UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA SANTA CRUZ

2018/2019 ADMISSION GUIDE

International First-Year Students
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.

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.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)
- 4th in the world in research influence (2016, Times Higher Education World University Rankings)
- One of the top greenest schools in the U.S. (Princeton Review, 2016)

ucsc.edu/about/achievements

Join a Global Leader in Education & Research

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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

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, over 17 million international visitors in 2016 (according to the California State Government)
• Home to San Francisco, Los Angeles, Hollywood, Disneyland, and other famous places
Physical and Biological academic concentrations determine their major later as students can apply as "undeclared/undecided" and students can choose from 66 majors, 37 minors, and 48 concentrations in the Arts, Sciences, and Humanities, Engineering, Social Sciences. First-years (in Environmental Economics*) Earth Sciences Critical and Developmental Biology Music* Neuroscience Philosophy* Physics* Physics (Astrophysics) Plant Sciences Politics* Psychology Science Education Sociology Spanish Studies Languages and Linguistics Literature and Culture Theater Arts* Dance Design and Technology Drama Mas 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 Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Education Statistics Sustainability Studies

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Admission & Selection

UC SANTA CRUZ ADMISSIONS INFORMATION FOR FRESH FROM OUTSIDE THE U.S.

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

UC has slightly different admission requirements for international students. For freshman admission, you must:

1. Complete 15 year-long academic courses with a 3.4 GPA:
   - 2 years of history/social science (in place of U.S. History, history of your country)
   - 4 years of composition and literature in language in which you are instructed
   - 3 years of math including geometry and advanced algebra
   - 2 years of laboratory science (1 biological/1 physical)
   - 2 yearlong course of visual and performing arts
   - 1 additional course from any subject areas above

2. Meet other requirements specific to your country:

3. 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.)

In addition, students with very high test scores may qualify by their examination scores alone. You can find more detailed information by visiting 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
- Participation in Educational Preparation Programs
- Academic Accomplishment within Life Experiences
- Geographic Location

English Proficiency Requirement

If you attend a school in a country where English is not the native language, or if English is not the language of instruction at your school, you will need to show proficiency in English. Minimum IELTS score: 6.5; minimum TOEFL scores: 80 for Internet-based and 550 for paper-based. You can also satisfy the English proficiency requirement through the SAT/ACT/IB Examinations. If you come from a bilingual school, you must also meet the English Proficiency Requirement.

admissions.ucsc.edu/apply/international-students/english-proficiency.html

Applying for Admission

universityofcalifornia.edu/apply

Application available: August 1, 2017

Application filing period: November 1-30, 2017
Student Life at UCSC

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

GET INVOLVED IN OUR 150+ STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS, SUCH AS:

- American Medical Student Association (AMSA)
- Centre Americanos Unidos
- Chinese Student Association
- Education for Sustainable Living Program (ESLP)
- Filipino Student Association
- Indian Student Association (ISA)
- Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE)
- International Student Organization (ISO)
- Japanese Student Association (JSA)
- Muslim Student Association (MSA)
- Student Environmental Center (SEC)
- Vietnamese Student Association (VSA)

admissions.sa.ucsc.edu/studentprofile

MEET SOME OF OUR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS!

RAVIJA AMLANI
MAJOR: Business Management Economics
HOMETOWN: Ahmedabad, India
HIGH SCHOOL: St. Kabir School

“The Economics Department regularly has seminars and guest speaker events, which I thoroughly enjoy. My advisors have been a huge help to me, and have aided my efforts to graduate early. I have also had the opportunity to work with one of my professors in a research lab on campus, the Income Dynamics Lab!”

RUOYAN WANG
MAJOR: Physics (Astrophysics)
HOMETOWN: Zhengzhou, Henan Province, China
HIGH SCHOOL: Henan Experimental High School

“All my professors are clear and helpful. They treat you like friends and make you feel quite comfortable. Some of them are hard, but I promise you will receive much more than you expect.”

WENXUE ZHENG
MAJOR: Business Management Economics, Mathematics
HOMETOWN: Fuzhou, China
HIGH SCHOOL: Fuzhou No. 3 High School

“Before coming here, I was a quiet and shy girl who believed that the only thing I needed to do in university was study. But when I met so many cool people at UCSC and got involved in some clubs and organizations, my life became much more colorful, and I am becoming closer to our society. I am becoming a better me.”

