-Beat Magazine as “one of the great jazz venues in the world.” kuumbwajazz.org 831.427.2227

The Catalyst, a Santa Cruz icon for popular music that has been one of Neil Young’s favorite stops. catalystclub.com 831.429.4135

ART:
Museum of Art and History (see separate listing on page 14)

The Tannery Arts Center, a live/work multidisciplinary arts campus that offers classes, shows, and other events. tanneryartscenter.org 831.621.6226

Artisans Gallery featuring American-made items with an emphasis on local artists. 1368 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz artisanssantacruz.com 831.423.8183

THEATER:
Rio Theatre for the Performing Arts, a versatile live venue. riotheatre.com 831.423.8209

Santa Cruz Actors’ Theatre, since 1985. sccat.org 831.335.4409

A few miles south of Santa Cruz on Highway 1, Cabrillo College offers the Visual and Performing Arts Complex (VAPA), featuring theater and musical performances. cabrillovapa.com 831.479.6154

FILM:
Regal Cinemas Santa Cruz 9. regmovies.com/theatres/theatre-folder/Regal-Santa-Cruz-9-3973

Regal Riverfront 2. regmovies.com/theatres/theatre-folder/Regal-Riverfront-Stadium-2-4515

Nickelodeon and Del Mar Theatres, Santa Cruz landmarks, featuring independent and foreign films, plus midnight movies at the Del Mar. The Del Mar Theatre is a beautifully restored theater from 1940. thenick.com

EVENT
Open Studios First three weekends in October Cultural Council of Santa Cruz County’s Open Studios Art Tour offers the opportunity to visit 300 artists in their studios. artscouncilsc.org/open-studios 831.475.9600

EVENT
First Friday The free First Friday Art tour happens every month, rain or shine. firstfridaysantacruz.com

EVENT
Cabrillo Festival of Contemporary Music 53rd Season: August 2–16, 2015 Venues: Santa Cruz Civic Auditorium, 307 Church Street, Santa Cruz; Mission San Juan Bautista in San Juan Bautista; Nestldown in the Santa Cruz Mountains Featuring Maestra Marin Alsop and renowned guest artists from all over the world, the festival focuses on exciting new music, orchestral works that are seldom over one or two years old. cabrillomusic.org 831.426.6966

EVENT
Santa Cruz Film Festival Fall 2015 date TBA Various venues in Santa Cruz Features the year’s best and most relevant films, including the work of local filmmakers. santacruzfilmfestival.org

ACCOMMODATIONS
If you’re planning on staying in the area overnight, Santa Cruz has a wide variety of accommodations. Summer is peak season in Santa Cruz, so we recommend you book early. For more information, search santacruz.org/lodg-dine/places-to-stay.php

DINING
Santa Cruz has a range of dining options, from inexpensive coffeehouses to Zagat-rated fine dining, featuring cuisines from all over the world. For more information, search santacruz.org/things/dining.php
Santa Cruz County is home to many beachside, mountain, and agricultural communities, offering additional opportunities for sightseeing, sports and recreation, and cultural excursions. With their unique histories and populations, these towns create a diverse and fascinating cultural landscape for the area.

**CAPITOLA**

Just south of Santa Cruz on Highway 1 is Capitola Village, a seaside town of about 10,000 people featuring beaches, shops and restaurants, and a famous view of brightly-painted houses by the seashore.

**EVENT**

**Begonia Festival**  
Labor Day Weekend, September 4–7, 2015  
A Capitola tradition since 1954, the Begonia Festival features a nautical parade of begonia-themed floats, a sand sculpture contest, dances, movies, and more.  
[begoniafestival.com](http://begoniafestival.com)  
831.475.6522

**EVENT**

**Capitola Twilight Concerts**  
June–August, 2015, Wednesdays 6–8 p.m.  
Esplanade Park, Capitola  
Come and listen to an array of musical styles from jazz, Western, Latin, swing, and orchestra, to good old rock and roll. Bring a picnic supper, a blanket to sit on, and a jacket for cool summer nights.  
[capitolavillage.com/event_calendar.php](http://capitolavillage.com/event_calendar.php)

**WATSONVILLE**

If you drive further south on Highway 1, you’ll come to the city of Watsonville, a farming town with a diverse population including a large community of Chicano/Latinos, as well as Japanese, Caucasian, Portuguese, and Filipino residents. Watsonville weather is sunny and mild, helping its crops of fruits and vegetables to flourish.

**EVENT**

**Wings over Watsonville**  
September 4–5, 2015, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
Watsonville Airport  
One of the nation’s longest continuously held Fly-In and Air Shows, featuring aircraft fly-ins, a pancake breakfast, historic and antique aircraft, a free Friday-night kids’ movie, and more.  
[cityofwatsonville.org/municipal-airport/wings-over-watsonville-fly-in-2](http://cityofwatsonville.org/municipal-airport/wings-over-watsonville-fly-in-2)  
831.768.3575

**EVENT**

**Santa Cruz County Fair**  
September 16-20, 2015  
Santa Cruz County Fairgrounds in Watsonville  
An old-fashioned family event celebrating the rich agricultural history of Santa Cruz County and featuring shows, contests, animals, rides, delicious local food, and more.  
[santacruzcountyfair.com](http://santacruzcountyfair.com)  
831.724.5671

**SCOTTS VALLEY**

Just north of Santa Cruz on Highway 17 is the city of Scotts Valley, population 11,755. Surrounded by state parks and redwood trees, Scotts Valley is a picturesque community with a high technology culture.

**EVENT**

**Scotts Valley Art Wine & Beer Festival**  
Saturday, August 15, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.  
Sunday, August 16, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.  
Skypark, 361 Kings Village Road, Scotts Valley  
Come enjoy fine art, wine & beer tasting, great food, and live entertainment in an open park setting. Over 150 artists from around California and surrounding areas will be displaying their juried art.  
[scottsvalleychamber.com/art-fest](http://scottsvalleychamber.com/art-fest)  
831.438.1010

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831.724.5671

**MONTEREY**

The renowned Monterey Bay Aquarium, which was established by UCSC alumna Julie Packard, is located in Monterey, about an hour’s drive from Santa Cruz. This beautiful aquarium’s mission is to inspire conservation of the oceans.  
886 Cannery Row, Monterey  
Open every day except December 25, regular hours: 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.  
[montereybayaquarium.org](http://montereybayaquarium.org)  
831.648.4800
Maps of Off-Campus Locations and Santa Cruz Area

1. Clock Tower
2. Museum of Art and History
3. Pacific Avenue
4. Santa Cruz Metro Center
5. Santa Cruz City Hall
6. Civic Auditorium
7. Santa Cruz Public Library
8. San Lorenzo River
9. San Lorenzo Park
10. Santa Cruz County Government Center

11. Downtown Farmers’ Market (Wednesdays 1:30 to 6:30 p.m.)
12. Antique Street Faire (Second Sunday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.)
13. Louden Nelson Community Center
14. Santa Cruz Boardwalk
15. City of Santa Cruz Wharf
16. Yacht Harbor
17. Delaveaga Park and Golf Course
18. Lighthouse Field
19. Bay Street to UC Santa Cruz
20. UC Santa Cruz
21. Pogonip Park
22. Harvey West Park
23. Moore Creek Preserve
24. Natural Bridges State Park
25. Seymour Marine Discovery Center at Joseph M. Long Marine Laboratory
26. Wilder Ranch State Park
27. Westside Farmers’ Market (Saturdays 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.)
28. Mystery Spot
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