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JOURNEY WITH US AT

UC SANTA CRUZ



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A GLOBAL RESEARCH UNIVERSITY with an uncommon emphasis on undergraduate research and education, UC Santa Cruz is part of the world's most celebrated system of public higher education, and stands among the most renowned institutions of higher learning. Our campus leads at the intersection of innovation and social justice, providing a welcoming community for all.



UC SANTA CRUZ QUICK FACTS

17,940
UNDERGRADUATES

1,998
GRADUATE STUDENTS

542
INTERNATIONAL
UNDERGRADUATES



831
STUDENTS FROM OTHER
U.S. STATES

TOP NON-U.S. COUNTRIES:



TOP NON-CALIFORNIA STATES:



NOTABLE MAJORS



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

ENGLISH PROFICIENCY REQUIREMENT

We require all applicants who attend a school in a country where English is not the native language or whose language of instruction in high school (secondary school) was not English to adequately demonstrate English competency as a part of the application process. Preferred methods of showing English competency are TOEFL (80 or better on internet-based test), IELTS (overall band score of 6.5 or higher), and Duolingo English Test (minimum score of 115).

Details on our English Proficiency Requirement can be found here:
admissions.ucsc.edu/posts/english-proficiency-requirement

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE & IMPACT



#2 In the U.S. for marine and freshwater biology
US NEWS & WORLD REPORT, 2026

#5 Best game/simulation development programs in the U.S.
U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT, 2024

#7 In the U.S. for space sciences
U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT, 2026



AN ENVIRONMENT RICH IN OPPORTUNITIES

75%

of our undergraduates participate in research projects before they graduate!



Enrichment and resume-building opportunities through entrepreneurial programs, competitions such as CruzHacks, UC's Education Abroad Program, the UC in Washington, D.C. and Sacramento Programs, NCAA Division III athletics, our residential colleges, and over 150 campus-based student organizations



Career and Graduate School advising and networking through our Career Success office and the Career Advice Network



Internship opportunities in Silicon Valley, San Francisco Bay Area, Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary, and beyond



FIND YOUR PATH TO SUCCESS

EXPLORE OUR
MAJORS & MINORS

ARTS & MEDIA

Art+
Art & Design: Games
& Playable Media*
Creative Technologies
Dance (minor only)‡
Electronic Music (minor only)‡
Film & Digital Media+‡
Jazz, Spontaneous Composition
& Improvisation (minor only)‡
History of Art & Visual Culture+‡
Music+
Theater Arts+‡
Western Music (minor only)‡

BEHAVIORAL & SOCIAL SCIENCES

Anthropology+‡
Cognitive Science
Community Studies*
Digital Justice Studies‡
Education (minor only)‡
Education, Democracy, & Justice
Global and Community Health B.A.+
Latin American & Latino Studies+‡
Latin American & Latino Studies/Education,
Democracy, & Justice
Latin American & Latino
Studies/Politics
Latin American & Latino
Studies/Sociology
Legal Studies+‡
Politics+‡
Psychology*+
Sociology*+



BUSINESS & ECONOMICS

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

ENGINEERING & TECHNOLOGY

Assistive Technology (minor only)‡
Bioelectronics & Biophotonics
(minor only)‡
Bioinformatics (minor only)‡
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*
Sustainability Studies (minor only)‡

HUMANITIES

Ancient Studies (formerly Classical Studies)‡
Applied Linguistics & Multilingualism
Black Studies (minor only)‡
Critical Race & Ethnic Studies+
East Asian Studies (minor only)‡
Feminist Studies+
History+‡
Italian Studies (minor only)‡
Jewish Studies‡
Language Studies+‡
Linguistics+‡
Literature+‡
Middle Eastern & North African
Studies (minor only)‡
Philosophy+‡
Spanish Studies‡



