

JOIN US!



BEGIN YOUR BANANA SLUG JOURNEY

UC SANTA CRUZ



IMAGINE

spending your next few years in this place of incomparable beauty, surrounded by mentors and friends who both challenge and support you on your path of academic and personal growth. That is the Banana Slug journey.

Welcome to UC Santa Cruz!



FIND YOUR PATH

Explore our majors

ARTS & MEDIA

- +Art
- *Art and Design: Games and Playable Media
- Creative Technologies **NEW!**
- +Film and Digital Media
- +History of Art and Visual Culture
- +Music
- Theater Arts

BEHAVIORAL & SOCIAL SCIENCES

- +Anthropology
- *Cognitive Science
- Community Studies
- Education, Democracy, and Justice
- +Latin American and Latino Studies
- Latin American and Latino Studies/Education, Democracy, and Justice **NEW!**
- Latin American and Latino Studies/Politics
- Latin American and Latino Studies/Sociology
- +Legal Studies
- +Politics
- *+Psychology
- *+Sociology

BUSINESS & ECONOMICS

- *+Business Management Economics
- *+Economics
- *Economics/Mathematics
- *Global Economics

ENGINEERING & TECHNOLOGY

- *Biomolecular Engineering and Bioinformatics
- *Biotechnology
- *Computer Engineering
- *Computer Science
- *Computer Science: Computer Game Design
- *Electrical Engineering
- *Network and Digital Technology
- *Robotics Engineering
- *Technology and Information Management

ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE & SUSTAINABILITY

- *+Agroecology
- *Environmental Sciences
- *+Environmental Studies

- *Environmental Studies/Biology
- *Environmental Studies/Earth Sciences
- *Environmental Studies/Economics
- *Marine Biology
- *Plant Sciences

HUMANITIES

- Applied Linguistics and Multilingualism
- Classical Studies
- +Critical Race and Ethnic Studies
- +Feminist Studies
- +History
- Jewish Studies
- +Language Studies
- +Linguistics
- +Literature
- +Philosophy
- Spanish Studies

SCIENCE & MATH

- *Applied Mathematics
- *Applied Physics
- *Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
- *Biology
- *Chemistry
- Earth Sciences
- Earth Sciences/Anthropology
- *Ecology and Evolution
- *Global & Community Health
- *+Mathematics
- *+Mathematics Education
- *Mathematics Theory & Computation **NEW!**
- *Microbiology **NEW!**
- *Molecular, Cell, and Developmental Biology
- *Neuroscience
- *Physics
- *Physics (Astrophysics)
- *Science Education

*+Three year pathways offered in these majors.
These majors require specific major preparation for transfer students.

More information:



OUR VOICES WILL DEFINE THE CENTURY

In 2023, the Princeton Review ranked UC Santa Cruz as the No. 2 public university in the nation for students who want to make an impact on the world.

At UC Santa Cruz, we use an innovative approach to seek solutions and give voice to the challenges of our time – leading to transformative change. Our campus is a special place where social and environmental justice are taught and lived.



Hear the voices of our students!



LEARNING FROM THE BEST

UC Santa Cruz is ranked among the Top 10 public universities for undergraduate teaching, and is the only University of California on the list!

23:1 STUDENT/FACULTY RATIO

57% OF UNDERGRADUATE COURSES HAVE FEWER THAN 30 STUDENTS;

73% HAVE FEWER THAN 50



ENROLLED STUDENTS

17,492 UNDERGRADUATES

1,976 GRADUATES



ADMITTED STUDENT PROFILE (AVERAGES)

