

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 & Playable Media*
Creative Technologies
Film & Digital Media +
History of Art & Visual Culture +
Music +
Theater Arts +

BUSINESS & ECONOMICS

Business Management
Economics**
Economics**
Economics/Mathematics*
Global Economics*

75%
OF UNDERGRADUATES
PARTICIPATE IN
RESEARCH



ENGINEERING & TECHNOLOGY

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

ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE & SUSTAINABILITY

Agroecology**
Environmental Sciences*
Environmental Studies**
Environmental Studies/Biology*
Environmental Studies/Economics*
Marine Biology*
Plant Sciences*

HUMANITIES

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

SCIENCE & MATH

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

SOCIAL & BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES

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

+ Three year pathways offered in these majors.

* These majors require specific major preparation for transfer students.



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MORE INFORMATION



OUR VOICES WILL DEFINE THE CENTURY

#2 Among national public universities for students making an impact.
- Princeton Review, 2023

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

**TOP
20**

UC Santa Cruz is ranked among the **top 20 public universities** for undergraduate teaching by **U.S. News & World Report**, and is the only University of California on the list!



INVESTING IN YOUR FUTURE

#12

The **Wall Street Journal** recently placed UC Santa Cruz at **number 12 nationally** for alumni in high-paying tech jobs.



ENROLLED STUDENTS

17,812 UNDERGRUATES

1,952 GRADUATES



ADMITTED STUDENT PROFILE (AVERAGES)

4.01
FIRST-YEAR
STUDENTS GPA

3.49
TRANSFER
STUDENTS GPA

23:1

STUDENT/FACULTY RATIO

57%

OF UNDERGRADUATE
COURSES HAVE FEWER
THAN 30 STUDENTS

73%

OF UNDERGRADUATE
COURSES HAVE FEWER
THAN 50



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



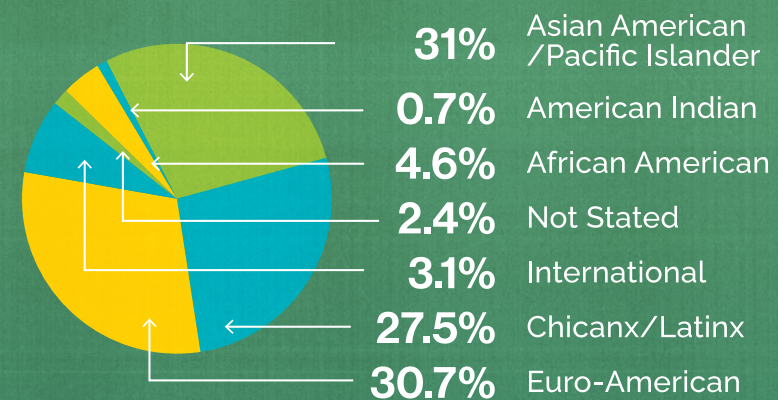
ALL ARE WELCOME HERE



LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR PRINCIPLES OF COMMUNITY

Students from different ethnic and cultural backgrounds enrich the UC Santa Cruz community with their perspectives and experiences. Your contributions are valued here!

OUR CAMPUS COMMUNITY



32%
OF FIRST YEARS ARE FIRST-GEN STUDENTS

40%
OF TRANSFERS ARE FIRST-GEN STUDENTS



77%
OF STUDENTS RECEIVE FINANCIAL AID

HOUSING & RESOURCES

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

UCSC HOUSES 47% OF STUDENTS ON CAMPUS,

WHICH IS THE SECOND HIGHEST PERCENTAGE AMONG ALL UC CAMPUSES.

WATCH THE UCSC CRIBS VIDEOS FEATURING ACTUAL RESIDENTS SHARING TOURS OF THEIR SPACES!

@UCSCADMISSIONS

SPECIALTY ACCOMMODATIONS

UCSC strives to accommodate different lifestyles and preferences while fostering a supportive and inclusive living environment. Some of the specialty accommodations available include:

- Accessible housing for students with disabilities
- Gender-inclusive housing
- ABC (African/Black/Caribbean) student housing
- Trans-inclusive housing
- Quiet housing
- Substance-free housing
- Family student housing

10 RESIDENTIAL COLLEGES

The 10 residential colleges have their own themes, academic support services, and social activities, fostering a nurturing neighborhood environment for students. All of the colleges offer both dormitory-style living and apartment-style living options for students.



