2015/2016 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 (Dolphins 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

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
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.

**A Location Like No Other**

- 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)

(Select 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 undergraduate)
Electronic Music (minor only)
Environmental Studies
Environmental Studies/Biology
Environmental Studies/Earth Sciences
Environmental Studies/Economics
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*
German Studies
Global Economics
Global Information and Social Enterprise Studies (minor only)
History
Americas and Africa
Asia and the Islamic World
Europe
History of Art and Visual Culture
Religion and Visual Culture
Human Biology
Italian Studies
Jazz (minor only)
Jewish Studies
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/SOCILOGY
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
Technology
Information Management
Network and Digital Technology
Robotics Engineering
Statistics (minor only)
Technology and Information Management

Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Education (minor only)

Neuroscience
Philosophy
Physics
Physics (Astrophysics)
Physics Education
Plant Sciences
Politics
Psychology
Sustainability Studies (minor only)
Theater Arts
Dance
Design and Technology
Drama

*Acceptance by application only

Jack Baskin School of Engineering

Applied Mathematics (minor only)
Bioengineering
Assistive Technology
Cognitive/Perceptual Assistive Technology
Motor
Bioelectronics
Biomolecular
Bioinformatics
Computer Engineering
Computer Systems
Digital Hardware Networks
Robotics and Control Systems
Programing
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)
Technology and Information Management

Sociology
Spanish Studies
Language and Linguistics
Literature and Culture

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

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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.

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
universityofcalifornia.edu/apply

Application available: August 1, 2014
Application filing period: November 1-30, 2014

Admission and Selection
GET INVOLVED! SOME OF OUR 150+ STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

- African/Black Student Alliance
- Asian/Pacific Islander Student Alliance
- Education for Sustainable Living Program (ESLP)
- Everett Program (formerly Global Information Internship Program)
- Filipino Student Association
- Fraternities and Sororities
- Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE)
- Mock Trial at UCSC

Model United Nations at UCSC
Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano/a de Aztlán (MEChA)
Queer Student Union and Allies
Sports Clubs
Student Alliance of North American Indians (SANAI)
Student Environmental Center (SEC)
University Economics Association (UEA)

admissions.ucsc.edu/why-ucsc/organizations.html

HIGHLIGHTS FOR OUT-OF-STATE 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— 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

Support
- Numerous opportunities for academic support

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

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.”

admissions.sa.ucsc.edu/studentprofile

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.”

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Admitted frosh fall 2014 profile (percentages of all admits whose scores fell in the ranges below)

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New out-of-state frosh
top five home states, 2014
The Undergraduate Dean’s Award, ranging from $8,000 to $30,000, is given to selected out-of-state 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.

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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