2016/2017 admission guide

International First-Year Students
Worldwide Recognition

- 1st worldwide for research influence, tied with MIT (2014, 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)
- 2nd nationally and eighth overall for universities under 50 years old (2015, Times Higher Education)

Academic Opportunities

- Intensive Programs of Study
- Opportunities for Undergraduate Research in Cutting-Edge Fields in the Arts, Engineering, Humanities, Physical and Biological Sciences, and Social Sciences
- 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
- First-Year Honors Program honors.ucsc.edu

Leader in Scientific Research

In 2013, President Barack Obama presented UC Santa Cruz astronomer Sandra Faber with the National Medal of Science for her pioneering research on the formation and evolution of galaxies (see photo at right). ucsc.edu/about/achievements

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 and its commitment to undergraduate education.
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/#virtuatour

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 (less than 1 hour by car)
• 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
• Over 300 sunny days a year

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
Academic Life at UCSC

Students can choose from 65 majors, 38 minors, and 52 academic concentrations in the Arts, Humanities, Engineering, Physical and Biological Sciences, and Social Sciences. First-year students can apply as “undeclared” and determine their major later as UCSC students.

UNDERGRADUATE MAJORS (IN BOLD) & MINORS (INDICATED WITH AN ASTERISK) (academic concentrations listed below the major)


Jack Baskin School of Engineering

Applied Mathematics (minor only)*  Bioengineering  Assistive Technology: Cognitive-Perceptual  Assistive Technology: Motor  Biotechnology  Computational Mathematics  Mathematics Education  Pure Mathematics  *Minor offered

Undergraduate Programs: admissions.ucsc.edu/majors  Graduate Programs: graddiv.ucsc.edu/prospective-students/Programs.html
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 years of a second language

2. Meet other requirements specific to your country

3. Take the ACT Plus Writing or the SAT by December 2015

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.

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 meet English proficiency by scoring 560 or higher on the writing section of the SAT. Please visit admissions.ucsc.edu/apply/international-students/english-proficiency.html to learn how to meet English proficiency. If you come from a bilingual school, you must also meet the English Proficiency Requirement.

Applying for Admission
universityofcalifornia.edu/apply
Application available: August 1, 2015
Application filing period: November 1-30, 2015

Admission and Selection
HIGHLIGHTS FOR INTERNATIONAL FROSH

Housing & Campus Life
- A residential-college affiliation at one of 10 UCSC colleges, providing smaller communities of living and learning, advising, and a writing-intensive core seminar
- A four-year campus housing guarantee for freshmen—you will have a room waiting for you when you arrive on campus each fall

Support
- Opportunities for academic support, such as advising, tutoring, and Modified Supplemental Instruction
- The International Education Office, providing visa support, advising, special programs, and social events for international students
- International Orientation before classes start in the fall (airport pickups available)
- Summer Academy: International, giving incoming students an early start and guidance for graduation from UC Santa Cruz

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

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, and volleyball; women’s golf and track

STUDENT PROFILES

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.”

BENAI PHAM
Major: Anthropology
Hometown: Brisbane, Australia
High School: Wavell State High School

“In Australia, we don’t have the same college experience because few students live on campus. Here, students become a family because we live together, we eat together, and we share things that only a family should know. Through this community, I’ve learnt how to open myself up to people and accept others.”

Student Life at UCSC

Get involved! Some of our 150+ student organizations

AMSA UCSC Premedical Chapter
Cantonese Student Association (CASA)
Centro Americanos Unidos
Chinese Student Association
Chinese Taiwanese Union (CTU)
Education for Sustainable Living Program (ESLP)
Everett Program (formerly Global Information Internship Program)
Indian Student Organization (ISO)
Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE)
Japanese Student Association (JSA)
Model United Nations at UCSC
Muslim Student Association (MSA)
Student Environmental Center (SEC)
University Economics Association (UEA)
Vietnamese Student Association (VSA)

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

Student Profiles

admissions.sa.ucsc.edu/studentprofile
New international frosh top five home countries, fall 2014

People's Republic of China
Taiwan
Republic of Korea
Hong Kong and India (tie)
Canada

ENROLLMENT FACTS

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

• Undergraduates:
52.8% women; 46.8% men;
0.4% unknown

Undergraduate Ethnicities
UC Santa Cruz seeks to enroll and graduate a student body of diverse cultural, racial, geographical, and socioeconomic backgrounds. In fall 2014, the ethnic composition of undergraduates was African American, 4.0%; Native American, 1.1%; Asian American/Pacific Islander, 25.7%; Chicano/Latino, 30.8%; Euro-American, 34.6%; international, 2.2%; not stated, 1.6%.

Class size:
• Lecture classes are broken up into smaller discussion sections, with more individual attention for students.
• 64% of undergraduate courses have fewer than 30 students; 76% have fewer than 50.

Student/faculty ratio: 20 to 1

Undergraduate research: over 70% of undergraduates conduct research during their UCSC careers.

ADMISSION FACTS

Number of countries represented by fall 2015 applicants: 96
U.S. states represented by fall 2015 applicants: all 50 states, plus Washington, D.C., Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, Samoa, and the Virgin Islands
2015 admission rate for frosh: 51.4%

ACT Scores

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SAT Scores

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Admitted frosh fall 2015 profile

4.0 or higher GPA: 40.7%
3.49 or lower GPA: 8.2%
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4.0 or higher GPA: 40.7%
3.49 or lower GPA: 8.2%

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UC Santa Cruz Facts & Figures
## Paying for a UCSC Education

### ESTIMATED UNDERGRADUATE EXPENSES 2015-2016*

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* Tuition and fees are subject to change. For updated information, see [financialaid.ucsc.edu/cost.shtml](http://financialaid.ucsc.edu/cost.shtml)

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

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Our Undergraduate Dean’s Scholarships and Awards range from $12,000 to $30,000, split over four years and applied to non-resident tuition. Students are awarded based on academic achievement, as well as financial resources.
After Graduation

RECENT ALUMNI & THEIR CURRENT ACTIVITIES

Brittany Alba (neuroscience, ’15), two-year fellowship at UC Berkeley’s Destination College Advising Corps, in preparation to become a teacher.

Kristoffer Hellén (history, ’13), winner of the UCSC Steck Award for the best senior thesis of 2013, graduate student at the University of Indiana, studying Russian History.

SOME WELL-KNOWN ALUMNI

Maya Rudolph (art,’95), actress and comedian, former cast member of Saturday Night Live whose recent film credits include Bridesmaids (2011) and Grown Ups 2 (2013).

Dr. M. Sanjayan (biology Ph.D.,’97), executive vice president and senior scientist for Conservation International, host of the new ground-breaking PBS nature series EARTH A New Wild.

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