Welcome to the University of California, Santa Cruz. This beautiful campus is home to much more than redwoods, deer, and wildflowers. For more than 50 years, UCSC has been attracting people from all over the world who want to live, work, and learn on a campus known for impactful research, interdisciplinary scholarship, and a personalized learning experience.

Our spectacular setting is integral to our success, as it inspires the best minds and offers endless opportunities for recreation and rejuvenation.

Whether you’re visiting from a neighboring county, or from another state or country, I’m glad you’ve made the time to experience this distinctive campus. Please use this brochure as a guide to help broaden your understanding of UC Santa Cruz and the Santa Cruz community. I’m sure you’ll see why we think UC Santa Cruz is a uniquely wonderful place to be.

Enjoy your visit!

George Blumenthal
Chancellor

RANKINGS

1ST nationally for Hispanic students (2014, BestColleges.com)
3RD in the world for research influence in 2017-2018 Times Higher Education rankings, as measured by the average number of times our discoveries are cited by scholars (tied with Stanford University)
8TH in the nation for social mobility (2015, CollegeNET)
9TH in the nation in Film, Video, and Photographic Arts (2017, College Factual)
ONE of the top-ranked U.S. programs in computer game design (both undergraduate and graduate) (2016, Princeton Review)
ONE of the greenest colleges and universities in the U.S. (2017, Sierra Club)

CUTTING-EDGE RESEARCH

UC Santa Cruz is home to the following research centers:
• UC Observatories/Lick Observatory
• Center for Biomolecular Science and Engineering
• Center for Agroecology and Sustainable Food Systems
• Institute of Geophysics and Planetary Physics
• Santa Cruz Institute for Particle Physics
• Institute of Marine Sciences
• California Institute for Quantitative Biosciences
• Institute for the Biology of Stem Cells
• Center for Information Technology Research in the Interest of Society
• Chicano/Latino Research Center
• NASA University Affiliated Research Center

Other research groups study areas such as the biology of RNA, adaptive optics, Charles Dickens, computer games and playable media, international economics, linguistics, and the arts.
Total enrollment for fall 2016: 18,783
16,962 undergraduates
1,821 graduate students

UNDERGRADUATES:
50.9 percent women;
48.3 percent men;
0.8 percent unknown/other

FALL 2016
PRIMARY ETHNICITY OF UNDERGRADUATES

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Professor Emeritus of Molecular, Cell, and Developmental Biology Harry Noller was awarded the prestigious $3 million Breakthrough Prize in Life Sciences for 2017 for his discoveries about the ribosome.

FALL 2017 UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSION PROFILE

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Mean GPA: 3.89

TRANSFER STUDENTS

| Mean GPA: 3.14 |

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Mean GPA: 3.14
VISITOR INFORMATION

PARKING

Visitors have several options for parking at UCSC. There are paystations and parking meters in a number of parking lots on campus, offering short-term parking (typically a two-hour limit, although some locations have one-hour limits). The cost is $2.25/hour. If you want to park for longer than a few hours, you can purchase a one-day visitor permit for $9. From 7 a.m. to 1 p.m., you can stop by the Main Entrance Kiosk 1 to purchase your permit and obtain a campus map. From 1 to 5 p.m., the Kiosk dispenses information only, and permits and maps can be obtained at the TAPS Sales Office in Barn H. Visitors arriving weekdays after 5 p.m., or on weekends, will need to either park in lots without permit requirements or rely on paystations and meters. Campus parking maps (which list permit requirements and paystation/meter locations) are kept in an accessible location at the Main Entrance Kiosk for after-hours pickup. A campus parking map can also be downloaded at maps.ucsc.edu under the “Printable Maps” tab.

CAMPUS TOURS

Student-led campus tours are available by reservation all year, Monday–Friday. Reserve online: admissions.ucsc.edu/campustours. Tours leave from the Cook House 1. You can view a virtual tour of UC Santa Cruz, complete with 360-degree panoramic views of campus, any time: admissions.ucsc.edu/#virtualtour.

OUR DISTINCTIVE RESIDENTIAL COLLEGE SYSTEM

UC Santa Cruz combines the resources of a world class public research university with a distinctive undergraduate experience characterized by our college system. Each college is a vibrant living/learning community supported by faculty and staff who provide academic support, organize student activities, and sponsor events that enhance the intellectual and social life of the campus. All undergraduate students, whether they live on campus or not, are affiliated with one of our 10 colleges. The colleges are located throughout the campus: Cowell and Stevenson 5, Merrill and Crown 6, College Nine and College Ten 7, Kresge and Porter 10, and Rachel Carson and Oakes 12.
WHERE TO EAT ON CAMPUS

During the academic year, visitors are encouraged to eat in one of the college dining halls. Hours vary, but on weekdays, college dining halls are generally open about 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Other options (please note that some campus cafés are closed during the summer): Quarry Plaza (Café Ivéta, Bay Tree Express Store); Cowell College (Cowell Coffee Shop); Stevenson College (Stevenson Coffee House); Crown College (Banana Joe’s);

Merrill College (Vivas Organic Mexican Food); Porter College (Bowls by Café Brasil); Kresge College (Owl’s Nest); Oakes College (Oakes Café); Rachel Carson College (College Eight Café); Colleges Nine/ Ten (Terry Freitas Café); McHenry Library (Global Village Café); Academic Resources Center (Back Perch);

University Center (Terra Fresca); Baskin Engineering; Earth & Marine Sciences; Physical Sciences Building; a variety of food trucks on campus.

