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 in the Arts, Engineering, Humanities, Physical and Biological Sciences, and Social Sciences
- 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

**A GLOBAL LEADER IN EDUCATION & RESEARCH**

**WORLDWIDE RECOGNITION**

- 1st **worldwide** for research influence, tied with MIT (2014, 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)
- 2nd **nationally and eighth overall** for universities under 50 years old (2015, Times Higher Education)

**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](http://ucsc.edu/about/achievements)

[ugr.te.ucsc.edu](http://ugr.te.ucsc.edu) (Dolphin Research at UCSC’s Long Marine Lab Pictured Above)

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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 admissions.ucsc.edu/#virtualtour

A Location Like No Other

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 (less than 1 hour by car)
• 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 65 majors, 38 minors, and 52 academic concentrations in the Arts, Humanities, Engineering, Physical and Biological Sciences, and Social Sciences.
Admission and Selection

UC SANTA CRUZ ADMISSIONS INFORMATION FOR JUNIOR-LEVEL TRANSFER STUDENTS

The selection process for transfers to UC Santa Cruz reflects the academic rigor and preparation needed for admission to a major research institution. Junior-level transfer students selected for admission are expected to graduate within two years of their initial enrollment.

Selection Criteria:
To be considered for admission by UC Santa Cruz, junior-level transfer students must have completed the following no later than the end of the spring 2016 term:

1. Complete at least 60 semester units or 90 quarter units of UC-transferable coursework.
2. Complete the following UC-transferable course pattern with minimum C (2.00) grades. Each course must be at least 3 semester units/4 quarter units:
   a. Two English composition courses
   b. One course in mathematical concepts and quantitative reasoning
   c. Four courses from at least two of the following subject areas: arts and humanities, social and behavioral science, and physical and biological sciences
3. Complete required lower-division courses for the intended major.*
4. Earn the required GPA for the intended major.*
5. Earn at least an overall UC GPA of 2.40, but higher GPAs are more competitive.

*Major-specific screening criteria can be found at: admissions.ucsc.edu/apply/transfer-students

Other criteria that may be considered by UC Santa Cruz include:
• Completion of UC Santa Cruz General Education courses
• Completion of IGETC
• Completion of an AS/AT degree
• Participation in honors programs
• Performance in honors courses

ASSIST
Comprehensive articulation information, including transferable course agreements (TCAs) for all California community colleges, is available on the ASSIST web site at assist.org.

UC Santa Cruz Transfer Admission Guarantee (UCSC TAG)
UCSC TAG is designed for California community college transfer students at the junior level. The UCTAG application must be submitted online between September 1 and 30, 2015 for fall 2016 consideration.
admissions.ucsc.edu/apply/transfer-students/tag.html

UC Transfer Admission Planner (UC TAP)
UCTAP is an online tool designed for California community college students interested in transferring to UC, including those who are seeking a TAP. The planner helps students track their progress toward meeting UC’s minimum requirements, and allows UC staff to communicate important information to prospective transfer students.

ucatp.universityofcalifornia.edu

Applicants with International Academic Records
UCSC welcomes transfer students from outside the United States. We require all applicants whose first language is not English to adequately demonstrate English competency as a part of the application process. One of the ways that transfer students may fulfill this requirement is by completing two UC-transferable English composition courses (not ESL) in the U.S. with grades of B (3.00) or better.
admissions.ucsc.edu/apply/international-students/intl-transfer.html

Applying for Admission
universityofcalifornia.edu/apply
Application available: August 1, 2015
Application filing period: November 1-30, 2015

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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

- African American Theater Arts Troupe
- African/Black Student Alliance
- Anthropology Society
- Asian/Pacific Islander Student Alliance
- Cosplay Club
- Education for Sustainable Living Program (ESLP)
- Everett Program (formerly Global Information Internship Program)
- Filipino Student Association
- Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE)
- Mock Trial at UCSC
- Model United Nations at UCSC
- Movimiento Estudiantil Chico/a no de Aztlan (MEChA)
- Pre-Veterinary Club
- Queer Student Union and Allies
- Student Alliance of North American Indians (SANAI)
- Student Environmental Center (SEC)
- University Economics Association (UEA)
- admissions.ucsc.edu/enrollment/organizations.html

STUDENT PROFILES

LIISA BILTCLIFFE
Major: Psychology
Hometown: Peterborough, NH
Transferred from: Las Positas College

“I felt drawn to UCSC first because I’m an older student and felt that the diversity here would benefit me greatly. Also I loved the campus once I saw it.”

