Guide to Applying for U.S. Freshmen
The University of California, Santa Cruz is a world renowned research university south of San Francisco adjacent to Silicon Valley. Whether you study with us online or on our beautiful campus between the mountains and the sea, join us as we break new ground in social and environmental justice, technology, biosciences, humanities, and the arts!
Admitted freshmen fall 2020 profile

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**MEAN GPA**: 3.91

**Academic Preparation for U.S. Freshmen**

The admission process for UC Santa Cruz reflects the academic rigor and preparation needed for admission to a major research institution and is based on a system of holistic review. As we consider each individual application — and rest assured, we do consider each one — we look beyond grades and test scores. We spend time evaluating your academic and personal achievements and preparation in light of the opportunities available to you and your demonstrated capacity to contribute to the intellectual life on our campus.

**CALIFORNIA FRESHMEN Minimum Qualifications**

Complete 15 college-preparatory courses (“a-g” courses), with at least 11 finished prior to the beginning of your senior year. To view your school’s a-g course list, visit hs-articulation.ucop.edu/guide.

- A — History/social science, 2 years
- B — English, 4 years, or local language for students whose curriculum is not in English
- C — Mathematics, 3 years
- D — Laboratory science, 2 years
- E — Language other than English, 2 years
- F — Visual and performing arts, 1 year
- G — College-preparatory elective, 1 year (chosen from the subjects listed above or another course approved by the university)

Earn a grade-point average (GPA) of 3.00 or better in these courses with no grade lower than a C.

UC Santa Cruz will no longer use standardized exam scores (ACT/SAT) in our holistic review and selection process. Like all UC campuses, we consider a broad range of factors when reviewing a student’s application, from academics to extracurricular achievement and response to life challenges. No admission decision is based on a single factor. Exam scores may still be used to meet area b of the a-g subject requirements as well as the UC Entry Level Writing requirement.
Selection by UC Santa Cruz

As a selective campus, UC Santa Cruz is unable to offer admission to all UC-qualified applicants. UC Santa Cruz 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 accomplishments.

COMPUTER ENGINEERING AND COMPUTER SCIENCE
Students interested in computer engineering or 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 engineering or computer science may be reviewed for admission to an alternate major if one was selected.

U.S. FRESHMEN FROM OUTSIDE CALIFORNIA
The qualifying and selection criteria for students from outside California are similar, except that a minimum GPA of 3.40 is required, instead of 3.00.

Transfer Admission
Many students do not begin their career as freshmen, but choose to enter the university by transferring from a community college or another four year institution. When making transfer admission decisions, top priority is given to qualified junior transfers from California community colleges.

Our Undergraduate Majors
Follow your passion!

Agroecology
Anthropology
Applied Linguistics and Multilingualism
Applied Mathematics
Applied Physics
Art
Art and Design: Games and Playable Media
Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
Biology
Biomolecular Engineering and Bioinformatics
Biotechnology
Business Management Economics
Chemistry
Classical Studies
Cognitive Science
Community Studies
Computer Engineering
Computer Science
Computer Science: Computer Game Design
Critical Race and Ethnic Studies
Earth Sciences
Earth Sciences/Anthropology
Ecology and Evolution
Economics
Economics/Mathematics
Education, Democracy, and Justice
Electrical Engineering
Environmental Sciences
Environmental Studies
Environmental Studies/Biology
Environmental Studies/Earth Sciences
Environmental Studies/Economics
Feminist Studies
Film and Digital Media
Global Economics
History
History of Art and Visual Culture
Human Biology
Italian Studies
Jewish Studies
Language Studies
Latin American and Latino Studies
Latin American and Latino Studies/Politics
Latin American and Latino Studies/Sociology
Legal Studies
Linguistics
Literature
Marine Biology
Mathematics
Mathematics Education
Molecular, Cell, and Developmental Biology
Music
Network and Digital Technology
Neuroscience
Philosophy
Physics
Physics (Astrophysics)
Plant Sciences
Politics
Psychology
Robotics Engineering
Science Education
Sociology
Spanish Studies
Technology and Information Management
Theater Arts
Undeclared/Undecided
(freshmen can pick an Advising Cluster and declare their major later)

Application Filing Period
November 1-30

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