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INFORMATION

SCIENCE & MATH

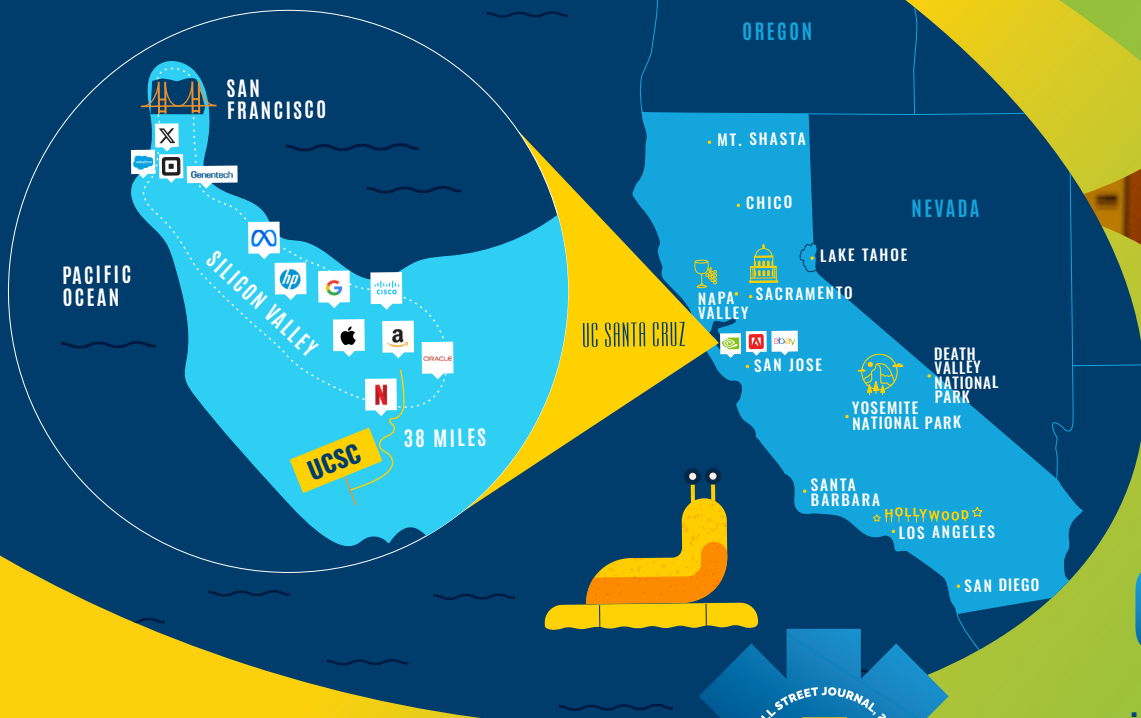
Applied Mathematics*‡
Applied Physics*
Astrophysics (minor only)‡
Biochemistry & Molecular Biology*
Biology+ (three-year pathway offered in the
B.A. major)‡
Chemistry*‡
Earth Sciences‡
Earth Sciences/Anthropology
Ecology & Evolution*
Global & Community Health B.S.*
Mathematics*+‡
Mathematics Education*+
Mathematics Theory & Computation*+
Microbiology*
Molecular, Cell, &
Developmental Biology*
Neuroscience*
Physics*‡
Physics (Astrophysics)*
Science Education*
Statistics (minor only)‡
STEM Education (minor only)‡



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SCHOOL? START HERE:
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* These majors require specific major
preparation for transfer students.
+ Three year pathways offered in
these majors.
‡ Minor offered in this subject.





THE PERFECT LOCATION TO DREAM & DO

Surrounded by redwood forests and overlooking the Pacific Ocean, we are in an ideal location that combines natural beauty with industry and innovation. Our location means access to internships and classes from industry leaders in Silicon Valley and the dynamic San Francisco Bay Area, and with our mild Mediterranean climate, you can engage in year-round outdoor sports such as mountain biking and kayaking!

CLOSEST UC TO SILICON VALLEY!



INVESTING IN YOUR FUTURE TOP EMPLOYERS OF UC GRADUATES:



FIND OUT MORE ABOUT RESIDENCY RULES: registrar.ucsc.edu/fees/residency



"The most memorable internship that I did at UC Santa Cruz was the University of California Washington, D.C. program. Coming to D.C. for a quarter was perhaps the best decision I ever made – living there, working on Capitol Hill for a member of Congress. I mean, that's not something that you think that you would ever do as a kid, but college really opens opportunities for you."

→ **ARYAN D'ROZARIO,**
B.A., Politics, UC Santa Cruz '20
M.S., South Asian Studies, University of Oxford, '23

COST & SAVINGS



- University of California Nonresident Yearly Tuition: \$54,135
- UC's **Tuition Stability Plan** is a guarantee that your tuition will remain stable until you graduate, for up to six years.
- **Undergraduate Dean's Awards** of \$12,000 to \$100,000, split over four years for first-year students, are available to help defray nonresident tuition.
- **Three-year degree pathways** are available in some of our most popular majors (see List of Majors and Minors in this pamphlet), to help save you time and money.
- If you are getting a graduate degree, our **4+1 degree programs** may also help with cost and time savings. (Examples: B.S./M.S. programs in Computer Science and Engineering and in Biomolecular Engineering and Bioinformatics, and five-year programs that combine subjects such as Critical Race & Ethnic Studies, Literature, Mathematics, and Science Education with an M.A./teaching credential.)



VIEW THE COMPLETE
COST BREAKDOWN

APPLY!



GO TO UNIVERSITYOFCALIFORNIA.EDU/APPLY



AUGUST 1, 2025

Application opens for fall 2026 enrollment.



OCTOBER 1 - DECEMBER 1, 2025

Filing period for fall 2026 enrollment.



QUESTIONS? CONTACT US!

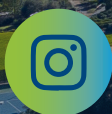
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