ROLANDO PEREZ
Major: Bioengineering
Hometown: Salinas, California
Transferred from: Hartnell College

“I work in a bioelectronics lab so I am able to get a well-rounded experience as an undergraduate research bioengineer. In my experience, UCSC is set apart from other institutions in large part because of the fluid nature of interdisciplinary collaboration. In the lab I work with electrical engineers, biologists, computer scientists, chemists, and even researchers in the humanities, likewise in my classes.”

admissions.sa.ucsc.edu/studentprofile

RYAN SHOOK
Major: Intensive sociology; global information and social enterprise studies
Hometown: Gilroy, California
Transferred from: Gavilan College

“I chose UCSC, specifically, to be a part of the Everett Program. Although I was accepted to Berkeley and UCLA, UCSC has the best opportunities for me related to my interests and major. The Everett Program has given me the ability to study digital tools and social entrepreneurship, so I could design a social justice and sustainability project that I could actually implement as an undergraduate. The other UC’s could not offer me this amazing opportunity, so the choice was easy.”

admissions.ucsc.edu/enrollment/studentprofile
HIGHLIGHTS FOR TRANSFER STUDENTS

Housing & Campus Life
- A two-year campus housing guarantee
- A residential-college affiliation at one of the 10 UCSC colleges, providing general advising
- Family Student Housing available on campus (no housing guarantee offered for Family Student Housing)
- Free access to campus shuttles and buses to get around campus and town

Transfer Community
The Transfer Community at Porter College:
- Traditional residence halls with single, double, and triple rooms
- Students can be affiliated with any of UCSC's residential colleges
- Most prevalent age range is 20-22

Why do students like the Transfer Community?
- Develop friendships and support networks
- Live with other transfer students
- Experience living on campus
- Convenience: close to classes and on-campus resources

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

Student Support Services
- Services for Transfer and Re-entry Students, providing academic and personal support stars.ucsc.edu
- Services and organizations for military veterans and former foster youth
- International transfers have an array of services available to them, including visa and immigration advising from UCSC's International Scholar & Student Services (ISSS). leo.ucsc.edu
ADMISSION FACTS

2015 admission rate for transfers: 59.1%
Fall 2015 transfer admission GPA (mean): 3.41

ENROLLMENT FACTS

• Total enrollment for fall 2014: 17,866
  16,277 undergraduates
  1,589 graduate students
• Undergraduates: 52.8% women; 46.8% men; 0.4% unknown
• 2,533 transfer students
• 1,062 new transfer students entered fall 2014
• 1,383 re-entry students aged 25 or over (for undergraduates) or 29 or over (for graduate students)

New transfer student hometowns, fall 2014

- Los Angeles Area/South Coast: 29.3%
- Monterey Bay Area/Santa Clara Valley: 27.8%
- San Francisco Bay Area: 25.6%
- Central Valley Area: 8.8%
- San Diego Area: 6.3%
- Other Northern California: 0.9%
- Out of State: 0.8%
- International: 0.5%

Undergraduate Ethnicities

UC Santa Cruz seeks to enroll and graduate a student body of diverse cultural, racial, geographical, and socio-economic backgrounds. In fall 2014, the ethnic composition of undergraduates was African American, 4.0%; Native American, 1.1%; Asian American/Pacific Islander, 25.7%; Chicano/Latino, 30.8%; Euro-American, 34.6%; international, 2.2%; not stated, 1.6%

Class size:

• Lecture classes are broken up into smaller discussion sections, with more individual attention for students.
• 64% of undergraduate courses have fewer than 30 students; 76% have fewer than 50.

Student/faculty ratio: 20 to 1

Undergraduate Research: over 70% of undergraduates conduct research during their UCSC careers.
SUPPORT FOR UNDOCUMENTED STUDENTS

AB540 Students and Dreamers

- Assembly Bill 540 allows eligible undocumented students to pay in-state tuition at public universities in California.
- The California Dream Acts (Assembly Bill 130 and 131) extend eligibility for certain types of institutional and state aid to undocumented students. Instead of the FAFSA, undocumented students fill out the California Dream Act Application.

Resources for Further Support
- UCSC’s Educational Opportunity Programs
- El Centro/Chicano Latino Resource Center
- Financial Aid and Scholarships Office financialaid.ucsc.edu/get-started/Dreamers/Index.html

Paying for a UCSC Education

ESTIMATED UNDERGRADUATE EXPENSES 2015-2016*

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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.

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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

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After Graduation

SOME TRANSFER ALUMNI

**Deutron Kebebew** (B.S., electrical engineering, ’03, transferred from Gavilan College), Program Manager at Santa Cruz Community Counseling Center and winner of the Tony Hill Community Service Award.

**Chelsey Klimowicz** (B.A., sociology, ’14, transferred from Fullerton College), graduate student at Auburn University in Alabama, working toward an M.S. in Rural Sociology.

**Michelle Romero** (B.A., literature, ’10, transferred from Foothill College), Claiming Our Democracy Director at The Greenlining Institute, a nonprofit organization in California.

**Joshua Rosen** (B.S., computer science, ’12, transferred from Cabrillo College), Ph.D. student in Computer Science at UC Berkeley, software engineer at Databricks.

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