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.

ACADEMIC OPPORTUNITIES

- Intensive Programs of Study
- Opportunities for Undergraduate Research in Cutting-Edge Fields (Professor Jacob Rosen’s Bionics Lab Pictured Above) ugr.ue.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
- First-Year Honors Program
WORLDWIDE RECOGNITION

• 2nd worldwide for research influence  
  (2012, 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 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, among other contributions (see photo at right).

ucsc.edu/about/achievements

CLASS SIZES

Lecture classes are broken up into smaller discussion sections, with more individual attention for students. See page 13 for specific information.
Academic Life at UCSC

Students can choose from over 60 majors 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

Anthropology
Applied Physics
Art
Astrophysics*
Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
Biology
Business Management Economics
Chemistry
   Biochemistry
   Environmental Chemistry
Classical Studies
Cognitive Science
Community Studies
Dance*
Earth Sciences
   Environmental Geology
   Ocean Sciences
   Planetary Sciences
   Science Education
Earth Sciences/Anthropology
East Asian Studies*
Ecology and Evolution
Economics
Economics/Mathematics
Electronic Music*
Environmental Studies
Environmental Studies/
   Biology
Environmental Studies/
   Earth Sciences
MAJORS & MINORS (RELATED ACADEMIC CONCENTRATIONS LISTED BELOW THE MAJOR)

Environmental Studies/ Economics
Feminist Studies  
  Culture, Power, and Representation  
  Law, Politics, and Social Change  
  Science, Technology, and Medicine  
  Sexuality Studies
Film and Digital Media  
  Critical Studies**  
  Integrated Critical Practice**  
  Production**
German Studies
Global Economics
Global Information and Social Enterprise Studies*
History  
  Americas and Africa  
  Asia and the Islamic World  
  Europe
History of Art and Visual Culture  
  Religion and Visual Culture
Human Biology
Italian Studies
Jewish Studies
Jazz*
Language Studies  
  Chinese  
  French
Plant Sciences
  Politics
  Psychology  
  Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Education*
Sociology
Spanish Studies
Theater Arts  
  Design and Technology  
  Drama

Jack Baskin School of Engineering
  Applied Mathematics*
  Bioengineering  
    Bioelectronics  
    Biomolecular Rehabilitation
  Bioinformatics
  Computer Engineering  
    Computer Systems  
    Digital Hardware  
    Networks  
    Robotics and Control  
    Systems Programming
  Computer Science
    Computer Science:  
      Computer Game Design  
      Communications, Signals, Systems, and Controls  
      Electronics/Optics
  Electrical Engineering
  Network and Digital Technology
  Robotics Engineering
  Statistics*
  Technology and Information Management

  *Minor
  **Acceptance by application only

Undergraduate Programs: admissions.ucsc.edu/majors
Graduate Programs: graddiv.ucsc.edu/prospective-students/Programs.html
Student Life at UCSC

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

GET INVOLVED! SOME OF OUR 150+ STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

- African/Black Student Alliance
- Asian/Pacific Islander Student Alliance
- Education for Sustainable Living Program (ESLP)
- Environmental Media Project
- Green Campus Program
- Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE)
- Mock Trial
- Model United Nations at UCSC

- Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano/a de Aztlan (MEChA)
- Sports Clubs
- Student Alliance of North American Indians (SANAI)
- Student Environmental Center (SEC)
- University Economics Association (UEA)
- University Entrepreneurship Organization

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

• A residential-college affiliation at one of 10 UCSC colleges, providing smaller communities of living and learning

• A two-year campus housing guarantee

• 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

• Numerous opportunities for academic support

• Free access to campus shuttles and buses to get around campus and town

• Intercollegiate athletics and a world-famous recreation program

• UC’s Blue and Gold Opportunity Plan, which pays for educational and student services fees for California resident students with family incomes less than $80,000 a year

STUDENT PROFILE

MARIELA LOPEZ-GARCIA
Major: Anthropology
Minor: STEM Education
Hometown: Alameda
High School: Alameda High School

“I love the residential college system. I think it’s a great way to help with what can be an overwhelming transition to college life. The beauty of this campus is beyond compare as far as I’m concerned, and we’re only a short bus ride away from the beach as well!”

