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.
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
  German
  Italian
  Japanese
  Spanish
Latin American and Latino Studies
Latin American and Latino Studies/Global Economics
Latin American and Latino Studies/Literature
Latin American and Latino Studies/Politics
Latin American and Latino Studies/Sociology
Legal Studies
Linguistics
  Theoretical Linguistics
Literature
  Creative Writing**
  English-language Literatures
  French Literature
  German Literature
  Greek and Latin Literatures
  Italian Literature
  Modern Literary Studies
  Pre- and Early Modern Studies
  Spanish/Latin American/Latino Literatures
  World Literature and Cultural Studies
Marine Biology
Mathematics
  Computational Mathematics
  Mathematics Education
  Pure Mathematics
Molecular, Cell, and Developmental Biology
Music
Neuroscience
Philosophy
Physics
Physics (Astrophysics)
Physics Education
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 Game Design
    Computer Science:
      Communications, Signals, Systems, and Controls
    Electronics/Optics
    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

Cantonese Student Association (CASA)
Chinese Student and Scholar Association (CSSA)
Education for Sustainable Living Program (ESLP)
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:

- $20,000 award, to be applied toward non-resident tuition for frosh
- A residential-college affiliation at one of 10 UCSC colleges, providing smaller communities of living and learning
- 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
- A four-year campus housing guarantee for freshmen—you will have a room waiting for you when you arrive on campus each fall
- The International Education Office, providing visa support and advising just for international students
- The International Living Center, a special dormitory that includes international students plus U.S. students who want to interact with students from other countries.
- Airport pickups available for international students attending Summer Orientation

HEILY (LIDAN) CHEN
Major: Bioengineering
Hometown: Shantou, Guangdong Province, China
Activities and Interests: Leadership program, Event Coordinator for Red Cross at UCSC, Rotaract Club at UCSC, AMSA (American Medical Student Association), Chinese Student Association, International Student Orientation Leader
Plans after Graduation: Medical school and to become a doctor/international volunteer

“There are endless opportunities at UCSC for you to find out what you like and who you want to be. There are activities such as lab research, clubs, and student organizations. The campus is very open and friendly. If you are confused about anything, just ask for help from anyone who sits beside you!”

Heily’s advice to new students: “Make different kinds of friends. You can always learn from them!”
Admission and Selection

UC SANTA CRUZ ADMISSIONS INFORMATION FOR FROSH FROM OUTSIDE THE U.S.

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, 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 3.40 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.

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

You can find more detailed information by visiting 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.

English Proficiency Requirement
If English is not the language of instruction at your school, you will need to show proficiency in English. Minimum IELTS score: 7; minimum TOEFL scores: 80 for Internet-based and 550 for paper-based. 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.
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.
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
UC Santa Cruz Facts & Figures

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%

ACT Scores       SAT Scores
27 or higher: 51.6%  1800 or higher: 51.5%
22-26: 33.7% 1500-1799: 34.7%
22 or lower: 14.7% 1500 or lower: 13.8%
Comp*: 27  Total*: 1799
Engl. w/Writing*: 25  Crit. Reading*: 585
Reading*: 27  Math*: 618
Math*: 27  Writing*: 596

*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 international frosh top five home countries, fall 2012

People’s Republic of China
Italy
Singapore
Hong Kong
Japan

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.
International first-year students may qualify for a $20,000 award, to be applied toward non-resident tuition.
## UNDERGRADUATE EXPENSES, 2013-2014*

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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.