THANK YOU
for visiting the University of California, Santa Cruz.
We were founded in 1965 to be different by design.
Our undergraduate college system provides students with
incredible access to their faculty members and a community
of scholars focused on a shared theme that cuts across
all academic disciplines. Students refer to the colleges
as neighborhoods, each with a slightly different vibe.
We hope you enjoy your visit and find inspiration—as we
have—in our special community, exciting programs,
and stunning setting.
SEEING THE CAMPUS

Warning: It’s impossible to tour all of UC Santa Cruz in one day. Our beautiful, vibrant campus takes time to explore. Here are our recommendations:

If you only have an hour, drive through the campus using the main campus loop of Hagar Drive, McLaughlin Drive, Heller Drive, and Empire Grade.

If you have half a day, center your visit around Quarry Plaza, where you can browse the Bay Tree Bookstore and easily walk to Cowell College and McHenry Library.

Or you can center your half-day visit around an academic area that interests you, such as Science Hill (Physical & Biological Sciences), the Arts, Social Sciences, Humanities, or the Jack Baskin School of Engineering.

If you have a full day, start with an academic area that interests you, choose a lunch location, and then branch out from there to nearby areas, such as the UC Santa Cruz Farm or the Coastal Science Campus.

In addition to the main campus, important research and instruction are also held at UC Santa Cruz’s Silicon Valley Campus and Coastal Science Campus.

More information and virtual tour options: admissions.ucsc.edu/visit
PARKING

To most easily facilitate your metered parking needs on campus, download the ParkMobile app on your smartphone and register for an account. Meters on campus do not accept coins.

Short term:
Paystations and parking meters: $2.50/hour

Longer term:
Purchase one-day visitor permit for $10.
Main Entrance Kiosk (7 a.m.–1 p.m.)
Parking Sales Office (1–5 p.m.)

Evenings and weekends:
Use paystations and parking meters:
$2.50/hour

Some lots do not have permit requirements for evenings and weekends.

WHERE TO EAT

For the authentic student experience, why not sample one of our all-you-care-to-eat dining halls? Please note that some locations may be closed during the summer, or they may have limited hours.

Dining Halls:
Colleges Nine & Ten
Cowell/Stevenson
Crown/Merrill
Porter/Kresge
Rachel Carson/Oakes

Other restaurants and cafés on campus:
Banana Joe’s (Crown)
Bay Tree Express Store (Quarry Plaza)
Bowls by Café Brasil (Porter)
College Eight Café (Rachel Carson)
Global Village Café by Amazon Juices (McHenry Library lobby)
Ivéta Café (Quarry Plaza)
Oakes Café (Oakes)
Perk Coffee Bars (Baskin Engineering, Earth & Marine Sciences, Physical Sciences)
Stevenson Coffee House (Stevenson)
Terra Fresca Restaurant & Coffee Bar (College Nine)
Vivas Mexican (Merrill)

Hours, maps, locations: dining.ucsc.edu

Off campus:
Mission Street restaurants
Pacific Avenue restaurants
Santa Cruz Wharf

More options: santacruz.org/restaurants

maps.ucsc.edu

USING THE SHUTTLES AND BUSES

FREE campus shuttles circulate through the campus on weekdays (see map for stops).

Santa Cruz METRO buses also circulate the campus. Adult fare is $2.
POPPULAR DESTINATIONS OFF THE MAIN CAMPUS

MONTEREY BAY NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY

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