LEARN MORE ABOUT THE COLLEGES!

TRANSFER HOUSING

The Transfer Community is located at Porter College. As the primary housing option for incoming transfer students, it offers special programs designed to support the transition to campus life, build a strong connection with the campus, and get the most out of the UCSC experience.



LEARN MORE ABOUT TRANSFER HOUSING OPTIONS!

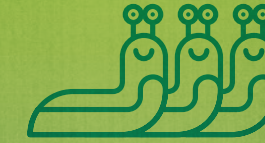
Banana Slugs connect & celebrate together in our identity-based resource centers. Students often participate in activities with multiple resource centers in honor of their multifaceted identities!



DISCOVER OUR RESOURCE CENTERS.



Finding friends can be as easy as joining the non-audition K-pop dance team POPreka or jumping in the pool for an intramural inner-tube water polo match!



UCSC students are supported with programs and services that help them achieve their academic goals and maintain a sense of well-being.

STARRS (Services for Transfer, Re-entry, and Resilient Scholars) offers culturally relevant counseling and mentorship programs to create access, cultivate belonging, motivate persistence, and nurture wellness.

EOP (Educational Opportunity Programs) provides various academic and personal support programs to first-generation and low-income students from historically marginalized backgrounds.

LSS (Learning Support Services) offers inclusive tutoring sessions facilitated by peers.

CAPS (Counseling and Psychological Services) helps students learn how to manage stressors, build new skills, increase confidence, and resolve problems with individual and group mental health services.



LEARN MORE ABOUT RECREATION PROGRAMS



EXPLORE STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

ADMISSION TO UC SANTA CRUZ

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. As a selective campus, UC Santa Cruz is unable to offer admission to all UC-qualified applicants.

➤ Apply online at apply.universityofcalifornia.edu

🕒 Deadline to Submit Application for the Following Fall: **DECEMBER 2, 2024**



SIGN UP FOR UCTAP & START PLANNING FOR YOUR TRANSFER!

DOES MY MAJOR HAVE MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS I NEED TO MEET? DON'T BE CAUGHT UNPREPARED!

➤ Look up your major on admissions.ucsc.edu/transfer-students and see if your major has screening requirements.



COMPUTER SCIENCE (FIRST YEARS & TRANSFERS)

If you are interested in computer science you must select the major as your first choice on the UC Application. You are encouraged to have a solid background in advanced high school or college mathematics. If you were not selected for computer science, you may be reviewed for admission to an alternate major if you had one on the application. Whether you are a first year or a transfer, you will not be able to switch to computer science after you've enrolled at UCSC.



TRANSFER ADMISSION

UC Santa Cruz welcomes transfer students from community colleges and from other four year institutions. 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.

FIRST-YEAR ADMISSION



MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

COMPLETE 15 COLLEGE- PREPARATORY COURSES ("A-G" COURSES)*.

Scan the QR code above for more details.

CALIFORNIA STUDENTS: Earn a 3.00+ grade-point average (GPA) in "a-g" courses with no grade lower than a C.

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



INTERNATIONAL FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS

In addition to qualifying for UC via the process described above, you must meet the nonresident GPA of 3.40 or higher, and meet other requirements specific to your home country. UC Santa Cruz has an English Proficiency Requirement.



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OUT-OF-STATE FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS

As an out-of-state applicant, you will need to meet the same requirements as a California-resident student, and you must meet the nonresident GPA of 3.40 or higher.



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MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

- Complete at least 60 semester units or 90 quarter units of UC-transferable coursework.
- Complete a UC-transferable 7-course pattern with minimum C (2.00) grades. Each course must be at least 3 semester units/4 quarter units.
- Earn a 2.40 overall UC GPA. Higher GPAs are more competitive.
- Complete required lower-division courses with the required grades/GPA for the intended major.

GET A TRANSFER GUARANTEE!



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ON OUR YOUTUBE
CHANNEL!

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