“I’ve also been surprised by how many undergraduates get involved in internships and research here. My involvement with CalTeach has taught me a lot about the teaching profession and gives me an insight into the life of a K-12 teacher (the kind of life that is hopefully in my future!).”
Admission and Selection

UC SANTA CRUZ ADMISSIONS INFORMATION FOR CALIFORNIA FROSH

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.

Qualifying for the University of California

• Complete a minimum of 15 college-preparatory courses (“a-g” courses), with at least 11 finished prior to the beginning of your senior year. The 15 courses are:
  a. History/social science, 2 years
  b. English, 4 years
  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.
• Meet the examination requirement by taking the ACT Plus Writing or the SAT Reasoning Test no later than December of the senior year.

California students who meet these qualifications may be “qualified in the statewide context,” or “qualified in the local context” (also referred to as ELC). For more information, visit: universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions/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

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.

Transferring from a California Community College

About 25 percent of UCSC students do not begin their career as freshmen, but choose to enter the university by transferring from a community college. When making their transfer admission decisions, UCSC gives top priority to qualified junior transfers from California community colleges.

admissions.ucsc.edu/apply/transfer-students
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.
STUDY ON THE BEAUTIFUL CENTRAL COAST

• 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

• Outdoor recreational opportunities: beaches, state forests, hiking trails

• Convenient to downtown Santa Cruz, with shops, restaurants, and movie theaters
ADMISSION FACTS

Number of countries represented by fall 2013 applicants: 82

U.S. states represented by fall 2013 applicants: all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico, Samoa, the Virgin Islands, and the Northern Mariana Islands

2013 admission rate for frosh: 48.6%

Admitted frosh fall 2013 profile

4.0 or higher GPA: 37.1%
3.5 to 3.99 GPA: 49.8%
3.5 or below GPA: 13.1%

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<td>27 or higher: 51.6%</td>
<td>1800 or higher: 51.5%</td>
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<td>22-26: 33.7%</td>
<td>1500-1799: 34.7%</td>
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*mean

ENROLLMENT FACTS

• Total enrollment for fall 2012: 17,404
15,978 undergraduates
1,426 graduate students

• Undergraduates: 53.1% women; 46.5% men; 0.4% unknown
New frosh hometowns, fall 2012

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<td>Monterey Bay Area/Santa Clara Valley</td>
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<td>Other Northern California</td>
<td>1.5%</td>
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Ethnic composition of undergraduates

UC Santa Cruz seeks to enroll and graduate a student body of diverse cultural, racial, geographical, and socioeconomic backgrounds. In fall 2012, the ethnic composition of undergraduates was African American, 3.2%; Native American, 1.3%; Asian American/Pacific Islander, 25.0%; Chicano/Latino, 27.0%; Euro-American, 39.5%; international, 0.3%; not stated, 3.7%.

Class Size: 63% of undergraduate courses have fewer than 30 students; 74% have fewer than 50.

Student/faculty ratio: 19 to 1

Over 60% of undergraduates conduct research during their UCSC careers.
In 2012-13, more than $250 million in student aid was distributed to UC Santa Cruz undergraduates.

For more information, please see financialaid.ucsc.edu

Blue and Gold Opportunity Plan (see page 7) universityofcalifornia.edu/blueandgold
### UNDERGRADUATE EXPENSES, 2013-2014*

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<td>Transportation</td>
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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)

**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 & THEIR CURRENT ACTIVITIES

Adam Cline (film and digital media, '12), videographer and musician whose YouTube channel, Asian Glow, has over 25,000 subscribers.

Hannah Perlkin and Emily Tucker (marine biology, '12), winners of an $85,000 National Science Foundation grant to study seagrass, now working in a biology lab at UCSC.

Carson Watts (sociology, '12), winner of UCSC’s Gabriel Zimmerman Memorial Scholarship, working for a grassroots campaign that fundraises for environmental and social justice issues.

SOME WELL-KNOWN ALUMNI

Kelvin Filer (politics, '77), Los Angeles Superior Court Judge responsible for a number of landmark decisions.

Dr. Kathryn Sullivan (Earth sciences Ph.D., '73), Acting Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere in the Obama Administration.

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