World-class Education in an Inspiring Location
A Global Leader in Education & Research

Part of the renowned University of California system that includes UC Berkeley and UCLA, UC Santa Cruz is known for the worldwide impact of its research and teaching.

ACADEMIC OPPORTUNITIES

• First-Year Honors Program
• International and National Honors Societies Such as Phi Beta Kappa and the Golden Key International Honour Society
• Field Study and Internships in Nearby Silicon Valley or Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary
• Intensive Programs of Study
• Opportunities for Undergraduate Research
WORLDWIDE RECOGNITION

• 3rd worldwide for research influence
  (2011, Times Higher Education World University Rankings)

• 1st worldwide for research impact
  in molecular biology and genetics
  (2008, Science Watch)

• 1st nationally for research impact
  in physics (2007, Science Watch)

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

• Leader in personalized medicine
  Building on its expertise in genomics, UC Santa Cruz has established the Cancer Genomics Hub, a program funded by the National Cancer Institute that is providing cancer researchers with efficient access to a large and rapidly growing store of valuable medical data.

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SMALL CLASS SIZES

• 63% of undergraduate courses have fewer than 30 students; 74% have fewer than 50

• Lecture classes are broken up into smaller discussion sections, with more individual attention for students
Academic Life at UCSC

Students can choose from 63 majors in the Arts, Humanities, Engineering, Physical and Biological Sciences, and Social Sciences. Freshmen can apply as “undeclared” and determine their major later as UCSC students.
Melinda Soares

Physics major who won honors for her research presentations at two national conferences in 2011-12

Melinda won first place honors for an oral presentation of her work on supernova remnants at the 2012 Emerging Researchers National Conference in Atlanta, Georgia. At an American Physical Society (APS) meeting, she earned second place honors for the Steven Chu Award for Best Research by an Undergraduate for her research on blazars, which are supermassive black holes.

“When you become immersed in the research community, you learn things you would never pick up in a class, just from getting to know the scientists, talking over coffee, and managing a project.”
Rarely will you find a location as inspiring as Santa Cruz, where opportunities and convenience are combined with magnificent natural beauty.
ADVANTAGES TO UC SANTA CRUZ LOCATION

• A gorgeous campus featuring redwood forest, panoramic views of the Monterey Bay, and open meadow
• The nearest UC campus to Silicon Valley, a worldwide center of technological innovation
• Next to the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary, with unique opportunities to study marine life in diverse ecosystems such as kelp forests
• Over 300 sunny days a year
• Less than an hour’s drive from San Jose International Airport

CALIFORNIA: THE GOLDEN STATE

• A hub of the arts, commerce, agriculture, research, and new ideas
• Home to San Francisco, Los Angeles, Hollywood, Disneyland, and other famous places
Your New Home in the U.S.

UC Santa Cruz provides a caring, supportive environment for students who have traveled long distances to study here.

A SMALL SAMPLE OF OUR OVER 100 STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS:

- California Student Sustainability Coalition
- Cantonese Student Association (CASA)
- Chinese Student and Scholar Association (CSSA)
- Environmental Media Project
- Green Campus Program
- Indian Student Organization (ISO)
- Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE)
- Japanese Student Association (JSA)
- Mock Trial
- Model United Nations at UCSC
- Muslim Student Association (MSA)
- Student Environmental Center (SEC)
- University Economics Association (UEA)
- University Entrepreneurship Organization
- Vietnamese Student Association (VSA)

admissions.ucsc.edu/why-ucsc/organizations.html
INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS AT UCSC HAVE:

• A four-year campus housing guarantee for freshmen—you will have a room waiting for you when you arrive on campus each fall

• Numerous opportunities for academic support

• The International Education Office, providing visa support and advising just for international students

• A commitment to campus safety, with police and fire stations right on campus

• The Student Health Center on campus, providing medical services and Counseling and Psychological Services

• Our highly-regarded residential college system, which divides the campus into 10 small communities where students live, learn, and get to know each other

• The International Living Center, a special dormitory that includes both international and U.S. students

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STUDENT PROFILE

ANDREW (SHUYU) PAN

Major: Computer science
Hometown: Nanjing, China
Transferred from: Fullerton College in Fullerton, California

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FRESHMAN INTERNATIONAL ADMISSIONS INFORMATION

The UC admissions guidelines are designed to ensure students are well-prepared to succeed at the University of California and graduate in four years or less. If you are interested in entering the university as a freshman, you need to satisfy the following minimum requirements:

**FIRST STEP: Qualifying for the University of California**

- International students will be held to the same admission requirements as U.S. students.
- To qualify for admission to UC Santa Cruz, you must complete secondary school with high achieving grades/marks in academic subject areas and have earned a certificate of completion that enables you to be admitted to a university in your home country.
- Meet the examination requirement by taking the ACT Plus Writing or the SAT Reasoning Test before you graduate from secondary school.

In addition, students with very high test scores may qualify by their examination scores alone.

**SECOND STEP: 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 in light of the opportunities available to you and your demonstrated capacity to contribute to the intellectual and cultural life at UCSC.

**English Proficiency Requirement:**
If English is not the language of instruction at your school, you will need to show proficiency in English. Please visit admissions.ucsc.edu/apply/international-students/english-proficiency.html to learn how to prove your English proficiency. If you come from a bilingual school, you must also meet the English Proficiency Requirement.
Applying for Admission: Apply to UC Santa Cruz by completing the UC application: universityofcalifornia.edu/apply. The online application explains the filing process and instructions for submitting your application.

The application filing period for fall quarter is November 1-30.

UNDERGRADUATE EXPENSES, 2012-13*

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*Tuition and fees are subject to change. For updated information, see financialaid.ucsc.edu/cost.shtml

**Medical health insurance is mandatory. Students also have the option to purchase dental and vision insurance. The campus medical health insurance charge will be waived for students who provide proof of insurance to the campus Health Center.
After Graduation

RECENT ALUMNI AND THEIR CURRENT ACTIVITIES

Huijun Katherine Chen  
(B.A., history/economics/mathematics,'10), research analyst at Glass Lewis, a San Francisco proxy advisory company with clients worldwide.

Camila Cribb Fabersunne  
(B.S., biochemistry and molecular biology,'10), medical school at Harvard University.

Dani Molina  
(B.A., Latin American and Latino studies,'09), graduate school at UCLA’s Graduate School of Education.

Saahil Shenoy  
(B.S., Physics,'10), Stanford University Ph.D. student.

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