CHIA-HAO ANDREW CHANG
MAJOR: Plant Sciences
HOMETOWN: Taiwa/Shanghai
HIGH SCHOOL: St. Georges

“I was surprised by how aware the students here are about all sorts of social justice issues and environmental problems we face. UCSC has shown me a new side of our society that I never paid much attention to.”

admissions.ucsc.edu/why-ucsc/organizations.html

STUDENT RESOURCE CENTERS

Resource Centers provide students with social and academic support through campus and community programming.

resourcecenters.ucsc.edu
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 four-year campus housing guarantee for international freshmen—you will have a room waiting for you when you arrive on campus each fall
housing.ucsc.edu

Support
• International Student & Scholar Services (ISSS), providing visa support, advising, special programs, and social events for international students
• Opportunities for academic support, such as advising, tutoring, and Modified Supplemental Instruction
iss.ucsc.edu

• Global Start international orientation before classes start in the fall (airport pickups available)
• Summer Academy:
  Get a head start on your degree, save money, and learn the campus before fall.
  summer.ucsc.edu

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
  admissions.ucsc.edu/apply/parents-and-guardians/prospective-students/health-safety.html

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.
opers.ucsc.edu

• Highlights for International Frosh
Admitted frosh fall 2017 profile (percentages of all admits whose scores fell in the ranges below)

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<td>27 or higher: 68.9%</td>
<td>1400 or higher: 17.6%</td>
<td>1800 or higher: 68.6%</td>
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<td>22-26: 25.5%</td>
<td>1100-1399: 74.2%</td>
<td>1500-1799: 26.3%</td>
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<td>21 or lower: 5.6%</td>
<td>1099 or lower: 8.2%</td>
<td>1499 or lower: 5.1%</td>
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Comp.*: 28.4 Total*: 1278.2 Total*: 1910.3
Engl. w/Writing*: 279 Read./Writ.*: 630.4 Crit. Reading*: 619.5
Reading*: 28.6 Math*: 653.5 Math*: 6670
Math*: 28.5 Essay*: 16.55 Writing*: 635.7

*mean

ENROLLMENT FACTS

• Total enrollment for fall 2016: 18,783
  16,962 undergraduates
  1,821 graduate students

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.

ADMISSION FACTS

Number of countries represented by fall 2017 applicants: 104
U.S. states represented by fall 2017 applicants: 50, plus Washington, D.C., Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, and Samoa
2017 admission rate for frosh: 51.4%

New international frosh top home countries, fall 2016
Brazil
Canada
Chile
France
Hong Kong
India
Japan
People’s Republic of China
Philippines
Republic of Korea
Undergraduate Ethnicities
UC Santa Cruz seeks to enroll and graduate a student body of diverse cultural, racial, geographical, and socioeconomic backgrounds. In fall 2016, the primary ethnicities of undergraduates were African American, 4.1%; Native American, 0.9%; Asian American/Pacific Islander, 27.6%; Chicano/Latino, 29.1%; Euro-American, 32.0%; international, 4.5%; not stated, 1.8%.

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Investing in a UCSC Education

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*Tuition and fees are subject to change. For updated information, see financialaid.ucsc.edu/costs/index.html

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

Please note that UCSC Summer Session does not charge non-resident tuition.

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.
After Graduation

RECENT ALUMNI & THEIR CURRENT ACTIVITIES

Nwadiuto ("DT") Amajoyi (Psychology, ’13), pursuing an international law degree in London, recently attended the European Court of Justice.

Matt Pecenco (Computational Mathematics and Economics, ’11), Ph.D. student in Agricultural and Resource Economics, UC Berkeley.

SOME WELL-KNOWN ALUMNI

Robin Toma (Sociology & Economics, ’82), lawyer and executive director of the LA County Human Relations Commission. Instrumental role in a lawsuit and campaign for redress for more than 2,200 former Japanese Latin American internees.

Susan Wojcicki (M.S. Economics, ’93), first marketing manager of Google, now CEO of YouTube, called “the most powerful woman on the Internet” by Time Magazine.

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