GETTING AROUND CAMPUS

Campus Transit shuttles circulate through the campus, day and night, year-round to move students from class to class and to other destinations on campus. All routes are wheelchair accessible. The Campus Transit service is supported by the Student Transit Fee, so no fare is required to ride. (Please note that the shuttle service does not run during daytimes on weekends, campus closures, or holidays.)

Campus Transit operates two routes during weekdays and evenings (the Loop and Upper Campus routes) and an additional two during evening hours (the East and West Night Core routes). In addition, there is a Night Owl Service between campus and downtown Santa Cruz on Friday and Saturday nights, available for students, faculty, and staff only. In general, shuttles run from 7:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 6 to 11 p.m. on weekends. On Call stops at the North Remote Parking Lot (West Night Core route only) and the Village (East Night Core route only) are available by request to the driver or by calling 831.459.3228 or 831.459.2231. Maps and schedules are available on the shuttles, at shuttle stops, and online at taps.ucsc.edu/buses-shuttles/index.html.

To view the locations of campus shuttles in real time, check slugroute.com.

The campus is also served by the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District (“Metro”) buses. The current adult fare is $2.00, but buses are free to current UC Santa Cruz students with valid ID cards. Children under 46 inches tall ride free.
SELF-GUIDED TOURS

Feel free to use these self-guided walking tours to discover our spectacular campus. Wear comfortable shoes, as this will help you navigate our campus terrain. Also, we recommend you dress in layers for our variable coastal climate. If you are not taking the campus shuttle to the starting points, please stop by the kiosk at the Main Entrance and purchase a day parking pass (7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday. From 1 to 5 p.m., all permits must be purchased at the TAPS Sales Office located in the H Barn.)

If you miss anything on the tour, you can view our virtual tour online at any time: admissions.ucsc.edu/#virtualtour

**East Campus Tour**

(90–120 minutes)

**Highlights:** Cowell, Stevenson, Crown, and Merrill Colleges; Humanities/Social Sciences Complex; McHenry Library; Quarry Plaza; Bay Tree Bookstore; Student Union; East Field House (sports facility).

1. From the Main Entrance drive up to the second stoplight. Turn left on Hagar Drive, and drive up the hill, passing meadows and the East Remote Parking Lot. Turn right into the Parking Lot 103A for the **East Field House** 🎨. If you do not have a parking pass, park in one of the paystalls and purchase a permit at the paystation. Your walk starts here. The main physical education and recreation facilities are located here, including a fitness center, a gymnasium, dance and martial arts studios, an Olympic-sized swimming pool, and several playing fields and courts.

2. Turn right out of the parking lot and walk up Hagar Drive, watching for Steinhart Way, which will be on the left. Turn onto Steinhart Way, where you will go by Quarry Plaza 1 on your right. Turn immediately left again onto Hahn Road. In a short distance, you’ll come to **Hahn Student Services**, a large gray building on your right. It contains offices for Student Housing, Admissions, the Registrar, and Financial Aid.

3. Walk past the North Entry of Hahn (so labeled), turn left and walk along the west side of the building. At the end of the building, turn right, walk across the bridge, and veer right to **McHenry Library** 📚. Note that toward the end of the walkway you cross over a path; you’ll use this path to return to Hahn. McHenry Library is five stories high and contains group study rooms, a laptop area, the Global Village Café, and “Dead Central,” UC Santa Cruz’s celebrated Grateful Dead Archive.

4. After you have seen the library, find the path under the bridge that you were just on. Follow it through the woods until you reach Hahn Road; turn left and head back up to **Quarry Plaza** 🪤. Cross the street and walk through the Plaza. You will see the Bay Tree Bookstore on your right and Café Ivéta on your left. The **Bay Tree Bookstore** offers books, computers and software, and an enormous selection of Slug memorabilia. The Bay Tree Building also houses the Ethnic Resource Centers and the Career Center.

5. Walk to the end of Quarry Plaza and climb the right-hand stairs. When you reach the top, you are facing McLaughlin Drive; Hagar Drive is just to your right. Cross McLaughlin at the crosswalk and take the stairs directly in front of you which lead uphill. Climb the hill; at the top, continue straight to the double flight of stairs. Pass straight through the residence hall courtyard to the parking area. Turn right and come to a sign for **Crown College** 🏊. Enter the plaza with the fountain. Follow signs to Banana Joe’s Café, then continue on through **Merrill College** 🎨, passing the Merrill Cultural Center on your left. Veer right and walk through the Merrill quad, ending at the Gate House on your right. You will soon see a traffic circle with sculptures in it ahead on the left. As you stand and look at the circle, take the path on your right that descends down the hill. Take the steps a short way along that path on your left. At the fork, continue down the stairs to your left.

6. When you regain McLaughlin Drive, walk to your right and cross at the flashing light to the Humanities Lecture Hall. Walk down Cowell-Stevenson Road, passing the **Humanities Complex** immediately on your right. Proceed about another 150 yards down to a traffic circle with a stand of redwoods in its center. Bear right out of the traffic circle down a few stairs to the entry portico to **Cowell College** 🎨. Walk into Cowell College, cross the courtyard, and step to the railing for a great view. On a clear day, you’ll see the ocean from here.

