A BREAKTHROUGH IN LIFE SCIENCES

Harry Noller, professor emeritus of molecular, cell, and developmental biology, was the winner of the prestigious 2017 Breakthrough Prize in Life Sciences, which carries a prize of $3 million. Professor Noller was recognized for his discoveries about the ribosome, the tiny structure of the cell that he calls “the mothership of life.”

reports.news.ucsc.edu/breakthrough

WORLDWIDE RECOGNITION

- 1st in the nation for Hispanic students (2014, BestColleges.com)
- 3rd in the world in research influence (2017, Times Higher Education World University Rankings)
- One of the top greenest schools in the U.S. (Sierra Club, 2017)

ucsc.edu/about/achievements

We Are Different – WE ARE BANANA SLUGS!

We...
- critically examine the past in order to create a more equitable future.
- create knowledge to serve society, and preserve the environment.
- work together across academic boundaries.
- constantly challenge ourselves to innovate and discover.
- champion diversity in all its forms.
- influence research outcomes on a global scale.

PRINCIPLES OF COMMUNITY:
ucsc.edu/about/principles-community.html

QUICK FACTS
- 18.6 to 1 student/faculty ratio
- 62% of undergraduate courses have fewer than 30 students; 72% have fewer than 50
- Over 70% of undergraduates conduct research during their UCSC careers.

ucsc.edu/about/
A Location Like No Other

In Santa Cruz, 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 of redwood forests, views of Monterey Bay, and meadows
• Nearest UC campus to Silicon Valley
• 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 Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary
• 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 2017 (according to the California State Government)
• Home to San Francisco, Los Angeles, Hollywood, Disneyland, and other famous places
MEET SOME BANANA SLUG STUDENTS!

Sara Hanich
MAJOR: Politics and Sociology (double major)
HOMETOWN: Dubai, United Arab Emirates
HIGH SCHOOL: Sharjah American International School
“Classes are not just a one-way dialogue of listening and taking notes. It’s an inclusive conversation between the professor and the student. I’ve had some really amazing classes here that I can honestly say have moved me and changed the way I think of the world around me, and my place as a woman in it.”

Shubham Modi
MAJOR: Undecided
HOMETOWN: Gorakhpur, India
HIGH SCHOOL: Sarala Birla Academy
“Every day I spend here at UCSC is a cherished memory. But the international orientation days have a special place. It helped us settle in so well. The orientation leaders were really nice and helpful and we also got to make a lot of new friends. It was a great start to college!”

Tianyi Zhang
MAJOR: Mathematics
HOMETOWN: Shanghai, China
HIGH SCHOOL: Shanghai Normal University Affiliated Middle School
“I love how students, staff members, and professors are always so nice and helpful. There is always somewhere that I can turn to whenever I have questions. The reason why I chose to study abroad is that I would like to enhance my ability, and I deeply feel that UCSC has provided me lots of opportunities.”

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.”

MEET SOME BANANA SLUG ALUMNI!

Cary Joji Fukunaga
History, ’99
Emmy Award-winning director, writer, and producer, whose works include Sin Nombre, True Detective, and Jane Eyre.

Paul Simpson
Business management economics, ’02
M.B.A., Haas School of Business, UC Berkeley
Entrepreneur and leadership team member of Promise, Inc., a company focused on humane alternatives to incarceration.

Kathryn Sullivan
Earth sciences, ’73
Ph.D., geology, Dalhousie University, Canada
First American woman to walk in space and the former administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

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.

BANANA SLUGS AFTER GRADUATION
Top employers of Slug alumni in the San Francisco Bay Area: Google, Cisco, Genentech, Stanford University, UC Berkeley.

One of 20 universities most likely to land you a job in Silicon Valley.
—Business Insider, 2016

admissions.sa.ucsc.edu/studentprofile
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 UC Santa Cruz

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

1. Complete 15 yearlong 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 years of a second language
   • 1 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.ucsc.edu/apply/freshman.html.

Admission Qualifying for the University of California - Frosh from Outside the U.S.

Selection

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

Computer Science

Students interested in computer science must select the major as their first choice on the UC Application. Applicants are encouraged to have a solid background in advanced high school mathematics. A student not selected for computer science may be reviewed for admission to an alternate major if one was selected.

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 requirement through the SAT/ACT/IB Examinations.

If you come from a bilingual school, you must also meet this requirement.

admissions.ucsc.edu/apply/international-students/english-proficiency.html
Undergraduate Majors (in bold) 34 Minors 46 Academic Concentrations (listed below the major)

