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 (Dolphin Research at UCSC’s Long Marine 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 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

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)
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.

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
• 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 66 majors, 44 minors, and 51 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
Biological Sciences
Business Management
Chemical Sciences
Chemistry
Classical Studies
Cognitive Science
Community Studies
Critical Race and Ethnic Studies
Dance
Earth Sciences
Environmental Geology
Ocean Science
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/Mathematics
Biology
Environmental Studies/ Earth Sciences
Environmental Studies/Economics
Feminist Studies
Culture, Power, and Representation
Law, Politics, and Social Change
Science, Technology, and Medicine
Sexuality Studies
Film and Digital Media
Integrated Critical Practice
Production
German Studies
Global Economics
Global Information and Social Enterprise Studies (minor only)
History
Asia and the Islamic World
History of Art and Visual Culture
Religion and Visual Culture
Human Biology
Italian Studies
Jazz (minor only)
Japanese 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
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
Latin Literatures
Latin American and Latino Studies
Latin American and Latino Studies/Sociology
Latin American and Latino Studies/Spanish
Latin American and Latino Studies
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)
Sociology
Spanish Studies
Sustainability Studies (minor only)
Theater Arts
Design and Technology
Drama

Jack Baskin School of Engineering

Applied Mathematics

Bioengineering

Assistant Technology

Cognitive/Perceptual

Assistive Technology

Motor

Bioelectronics

Biomolecular

Bioinformatics

Computer Engineering

Computer Systems

Digital Hardware Networks

Biotechnology

Robotics and Control Systems Programming

Computer Science

Computer Science: Computer Game Design

Electrical Engineering

Communications, Signals, Systems, and Controls

Electronics/Optics

Network and Digital Technology

Robotics Engineering

Statistics (minor only)

Technological and Information Management

*Acceptance by application only

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

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.

You can also 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.
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**
- Numerous opportunities for academic support
- The International Education Office, providing visa support and advising just for international students
- International Summer Orientation before classes start in the fall (airport pickups available for students attending Summer Orientation)

**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. goslugs.com

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**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.”

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**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.”

admissions.sa.ucsc.edu/studentprofile
ANIMATED 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

NEW ENROLLMENT FACTS

• Total enrollment for fall 2013: 17,203
15,695 undergraduates
1,508 graduate students

• Undergraduates:
52.8% women; 46.7% men; 0.5% unknown

NEW INTERNATIONAL FROSH TOP FIVE HOME COUNTRIES, FALL 2013
People's Republic of China
Canada
Taiwan
Hong Kong

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, 28.5%; Euro-American, 36.8%; international, 1.1%; not stated, 2.1%.

CLASS SIZE:
• Lecture classes are broken up into smaller discussion sections, with more individual attention for students.
• 65% of undergraduate courses have fewer than 30 students; 77% have fewer than 50.

STUDENT/FACULTY RATIO: 20 to 1

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH:
over 60% of undergraduates conduct research during their UCSC careers.
Paying for a UCSC Education

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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.

The Undergraduate Dean’s Award, ranging from $8,000 to $30,000, is given to selected international freshmen who have demonstrated outstanding academic and personal accomplishments. The award is payable over four years and is applied to a student’s non-resident tuition.
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.

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ieo.ucsc.edu

Virtual Tour
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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.

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