7. To get to **Stevenson College** 🎨, retrace your steps back out through
the Cowell College entryway and take the sidewalk to the immediate right. Follow it down past the Eloise Pickard Smith Gallery and on to the entrance to Stevenson College. Enter Stevenson. Walk past the Stevenson Café and past the Event Center to another charming quad. Looking toward the ocean, exit the quad down a small set of steps and turn right on the road in front of Casa 9 and Casa 11. Proceed along that road enjoying the meadow view to your left. Continue on until you pass between Apartment 3 (on the right) and the Cowell Provost House (on the left). At the main road, turn left and then in a short distance left again into the Lot 103A where you started.

Central Campus Tour
(45-75 minutes)

Highlights: Science Hill; Colleges Nine and Ten; Jack Baskin School of Engineering.

1. If you are touring during a weekday, stop at the Main Entrance Kiosk to purchase a daily parking permit. (Permits aren’t needed on weekends where you’ll be parking.) Go back out the Main Entrance and turn right onto Empire Grade; take the West Entrance into campus. Proceed up Heller Drive to the Core West Parking Structure, which will be on your right just shy of McLaughlin Drive. Turn right to enter the structure. You are entering the Parking Structure on the west side. Park and take note of what level you are on. On foot, exit through the corner stairs on the east side of the building. Leave the structure stairs at level 1 onto a paved footpath that skirts a small ravine. The footpath ends at Steinhart Way; cross at the crosswalk and find the sidewalk between two small parking areas. Take the five-step concrete staircase ahead of you. Immediately turn left and walk along the concrete corridor until you are under an overpass. To your right is Thimann Labs 8, which houses the Biology advising office; ahead off to the right is a courtyard with a well-known sea lion sculpture. Before that courtyard, take the set of stairs on the left. At the top, a curving path leads to Sinsheimer Labs, which houses the Molecular, Cell, and Developmental Biology Department.

2. With the curving entrance to your back, enter the brick plaza. On your left you will see the Science and Engineering Library. Turn to the right; Natural Sciences 2 is on your left, and the Natural Sciences Annex is on your right. Walk between these two buildings and descend the stairs.

3. At the bottom of the stairs, take an immediate left, walking under the futuristic “flying buttress” seismic retrofits of Natural Sciences 2. If the building is open, visit the Center for Adaptive Optics on your right to see its unusual open space plan. Past the Center for Adaptive Optics on the right is Earth and Marine Sciences, another building with an interesting lobby.

4. The Interdisciplinary Sciences Building, on your left, is home to Environmental Studies. Walk to the end of it, and turn left. After you pass the building, you will see a pedestrian bridge on your right. Cross the bridge and stay on the sidewalk to McLaughlin Drive. Walk to the right to the intersection with College Ten Road; cross the street. Take the footpath that climbs to your right. Now you are in the complex of Colleges Nine and Ten. To the north are the Colleges Nine and Ten Apartments and the International Living Center (ILC). Turn left at the sign for Terry Freitas Café. Climb the stairs, veer to the right, and continue uphill until you come to the University Center on your right. On the ground floor is the Colleges Nine and Ten Dining Commons. Upstairs is Terra Fresca, a lively restaurant open to faculty, staff, students, and visitors.

5. Continue past the University Center; ahead and to the left you will see Social Sciences 2. At the far end of the charming grassy meadow on your right, you’ll see Social Sciences 1. Turn left and walk in front of Social Sciences 2 to the traffic circle. Turn left again and descend College Ten Road back to McLaughlin. Turn right
and stay on the sidewalk, crossing a bridge over the Moore Creek drainage. When the sidewalk ends, take the crosswalk across Red Hill Road, staying on the same side of McLaughlin; then follow the small footpath up a slight hill. Bear left at the fork in the footpath. On your right is the Communications Building, which houses our well-known Department of Film and Digital Media. Bear right at the next fork. Ahead of you is the Engineering 2 (E2) building on the right, and to the left Baskin Engineering. Bear left around the traffic circle and cross the street to Engineering. Continue up the hill, or veering left into the woods; towards a long flight of steps going up the hill, or veering left into the woods; take the path into the forest.

2. Walk five minutes through a grove of trees to Oakes College. Enter the Oakes quad by veering left after you leave the woods. Cross the grassy quad, where classrooms and offices are on your left, and descend the stairs at the end of the yard. Turn right and skirt the Oakes Café. Turn right again at the end of the building and then climb the stairs at the end of the building to return to the yard. Retrace your steps to the entrance of Oakes College. As you exit from Oakes, follow the roadway, which veers left after the traffic circle. Turn right just after you pass Building 6 (also on your right), and walk between the Rachel Carson College dorms. Take the second set of stairs to your right, cross a small quad, and continue up several staircases to the arch. When you reach the top, catch your breath by stopping and turning 180 degrees to see the ocean view.

3. Follow College Eight Road out to Heller Drive. Cross at the crosswalk and continue up the path. The Porter Wave sculpture is to your left. Continue along the footpath until you see the restrooms in the Porter Academic Building. Here you can enter the southwest corner of the Porter College courtyard, where you will find the Koi Pond. Upstairs is the Mary Porter Sesnon Art Gallery. Turn left after the Koi Pond to exit the courtyard, and then turn right. Walk between the two residence halls of Porter College, noting the “Cosmic Maypole” in the Porter quad and the many murals reflecting Porter’s creative and artistic traditions, plus its large-scale chess board (chess pieces may be borrowed from the

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**West Campus Tour**

(60-75 minutes)

**Highlights:** Oakes College; Rachel Carson College; Porter College; Kresge College; Theater Arts Center; Elena Baskin Visual Arts Center; Music Center.

