



UC SANTA CRUZ

BECOME A
BANANA SLUG

2,000 acres for living, learning, exploring, communing, and contemplating

300 days of sunshine per year

19 places to eat, drink, and fuel you up including dining halls, cafes, coffee-houses, and markets

17 NCAA Division III athletics teams

10 residential colleges organized into 5 neighborhoods across the main campus

7 guiding Principles of Community: Diverse, Open, Purposeful, Caring, Just, Disciplined, Celebrative



#1 UC
FOR STUDENTS
GRADUATING IN
3 YEARS!



64% of undergraduate students identify as non-White

98% of first-year students live on campus

82% of undergraduates receive financial aid

OVER **\$500MM** FINANCIAL AID DISTRIBUTED ANNUALLY, INCLUDING OVER **\$120MM** IN GIFT AID (SCHOLARSHIPS & GRANTS)!



TOP 50 IN PRINCETON REVIEW'S 2026 BEST VALUE PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES

ADMISSIONS TIMELINE

1 AUGUST 1
UC application opens

2 OCTOBER 1 - NOVEMBER 30
Submit your UC Santa Cruz application

3 LATE FEBRUARY - MID-MARCH
First-year admission notifications

4 APRIL
Transfer admission notifications

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18,194
UNDERGRADUATES

1,946
GRADUATE STUDENTS

2,943
TRANSFER STUDENTS

22:1 student/faculty ratio

60% of undergraduate courses have fewer than 30 students

73% of undergraduate courses have fewer than 50



200+ STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS IN 11 DIFFERENT CATEGORIES, FROM PANHELLENIC TO PROFESSIONAL AND EVERYTHING IN BETWEEN

75% of undergraduates participate in research

85 undergraduate research programs & even more individual research internships!

STUDY, ACCEPT INTERNSHIPS, VOLUNTEER AND PERFORM RESEARCH IN OVER 46 COUNTRIES AROUND THE WORLD IN 420 STUDY ABROAD PROGRAMS



TOP MAJORS: Computer Science, Psychology, Business Management, Economics, Computer Engineering, Biology
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R1 RESEARCH UNIVERSITY known for undergraduate research and innovation

GREEN COLLEGE HONOR ROLL
- Princeton Review, 2026



TOP 15 among public universities for undergraduate teaching
- U.S. News & World Report, 2025