4.01
FROSH GPA

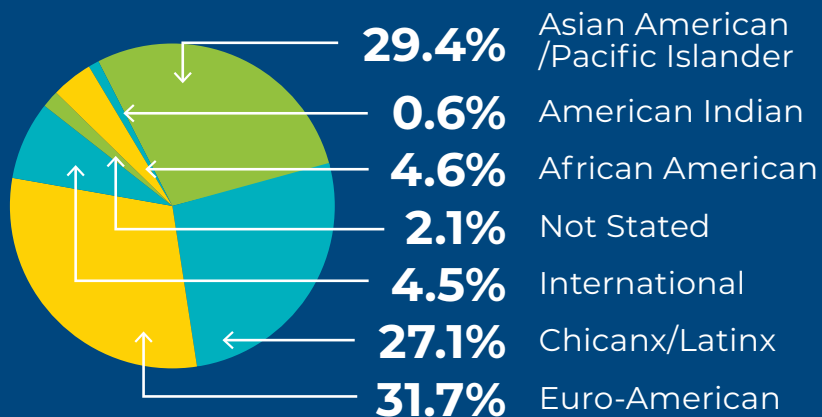
3.48
TRANSFER GPA



NOTABLE MAJORS

- Computer Science
- Psychology
- Business Management Economics
- Computer Science: Computer Game Design
- Creative Technologies
- Marine Biology
- Global and Community Health (our pre-Med track)
- Community Studies
- Education, Democracy, and Justice
- Film and Digital Media

OUR CAMPUS COMMUNITY



75%

OF UNDERGRADUATES PARTICIPATE IN RESEARCH



77%

OF STUDENTS RECEIVE FINANCIAL AID



FIND YOUR COMMUNITY

UC Santa Cruz offers many opportunities for finding fellowship and exploring your interests, including the 10 residential colleges, over 150 student organizations, a variety of on-campus events, and lots more!



ADMISSION



FRESHMAN

The admission process for UC Santa Cruz is based on a system of holistic review. As we consider each individual application - and rest assured, we do consider each one - we look beyond grades. Admissions representatives evaluate your academic and personal achievements and preparation in light of the opportunities available to you and your demonstrated capacity to contribute to the campus community.

➤ Apply online at apply.universityofcalifornia.edu

🕒 Deadline to Submit Application for the Following Fall: November 30



Learn more about our accessible and inclusive admissions model



MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

COMPLETE 15 COLLEGE-PREPARATORY COURSES (“A-G” COURSES)*:

- ✓✓ A — History/social science, 2 years
- ✓✓✓ B — English, 4 years, or local language for students whose curriculum is not in English.
- ✓✓✓ 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)

*At least 11 of these courses must be completed prior to the beginning of your senior year. To view your school's a-g course list, scan here:



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California Students: Earn a 3.00+ grade-point average (GPA) in “a-g” courses with no grade lower than a C.

Out-of-State or International students: Earn a 3.40+ GPA.

UC Santa Cruz does not use standardized exam scores (ACT/SAT) in our holistic review and selection process.



COMPUTER SCIENCE

Students interested in computer science must select the major as their first choice on the UC Application. Applicants are encouraged to have a solid background in advanced high school mathematics. A student not selected for computer science may be reviewed for admission to an alternate major if one was indicated on the application.



SELECTION BY UC SANTA CRUZ

As a selective campus, UC Santa Cruz is unable to offer admission to all UC-qualified applicants. Professionally-trained Admissions readers conduct an in-depth review of your academic and personal achievements.



INTERNATIONAL FRESHMEN

In addition to qualifying for UC via the process described, international students must meet other requirements specific to their home countries. UC Santa Cruz also has an English Proficiency Requirement.



[Learn more](#)

TRANSFER

Students may choose to transfer to UC Santa Cruz from a community college or another four year institution. Junior-level transfer students from California community colleges receive priority admission, but lower-division applicants and second baccalaureate applicants will be considered, depending on the strength of the application and capacity during that term.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS*: 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:



2

English composition courses



1

course in mathematical concepts and quantitative reasoning



4

courses from at least two of the following subject areas: arts and humanities, social and behavioral science, and physical and biological sciences

Earn 2.40 overall UC GPA. Higher GPAs are more competitive for the intended major.

Complete required lower-division courses with the required grades/GPA for the intended major.

***These are the minimum requirements for transfer to the University of California campus. Many UC Santa Cruz majors include specific course requirements to ensure timely degree completion.**

GET A TRANSFER GUARANTEE!

A Transfer Admission Guarantee (TAG) is a formal agreement ensuring fall admission in your desired proposed major, as long as you are transferring from a California community college and as long as you agree to certain conditions. TAG is not available for the computer science major. For more information, [go to admissions.ucsc.edu/tag](https://admissions.ucsc.edu/tag)



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