1. Drive up Empire Grade and take the West Entrance to campus. Drive approximately one-half mile up Heller Drive and turn right on Meyer Drive. Turn left at the next opportunity (Kerr Road), and make an immediate right into Parking Lot 126. If you do not have a parking pass, park in one of the paystalls and purchase a permit at the paystation. When you get out of your car, stand in the lot so that you are facing downhill and see the Music Center (a low, sand-colored building) in front of you. On your left is the Digital Arts Research Center, which provides studio space and cutting-edge digital arts facilities and houses the graduate program in Digital Arts and New Media (DANM). Go back to Kerr Road, where you entered the parking lot, and turn left. Cross Meyer Drive and stay on the paved path; you will have the choice of veering right towards a long flight of steps going up the hill, or veering left into the woods; take the path into the forest.

2. Walk five minutes through a grove of trees to Oakes College. Enter the Oakes quad by veering left after you leave the woods. Cross the grassy quad, where classrooms and offices are on your left, and descend the stairs at the end of the yard. Turn right and skirt the Oakes Café. Turn right again at the end of the building and then climb the stairs at the end of the building to return to the yard. Retrace your steps to the entrance of Oakes College. As you exit from Oakes, follow the roadway, which veers left after the traffic circle. Turn right just after you pass Building 6 (also on your right), and walk between the Rachel Carson College dorms. Take the second set of stairs to your right, cross a small quad, and continue up several staircases to the arch. When you reach the top, catch your breath by stopping and turning 180 degrees to see the ocean view.

3. Follow College Eight Road out to Heller Drive. Cross at the crosswalk and continue up the path. The Porter Wave sculpture is to your left. Continue along the footpath until you see the restrooms in the Porter Academic Building. Here you can enter the southwest corner of the Porter College courtyard, where you will find the Koi Pond. Upstairs is the Mary Porter Sesnon Art Gallery. Turn left after the Koi Pond to exit the courtyard, and then turn right. Walk between the two residence halls of Porter College, noting the “Cosmic Maypole” in the Porter quad and the many murals reflecting Porter’s creative and artistic traditions, plus its large-scale chess board (chess pieces may be borrowed from the
Porter Activities Office). Porter College is home to the popular Transfer Community, a living/learning community for transfer students.

4. Continue across Porter-Kresge Road and walk between the Porter-Kresge apartments. At the end of the apartment complex, turn left to get on the roadway, and then turn right. Walk past Parking Lot 147 on the right and Kresge Gardens on the left; look right for the Kresge College sign. The entrance to Kresge is on your right. Enter Kresge, following the climbing path with apartments 111-214 on your left. Keep climbing, going to the right of a small plaza, past Classroom 319 and Classroom 327. You’ll be walking around the Classroom 317/319 Building and up some wide, zig-zagging steps that require some caution. Walk through the long corridor of Bauhaus-style dorms. When you reach the final plaza, turn right down deep stairs, entering the woods. Cross the bridge back to Heller Drive.

5. Use the crosswalk to cross Heller and then continue down McLaughlin Drive, keeping the Core West Parking Structure on your right. Turn right at Steinhart and follow the sidewalk. Stay on Steinhart until you come to Kerr Road; turn right onto the stairs just past Kerr Road. At the bottom of the stairs you will be in the Kerr Hall traffic circle. Follow it around to turn left on Kerr Road.

6. Soon you will come to a vista where, on a cloudless day, Monterey Bay sparkles below you. To your right is the Theater Arts Complex where you can see the Mainstage, Media Theater, and other facilities. To your left is the Elena Baskin Visual Arts Center. The center includes facilities for drawing, painting, installations, photography, casting, sculptural construction, and printmaking. Beyond the Arts Center is a spectacular view of the ocean. Continue walking down Kerr Road to Parking Lot 126, which is where you parked.

7. As time permits, go to the east end of the parking lot and explore the Music Center. Housing the Music Department, the center includes a recital hall, an ensemble rehearsal hall, a performance studio, electronic music studios, a gamelan studio, classrooms, and practice rooms.

Accessibility

If you have a disability-related need to park close to buildings, you have several options at UCSC:

- You can park in accessible parking spaces (also known as “disabled” or “handicap” parking spaces) if you have a DMV placard or plate.
- You can park in Medical spaces if you have a UCSC Medical parking permit. Medical spaces were created to accommodate those who need to park close due to disability-related reasons, but don’t need the extra width provided by accessible parking spaces. Medical permits are obtained by providing medical documentation to either the Disability Resource Center (for students) or to the TAPS Sales Office (for faculty or staff).
- If you have a DMV placard, you can park in metered spaces without paying the meter fee, or in 10-, 15-, or 20-minute spaces for longer than the posted time.

Please see ada.ucsc.edu for more information on accessibility, including elevators on campus and a wheelchair user’s guide.

College Eight was renamed Rachel Carson College in the fall of 2016. The theme of the college, founded in 1972, is “Environment and Society.” Its new name celebrates that legacy and honors conservationist and writer Rachel Carson (1907-64) for her courage and pivotal role in awakening the public to environmental issues. The renaming was made possible by a gift from the Helen and Will Webster Foundation.
University Activities and Events

UC Santa Cruz is a lively hub of learning, culture, and enrichment activities. The campus serves its students, faculty, staff, and the public by offering numerous events and opportunities for learning that are free and open to the public.

The following are just a few of the many opportunities available to the public. For a full, searchable schedule of events, go to: events.ucsc.edu. Or call the ticket office at 831.459.2159. All numbers refer to the campus map on pages 10 and 11 (center spread). For off-campus facilities, see map on page 19.

