2014/2015 admission guide

First-Year Students from the United States (outside California)
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).

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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.
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

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
  Electrical Engineering
    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
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
Fraternities and Sororities
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
OUT-OF-STATE 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 two-year campus housing guarantee—you will have a room waiting for you when you arrive on campus in the fall
• Free access to campus shuttles and buses to get around campus and town

STUDENT PROFILE

KYRA McCLELLAND
Major: Marine biology
Hometown: Mooresville, NC
High School: Lake Norman High School

“I absolutely love UCSC. I can’t imagine going anywhere else. There are so many wonderful things about this school. The location is spectacular, but the personality of the school is what really sets it apart from other schools. I’ve never met so many unique and interesting people who are all so passionate about the world.

“Coming from out of state, people often ask why I chose UCSC. I’ve been flying to California since I was about five, and on a few trips with my dad to Santa Cruz I fell in love with the area. I applied to five of the UCs and had a difficult time deciding between them. From what I found on the Internet, Santa Cruz seemed like the best fit for me. The personality of the school and the town itself really drew me in.”

Advice for new students: “Don’t be afraid! Take lots of chances, join clubs, and be brave! No one judges you as hard as you judge yourself, so try to relax.”

Hometown: Mooresville, NC
High School: Lake Norman High School
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)
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.
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%

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<td>22-26: 33.7%</td>
<td>1500-1799: 34.7%</td>
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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 out-of-state frosh top five home states, fall 2012

New York
Texas
Florida
Hawaii
Washington

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.
Out-of-state 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.

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