Anthropology*  
Applied Linguistics and Multilingualism  
Applied Physics  
Art  
Art and Design: Games and Playable Media  
Biochemistry and Molecular Biology  
Biography*  
Business Management Economics  
Chemistry*  
Biochemistry  
Environmental Chemistry  
Classical Studies*  
Cognitive Science  
Community Studies  
Critical Race and Ethnic Studies  
Earth Sciences*  
Environmental Geology  
Geology  
Ocean Sciences  
Planetary Sciences  
Earth Sciences/Anthropology  
Ecology and Evolution  
Economics*  
Economics/Mathematics  
Environmental Sciences  
Environmental Studies  
Agroecology and Sustainable Food Systems  
Environmental Studies/Biology  
Environmental Studies/Earth Sciences  
Environmental Studies/Economics  
Feminist Studies  
Film and Digital Media*  
Critical Studies  
Integrated Critical Practice  
Production  
Global Economics  
History*  
Americas and the Pacific  
Asia and the Islamic World  
Europe and the Mediterranean World  
History of Art and Visual Culture*  
Religion and Visual Culture  
Human Biology  
Italian Studies*  
Jewish Studies*  
Language Studies*  
Chinese  
Italian  
French  
Japanese  
German  
Spanish  
Latin American and Latino Studies*  
Latin American and Latino Studies/Politics  
Latin American and Latino Studies/Sociology  
Legal Studies*  
Linguistics*  
Literature*  
Creative Writing  
French Literature  
General Literature  
German Literature  
Greek and Latin Literatures  
Italian Literature  
Spanish/Latin American/Latino Literatures  
Marine Biology  
Mathematics*  
Computational Mathematics  
Mathematics Education  
Pure Mathematics  
Molecular, Cell, 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  
Undeclared/Undecided (fresh can pick an Advising Cluster and declare their major later)  
* Majors with corresponding minors indicated with an asterisk.

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS: admissions.ucsc.edu/majors
GRADUATE STUDIES: graddiv.ucsc.edu

Jack Baskin School of Engineering  
Bioengineering  
Assistive Technology: Motor  
Bioelectronics  
Biomedical Engineering and Bioinformatics  
Bioinformatics  
Biomedical Engineering  
Computer Engineering*  
Computer Systems  
Digital Hardware  
Networks  
Robotics and Control  
Systems Programming  
Computer Science* (selective major)  
Computer Science: Computer Game Design  
Electrical Engineering*  
Communications, Signals, Systems, and Controls  
Electronics/Optics  
Network and Digital Technology  
Robotics Engineering  
Technology and Information Management*  

Summer Academy: International  
Incoming fresh can choose to get an early start on degree progress and transition to campus life before the rush of fall.  
summer.ucsc.edu

OTHER MINORS INCLUDE:  
Applied Mathematics  
Astrophysics  
Bioinformatics  
Dance  
East Asian Studies  
Education  
Electronic Music  
Global Information and Social Enterprise Studies  
History of Consciousness  
Jazz  
Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM)  
Statistics  
Sustainability Studies  

3+3 BA/JD Program  
Get your B.A. and your J.D. from UC Hastings College of the Law in six years instead of seven!  
3plus3.ucsc.edu

THREE-YEAR PATHWAY MAJORS  
Anthropology  
Art  
Business Management Economics  
Economics  
Environmental Studies  
Film and Digital Media  
History  
Legal Studies  
Literature  
Philosophy  
Politics  
Psychology  
Sociology  

advising.ucsc.edu/success/3-year-pathways
Get Involved in Our 150+ Student Organizations

American Medical Student Association (AMSA)
Bayanihan (formerly Filipino Student Association)
Centro Americanos Unidos
Chinese Student Association
Education for Sustainable Living Program (ESLP)
Everett Program (formerly Global Information Internship Program)
Indian Student Association (ISA)
Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE)
Japanese Student Association (JSA)
Model United Nations at UCSC, SLUGMUN
Muslim Student Association (MSA)
Student Environmental Center (SEC)
Taiwanese Student Association
University Economics Association (UEA)
Vietnamese Student Association (VSA)
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

• Global Start international orientation before classes start in the fall (airport pickups available)

iss.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

• 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

• Global Start international orientation before classes start in the fall (airport pickups available)
UC Santa Cruz Facts & Figures

ADMISSION FACTS
Number of countries represented by fall 2018 applicants: 100
U.S. states represented by fall 2018 applicants: 48, plus Washington, D.C., Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, Samoa, and the Virgin Islands
2018 admission rate for frosh: 47.7%

Admitted frosh fall 2018 profile
(percentages of all admits whose scores fell in the ranges below)
4.0 or higher GPA: 51.1% 3.5 to 3.99 GPA: 40.4%
3.49 or lower GPA: 8.5% Mean GPA: 3.93

ACT
27 or higher: 71.0% 1400 or higher: 32.6%
22-26: 22.4% 1100-1399: 61.3%
21 or lower: 6.6% 1099 or lower: 6.1%
Comp.*: 28.8 Total*: 1324.4

SAT
Engl. w/Writing*: 29 Reading/Writing*: 6475
Reading*: 29.3 Math*: 683.5
Math*: 28.5 Essay*: 17

*mean

New international frosh top home countries, fall 2017
Brazil  Kenya
Canada  Republic of Korea
People’s Republic of China  Malaysia
Hong Kong  Singapore
India  Taiwan
Indonesia  Turkey
Japan  United Arab Emirates

Primary Undergraduate Ethnicities, Fall 2017
- African American 4.2%
- American Indian 0.8%
- Asian American/ Pacific Islander 28.1%
- Chicano/Latino 27.6%
- Euro-American 31.4%
- International 6.2%
- Not Stated 1.7%

Fall 2017 enrollment
Undergraduates 17,577
Graduates 1,880
Total Enrollment 19,457
## ESTIMATED UNDERGRADUATE EXPENSES
### 2018-2019*

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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.

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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 as determined by the UC Application. No separate application is required.
Applying for Admission

universityofcalifornia.edu/apply

Application available: August 1, 2018
Application filing period: November 1-30, 2018

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admissions.ucsc.edu/contact/slugform.html

KEEP IN TOUCH

International Admissions
admissions.ucsc.edu/apply/international-students

International Student and Scholar Services
iss.ucsc.edu

admissions.ucsc.edu