RESEARCH AND INSTRUCTIONAL FACILITIES

The UCSC Arboretum has gardens with plants from Australia, New Zealand, and South Africa, as well as California natives, cactus and succulents, and a world conifer collection. The Arboretum also hosts lectures and workshops and a free garden tour (with paid admission) on the first Saturday of every month. Empire Grade, one-half mile west of the main entrance to the campus.

Open daily 9 a.m.–5 p.m., except July 4, Thanksgiving Day and the following Friday, December 25–26 & 30–31, and January 1–6. Admission is $5 for adults, $2 for children 6 to 17 years old, free for children under 6. Free to UCSC students and members of Friends of the Arboretum.

arboretum.ucsc.edu

The UCSC Greenhouses instructional facility, located on the roof of Thimann Labs, is open to the public. It houses a botanical collection of over 700 species of plants with emphasis on ethno-botany, systematic botany, evolution, and ecology.

Open Monday–Friday, 9 a.m.–3 p.m.
greenhouse.ucsc.edu

Celebrating its 50th anniversary this year, the 30-acre Farm, a project of the Center for Agroecology & Sustainable Food Systems, is located on the hilly slopes to the west of the main entrance road. Fruit trees, vegetables, flowers, herbs, berries, and other crops are used to study organic methods of sustainable agriculture. Similar work is done at the two-acre Alan Chadwick Garden just below Merrill College.

docent-led tours available the first Sunday of the month, April-November.
casfs.ucsc.edu

Lick Observatory, a facility of UC Observatories/Lick Observatory, is located atop Mt. Hamilton near San Jose. The Observatory produces a popular summer concert and lecture series, Music of the Spheres, and a Summer Visitors Program.

The station gallery is open 12 noon–5 p.m., Thursday–Sunday.
ucolick.org/public

Seymour Marine Discovery Center at Joseph M. Long Marine Laboratory, a major research facility for UC Santa Cruz’s Institute of Marine Sciences, is located three miles from campus at 100 Shaffer Road at the west end of Delaware Avenue in Santa Cruz (see UC Santa Cruz Off-Campus Locations map on page 18). Visitors can learn about marine life in Monterey Bay and the Pacific through aquaria, exhibits, and touch tanks.

Admission is $8 for adults, $6 for senior citizens, students, and children ages 3–16, and free for children age 2 and under. Docent-led tours depart at 11 a.m. (family friendly), 1, 2, and 3 p.m. every day except Monday. The center is open Tuesday–Sunday, 10 a.m.–5 p.m.; call 831.459.3800 for information.

seymourcenter.ucsc.edu
ART GALLERIES

Art is everywhere on campus, from the murals and sculptures in our buildings, to the student and faculty art displayed in the cafes and galleries, to the studios at the Elena Baskin Visual Arts Center.

There are two primary art galleries on campus: the Mary Porter Sesnon Art Gallery at Porter College, and the Eloise Pickard Smith Gallery at Cowell College. Open during the academic year, both schedule exhibitions of work by contemporary artists and important collections of historic interest.

The Art Department also sponsors Open Studios to display student work. art.ucsc.edu/sesnon, cowell.ucsc.edu/smith-gallery

MUSIC

Musical groups and performances flourish on campus, and UCSC is home to many talented musicians playing diverse forms of music. On any given weekend during the academic year, you may hear concerts by UCSC’s student ensembles, recitals by senior student musicians or faculty members, or professional musicians who have been invited to campus. Concerts are often free or low-admission.

Examples of recent musical events at UC Santa Cruz include Zoot Suit by Luis Valdez, Indian Music Concert Series – Kabir Bhakti Song and Poetry, Duo Noire and the UCSC Percussion Ensemble, UCSC Orchestra Spring Concert, Resident String Quartet Concert, and Operetta: Orpheus and the Underworld.

For calendars of events and more information, see events.ucsc.edu or arts.ucsc.edu/events.

THEATER

UC Santa Cruz presents a lively program of theater throughout the academic year, including a diverse array of student productions and professional theater productions.

Theater troupes on campus include the African-American Theater Arts Troupe (AATAT), BarnStorm, Chautauqua Annual Student Theater Festival, and Rainbow Theater. Recent theatrical performances on campus have included Shakespeare’s The Two Gentlemen of Verona, presented by Shakespeare to Go, the Miriam Ellis International Playhouse, and Judith Thompson’s Lion in the Streets.

Also, be sure to see UCSC’s annual student-produced Chautauqua Festival, the Los Mejicas annual spring show of Mexican folkloric dance, or the student-choreographed dance performance, Random with a Purpose, if you are on campus during those times.

FILM

With its celebrated Film and Digital Media Department, UCSC is a creative center for filmmaking and film studies. Join us on campus for film screenings that are free and open to the public, including screenings of student works, film festivals, and screening/lectures.

Recent film screenings and related events at UCSC have included the Banff Mountain Film Festival, Rachel Carson Community Film Screening, EXTRACTION: Decolonial Visual Cultures in the Age of the Capitalocene, and Can You Dig This? film screening and conversation with Ron Finley.

LECTURES, READINGS, AND COLLOQUIA

Opportunities abound on campus for learning about and discussing our world and the important issues of our time. Recent events have included the Living Writers Reading Series, the Lionel Cantú Lecture, Free Speech on Campus: a Talk by Erwin Chemerinsky, Ethics and Language of Conservation Colloquium, and The Fluidity of Status: Non-citizenship, Deportation, and Indentured Mobility: A Conversation with Tanya Golash-Boza and Rhacel Parreñas.

