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 (Dolphin Research at UCSC’s Long Marine Lab Pictured Above) ugr.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 honors.ucsc.edu

WORLDWIDE RECOGNITION

- 1st worldwide for research impact in molecular biology and genetics (2008, Science Watch)
- 1st nationally for research impact in physics (2007, Science Watch)
- 2nd worldwide for research influence (2013, Times Higher Education World University Rankings)
- 2nd nationally for universities under 50 years old (2014, Times Higher Education)
- One of the top best-value public universities in the U.S. for the third year in a row (2014, Princeton Review)

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 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 youvisit.com/ucsc.

STUDY ON THE BEAUTIFUL CENTRAL COAST

• 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
• 1.5 hours by car from San Francisco
• 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, and to the ocean (about 1 mile away from campus)
Academic Life at UCSC

Students can choose from 66 majors, 44 minors, and 81 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 (OFFERED IN MOST MAJORS)

(academic concentrations listed below the major)

Anthropology
Applied Physics
Art
Astrophysics (minor only)
Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
Biology
Business Management
Economics
Chemistry
Biochemistry
Environmental Chemistry
Classical Studies
Cognitive Science
Community Studies
Critical Race and Ethnic Studies
Dance (minor only)
Earth Sciences
Environmental Geology
Ocean Sciences
Planetary Sciences
Science Education
Earth Sciences/Anthropology
East Asian Studies (minor only)
Ecology and Evolution
Economics
Economics/Mathematics
Education (minor only for undergraduates)
Electronic Music (minor only)
Environmental Studies
Environmental Studies/Biology
Environmental Studies/Earth Sciences

Environmental Studies/Economics
Environmental Studies/Feminist Studies
Environmental Studies/History
Environmental Studies/Religion
Environmental Studies/Science
Ethics
First-Year Studies

Latin American and Latino Studies
Latino Studies
Latin American and Latino Studies/Literature
Latin American and Latino Studies/Politics
Latin American and Latino Studies/Sociology
Latin American and Latino Studies/Sociocultural Studies
Latin American and Latino Studies/Urban Studies

Neuroscience
Philosophy
Physics
Physics (Astrophysics)
Physics Education
Plant Sciences
Politics
Psychology
Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Education (minor only)

Sociology
Spanish Studies
Language and Literatures
Literature and Culture
Sustainability Studies (minor only)
Theater Arts
Dance
Design and Technology
Drama

Jack Baskin School of Engineering

Applied Mathematics (minor only)
Bioengineering
Assistive Technology/Cognitive/Perceptual
Assistive Technology/Engineering
Motor
Bionanotechnology
Biomedical Engineering
Bioinformatics
Computer Engineering
Computer Science
Computer Systems
Digital Hardware
Networks

Robotics and Control Systems
Robotics Engineering
System Engineering

Software Development
Electrical Engineering
Communications, Signals, Systems, and Controls
Electronics/Optics
Network and Digital Technology

Technology and Information Management

Graduate Programs: graddiv.ucsc.edu/majors
Graduate Programs: graddiv.ucsc.edu/prospective-students/Programs.html

Undergraduate Programs: admissions.ucsc.edu/majors

\*Acceptance by application only

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Admission and Selection

UC SANTA CRUZ ADMISSIONS INFORMATION FOR CALIFORNIA FRESHMEN

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. For more information, visit ucop.edu/doorways.

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 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 ELG). 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

The following factors are not considered for freshman admission:

• Life Experiences
• Geographic Location

Applying for Admission

universityofcalifornia.edu/apply

Application available:
August 1, 2014

Application filing period:
November 1-30, 2014

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

• Academic Accomplishment within Life Experiences
• Geographic Location
HIGHLIGHTS FOR 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 two-year campus housing guarantee
- Free access to campus shuttles and buses to get around campus and town

Health & Safety
- A commitment to campus safety, with police and fire stations right on campus
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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 Support Services
- Numerous opportunities for academic support

STUDENT PROFILE

JOSE MARTINEZ
Major: Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
Hometown: Watsonville
High School: Watsonville High School
Activities and Interests: Student Life and University Guide, Academic Excellence Program, member of American Medical Student Association, Undergraduate Research Assistant, Mascharak Lab Group

“UCSC is very challenging and rigorous but it does offer a LOT of support, so no matter how hard the load of classes you take, there is always help! The best advice I can give you is do what you are most passionate about because doing what you love will open all the doors you need to get to where you want to go. Also, ask questions because others have already traveled the road you want to go down.”

admissions.sa.ucsc.edu/studentprofile
ENROLLMENT FACTS

New frosh hometowns, fall 2013
- Los Angeles Area/South Coast: 29.0%
- San Francisco Bay Area: 27.8%
- Central Valley Area: 13.1%
- Monterey Bay Area/Santa Clara Valley: 11.4%
- San Diego Area: 10.2%
- Out of State: 4.1%
- International: 3.0%
- Other Northern California: 1.3%

Undergraduate Ethnicities
UC Santa Cruz seeks to enroll and graduate a student body of diverse cultural, racial, geographical, and socioeconomic backgrounds. In fall 2013, the ethnic composition of undergraduates was African American, 3.7%; Native American, 1.1%; Asian American/Pacific Islander, 25.6%; Chicano/Latino, 29.5%; Euro-American, 36.8%; international, 1.1%; not stated, 2.1%.

ADMISSION FACTS

Number of countries represented by fall 2014 applicants: 97
U.S. states represented by fall 2014 applicants: all 50 states, plus Washington, D.C., Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, and Puerto Rico
2014 admission rate for frosh: 57%

Admitted frosh fall 2014 profile
(percentages of all admits whose scores fell in the ranges below)
- 4.0 or higher GPA: 35.7%
- 3.5 to 3.99 GPA: 50.1%
- 3.49 or lower GPA: 14.2%
Mean GPA: 3.82

ACT Scores
- 27 or higher: 53.9%
- 22-26: 31.9%
- 21 or lower: 14.2%

Comp*: 27
Total*: 1783
Engl. w/Writing*: 26
Crit. Reading*: 579
Reading*: 27
Math*: 616
Math*: 27
Writing*: 589

*mean
Paying for a UCSC Education

FINANCIAL AID

In 2013-14, more than $260 million in student aid was distributed to UC Santa Cruz undergraduates. For more information, please see financialaid.ucsc.edu

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

Middle Class Scholarship This scholarship is for California resident students with total family income under $150,000. The scholarship amount is based on a sliding scale. admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/paying-for-uc/glossary

ESTIMATED UNDERGRADUATE EXPENSES 2014-2015*

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*Tuition and fees are subject to change. For updated information, see 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.
After Graduation

RECENT ALUMNI & THEIR CURRENT ACTIVITIES

Ariel Anders (computer engineering, ’12), graduate student at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), researching robotics at the Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence Laboratory.

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 and TV credits include Bridesmaids and The Maya Rudolph Show.

Dr. Sage Weil (computer science Ph.D., ’07), founder and CTO of data storage company Inktank, which was recently acquired by Red Hat Software for $175 million.