SPORTS

In addition to numerous club sports and intramural teams, UCSC has men’s and women’s NCAA Division III teams in basketball, cross-country, soccer, swimming and diving, tennis, and volleyball, plus women’s track and golf.

Join us on campus for a home game, conference, or meet. See goslugs.com for a complete schedule.

NATURE

With the university campus covering 2,000 acres of hilly terrain, there is ample opportunity for recreational hikers to enjoy the scenery, including the UCSC Campus Natural Reserve, 400 acres of protected natural land on campus. The Natural Reserve includes a wide range of geologic formations, ecological communities, and soil types, such as redwood forest, riparian corridors, seep zones and springs, chapparal communities, and mixed evergreen forest.

The campus also has miles of paved and unpaved bicycle trails through beautiful scenery.

A PDF of an Upper Campus Map showing pedestrian and bike trails is available online at maps.ucsc.edu.

Annual Event: César Chávez Convocation

The annual César Chávez Convocation is presented every spring by UC Santa Cruz to celebrate the memory of civil rights leader César Chávez. In 2017, the event featured a variety of panelists who are committed to being activists in their community. elcentro.ucsc.edu/events/annual-events/cesar-chavez-c.html

Annual Event: Martin Luther King, Jr. Convocation

The annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Convocation is presented every winter by UC Santa Cruz to celebrate the memory and ideals of the civil rights leader. Every year, distinguished leaders are invited to Santa Cruz to give a free public presentation. In 2017, the keynote speaker was Benjamin Jealous, former president and CEO of the NAACP. specialevents.ucsc.edu/mlk
Santa Cruz Activities

Located on California’s Central Coast, 75 miles south of San Francisco and 30 miles southwest of San Jose, Santa Cruz is a medium-sized (population 63,000) town with its own vibrant personality. Since UC Santa Cruz was established here in 1965 on the site of the former Cowell Ranch, the university and the town have influenced each other to create its current diverse population of artisans, scientists and scholars, outdoor enthusiasts, students, and computer industry professionals.

Enjoying a moderate climate with 300 sunny days a year and low humidity, Santa Cruz is also a popular vacation destination. Travelers come from all over the world to enjoy the county’s 29 miles of beaches, ringed by mountains covered with redwood trees; picturesque seaside vistas; and the laid-back ambience of the town that has been nicknamed “Surf City.”

SANTA CRUZ AREA ATTRACTIONS

Centered on Pacific Avenue, Downtown Santa Cruz features shopping, restaurants, movie theaters, and cultural activities. downtownsantacruz.com

Celebrating its 25th anniversary, the Santa Cruz Farmers’ Market offers fresh, local produce, flowers, baked goods, and specialty food items.

Downtown – Lincoln and Cedar Streets, Wednesdays, 1:30–6:30 p.m., daylight savings time until Thanksgiving; 1:30–5:30, winter hours; Westside – corner of Western Drive and Mission Street, Saturdays, 9 a.m.–1 p.m., year-round santacruzfarmersmarket.org

EVENT  Downtown Santa Cruz Antique Street Faire
Second Sunday of each month, 8 a.m.–6 p.m. Lincoln Street between Pacific and Cedar
Vendors offer an eclectic mix of antiques and unique items, from vintage clothing to collectibles and more. Look for that hard-to-find item or see what local merchants have to offer. www.downtownsantacruz.com/wordpress/downtown-antique-faire

EVENT  Santa Cruz Pride Parade and Festival: an LGBTQ+ Event
First Sunday in June, every year
Parade kicks off at Pacific Avenue and Church Street in downtown Santa Cruz
The largest LGBTQ+ Pride parade on the Central Coast, with a 43-year history. In this queer visibility action, members of our Santa Cruz community—organizations, allies, supportive groups, churches, candidates, ensembles, performers, parents, children—will show pride, activism, enthusiasm, and love. santacruzpride.org

EVENT  Santa Cruz Greek Food and Cultural Festival
September 8–10, 2017
223 Church St. between Cedar & Center in Downtown Santa Cruz. 831.429.6500
The Santa Cruz Greek Festival is the longest running festival in Santa Cruz County, growing from a small celebration in the church courtyard to a huge block party. The festival features tantalizing Greek dishes, including barbecue and meats roasting over an open fire, a Greek agora market, and Greek dancers from all over the Bay Area. livelikeagreek.com/events/sc-greek-festival

Located downtown, the Museum of Art & History features changing exhibitions of contemporary art and Santa Cruz history. Activities and events.

705 Front Street, Santa Cruz
Open Tuesday–Sunday 11 a.m.–5 p.m. Fridays until 9 p.m. Community Festivals on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of each month. 831.429.1964 santacruzmah.org

Santa Cruz’s famous beaches offer swimming, surfing, sailing, picnicking, kayaking, volleyball, scenic drives, whale watching, and people watching.

Visit Santa Cruz County 831.425.1234 or 800.833.3494 santacruz.org

Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk is an old-fashioned, family-style seaside amusement park, featuring roller coasters and other rides, a carousel, arcades, food, and souvenir shopping.

400 Beach Street, Santa Cruz
Open daily from May through late August; most weekends and holidays during fall, winter, and spring, weather permitting. 831.423.5590 beachboardwalk.com

Six miles north of Santa Cruz, Roaring Camp Railroads is a family-friendly, fun ride through towering redwoods on two historic railroads. Visit an 1880’s logging camp.

5401 Graham Hill Rd., Felton
Open daily 9 a.m.–5 p.m. 831.335.4484 roaringcamp.com

Santa Cruz Harbor is a full-service marina with 1,200 boats, a launch ramp, a fuel pier, charter boats, fishing and whale watching, and restaurants.

135th Avenue, Santa Cruz
Office open daily 9 a.m.–5 p.m. 831.475.6161 santacruzharbor.org/visitorInformation.html

Along the scenic Santa Cruz Municipal Wharf is a collection of nine gift shops, eight restaurants, and rental companies for kayaks, fishing skiffs, and stand up paddleboards. Wild pelicans strut along the railings, and sea lions can be viewed through holes cut in the floor.

21 Municipal Wharf, Santa Cruz
Open daily to the public, 5 a.m.–2 a.m. 831.420.6025 santacruzwharf.html

EVENT  Santa Cruz Wharf EcoTour
Saturdays in spring and summer, 1 and 3 p.m. 800.833.3494 santacruz.org
Santa Cruz Wharf, admission free
Led by specialists from UCSC's Seymour Marine Discovery Center, tours meet at the stage on the west side of the wharf behind Olitas Restaurant at the EcoTour sign (located behind the elevator).
831.459.3800
seymourcenter.ucsc.edu/visit/behind-the-scenes-tours

EVENT Free Friday Night Bands on the Beach
Two free shows each Friday night, June 16—September 1, 2017
6:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. on the Beach Bandstand at the Wharf
2017 schedule includes Los Lobos, Blue Öyster Cult, Smash Mouth, and more!
beachboardwalk.com/concerts

EVENT Wharf to Wharf Race
Sunday, July 23, 2017 (annually on the fourth Sunday in July)
Race starts at 8:30 a.m. sharp at Beach and Cliff Streets near the Santa Cruz Wharf
For 45 years, thousands of runners, walkers, and fitness enthusiasts have converged for this six-mile, annual run from Santa Cruz to Capitola. Widely acclaimed as “the best little road race in California,” this classic fun-run has it all; more than 50 live bands and other acts, throngs of festive spectators, and an opportunity to earn the coveted Wharf to Wharf T-shirt.
warfetowharf.com/home

EVENT 25th Annual Aloha Outrigger Races & Polynesian Festival
Sunday, August 20, 2017
Races start 9 a.m. Festival starts 11 a.m. Santa Cruz Wharf
Celebrate the aloha spirit! At 9 a.m. the action starts in the water, with a series of outrigger canoe races, designed for first-time paddlers. The free festival—featuring dance, Polynesian culture and crafts—takes place 11 a.m.—5 p.m.
831.450.5270
eventcrazy.com/Santa-Cruz-CA/events/details/136478-Aloha-Races-and-Polynesian-Festival

HITTING THE WATER
The Santa Cruz area’s waterways range from calm, glassy sloughs to pounding surf, offering opportunities for family members at all levels of skill to enjoy surfing, kayaking, whale and dolphin watching, charter cruises, sailing, fishing, stand up paddleboarding, or windsurfing. The “Things to Do” section of the Visit Santa Cruz County website has a large selection of water-based activities.
santacruz.org/things/index.php
ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Santa Cruz features a lively and diverse arts scene, including art galleries, live music venues, live theater and film, and even our own symphony orchestra.

MUSIC:
Celebrating its 60th anniversary, Santa Cruz County Symphony is a critically acclaimed orchestra performing classical concerts from October to May. santacruzsymphony.org 831.462.0553

Kuumbwa Jazz Center, recognized in 2011 by DownBeat Magazine as “one of the great jazz venues in the world.” kuumbwajazz.org 831.427.2227

The Catalyst, a Santa Cruz icon for popular music that was one of Neil Young’s favorite stops. catalystclub.com 831.429.4135

ART:
Museum of Art and History (see separate listing on page 14)

The Tannery Arts Center, a live/work multidisciplinary arts campus that offers classes, shows, and other events. tanneryartscenter.org 831.621.6226

Artisans Gallery featuring American-made items with an emphasis on local artists. 1368 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz artisanssantacruz.com 831.423.8183

THEATER:
Rio Theatre for the Performing Arts, a versatile live venue. riotheatre.com 831.423.8209

Santa Cruz Actors’ Theatre, since 1985. sccat.org 831.335.4409

A few miles south of Santa Cruz on Highway 1, Cabrillo College offers the Visual and Performing Arts Complex (VAPA), featuring theater and musical performances. cabrillovapa.com 831.479.6154

FILM:
Nickelodeon and Del Mar Theatres, Santa Cruz landmarks, featuring independent and foreign films, plus midnight movies at the Del Mar. The Del Mar Theatre is a beautifully restored theater from 1940. landmarktheatres.com/santa-cruz 888.7-CINEMA

Regal Cinemas Santa Cruz 9. regmovies.com/theatres/theatre-folder/ Regal-Santa-Cruz-9-3973

Regal Riverfront 2. regmovies.com/theatres/theatre-folder/ Regal-Riverfront-Stadium-2-4515

EVENT Open Studios First three weekends in October
Cultural Council of Santa Cruz County’s Open Studios Art Tour offers the opportunity to visit 300 artists in their studios. arts councilsc.org/open-studios 831.475.9600

EVENT First Friday
The free First Friday Art tour happens every month, rain or shine. firstfridaysantacruz.com

EVENT Cabrillo Festival of Contemporary Music
55th Season: July 30–August 12, 2017
Santa Cruz Civic Auditorium, 307 Church Street
Led by new Music Director and Conductor Cristian Macelaru and featuring renowned guest artists from all over the world, the festival focuses on exciting new music, orchestral works that are seldom over one or two years old. cabrillomusic.org 831.426.6966

EVENT Santa Cruz Film Festival
Fall 2017, date TBA
Various venues in Santa Cruz
Features the year’s best and most relevant films, including the work of local filmmakers. santacruzfilmfestival.org

ACCOMMODATIONS

If you’re planning on staying in the area overnight, Santa Cruz has a wide variety of accommodations. Summer is peak season in Santa Cruz, so we recommend you book early. For more information, search santacruz.org/lodg-dine/places-to-stay.php

DINING

Santa Cruz has a range of dining options, from inexpensive coffeehouses to Zagat-rated fine dining, featuring...
cuisines from all over the world. For more information, search santacruz.org/things/dining.php

AROUND SANTA CRUZ
Santa Cruz County is home to many seaside, mountain, and agricultural communities, offering additional opportunities for sightseeing, sports and recreation, and cultural excursions. With their unique histories and populations, these towns create a diverse and fascinating cultural landscape for the area.

CAPITOLA
Just south of Santa Cruz on Highway 1 is Capitola Village, a seaside town of about 10,000 people featuring beaches, shops and restaurants, and a famous view of brightly-painted houses by the seashore.

EVENT Begonia Festival
Labor Day Weekend, September 1–4, 2017
A Capitola tradition since 1954, the Begonia Festival features a nautical parade of begonia-themed floats, a sand sculpture contest, dances, movies, and more. 2017 will be the final Begonia Festival. begoniafestival.com begoniafestival@gmail.com

EVENT Capitola Twilight Concerts
June 7 – August 30, 2017, Wednesdays 6–8 p.m. Esplanade Park, Capitola
Come and listen to an array of musical styles from jazz, Western, Latin, swing, and orchestra, to good old rock and roll. Bring a picnic supper, a blanket to sit on, and a jacket for cool summer nights. capitolvillage.com/events

WATSONVILLE
If you drive further south on Highway 1, you’ll come to the city of Watsonville, a farming town with a diverse population including a large community of Chicano/Latinos, as well as Japanese, Caucasian, Portuguese, and Filipino residents. Watsonville weather is sunny and mild, helping its crops of fruits and vegetables to flourish.

EVENT Wings over Watsonville
September 1–2, 2017, 8 a.m.–6 p.m. Watsonville Municipal Airport
One of the nation’s longest continuously held Fly-In and Air Shows, featuring aircraft fly-ins, historic and antique aircraft, a free Friday-night kids’ movie, and more. santacruz.org/upcoming-events/event-detail-page/eventgid/8904

EVENT Santa Cruz County Fair
September 13–17, 2017
Santa Cruz County Fairgrounds in Watsonville
An old-fashioned family event celebrating the rich agricultural history of Santa Cruz County and featuring shows, contests, animals, rides, delicious local food, and more. santacruzcountyfair.com 831.724.5671

SCOTTS VALLEY
Just north of Santa Cruz on Highway 17 is the city of Scotts Valley, population 11,755. Surrounded by state parks and redwood trees, Scotts Valley is a picturesque community with a high technology culture.

EVENT Scotts Valley Art Wine & Beer Festival
August 19–20, 2017
Skypark, 361 Kings Village Road, Scotts Valley
Come enjoy fine art, wine & beer tasting, great food, and live entertainment in an open park setting. Over 150 artists from around California and surrounding states will be displaying their juried art. svartfest.com

SAN LORENZO VALLEY
Follow signs for California State Route 9 to head north to San Lorenzo Valley, the home of literally millions of giant redwood trees. As you wind your way through the trees, you’ll come upon the picturesque villages of Felton, Ben Lomond, Brookdale, and Boulder Creek, charming mountain communities with unique shopping and dining opportunities and plenty of local pride. Sunset Magazine recently named Boulder Creek one of 20 “ultimate fantasy towns.”

MONTEREY
The renowned Monterey Bay Aquarium, which was established by UCSC alumna Julie Packard, is located in Monterey, about an hour’s drive from Santa Cruz. This beautiful aquarium’s mission is to inspire conservation of the oceans.

886 Cannery Row, Monterey
Open every day except December 25, regular hours: 9:30 a.m.–6 p.m. montereybayaquarium.org 831.648.4800
MAPS OF OFF-CAMPUS LOCATIONS AND SANTA CRUZ AREA

1. Clock Tower
2. Museum of Art and History
3. Pacific Avenue
4. Santa Cruz Metro Center
5. Santa Cruz City Hall
6. Civic Auditorium
7. Santa Cruz Public Library
8. San Lorenzo River
9. San Lorenzo Park
10. Santa Cruz County Government Center
11. Downtown Farmers’ Market (Wednesdays 1:30 to 6:30 p.m.)
12. Louden Nelson Community Center
13. Santa Cruz Boardwalk
14. City of Santa Cruz Wharf
15. Yacht Harbor
16. Delaveaga Park and Golf Course
17. Lighthouse Field
18. Bay Street to UC Santa Cruz
19. UC Santa Cruz
20. Pogonip Park
21. Harvey West Park
22. Moore Creek Preserve
23. Natural Bridges State Park
24. Seymour Marine Discovery Center at Joseph M. Long Marine Laboratory
25. Wilder Ranch State Park
26. Westside Farmers’ Market (Saturdays 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.)
27. Mystery Spot

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