

UC SANTA CRUZ

CAMPUS TOURS - 2021 UPDATES

Can I visit campus?

Yes. Campus is open and guests are welcome to visit for a [self-guided tour](#).

Where do I park?

Guests may choose to park at the base of campus in the [Barn Theater](#) parking lot and pay at the parking station location adjacent to the [Cook House](#). Once a permit has been purchased, proceed to the campus shuttle stop diagonally across the street from the parking lot. [Campus loop shuttles](#) are free and allow guests to conveniently reach Upper Campus after parking.

Guests using the [self-guided tour](#) materials are suggested to disembark at the [Bookstore](#) stop (clockwise route) or [Cowell College/Bookstore](#) (counterclockwise route) and [proceed to Cowell Circle](#) to begin their tour. A suggested starting location for all other guests is [Quarry Plaza](#), which is also a short distance from the shuttle stops mentioned above.

Please visit our [TAPS website](#) for the most up-to-date information on parking options.

Where can I find more information about accessibility parking?

UC Santa Cruz has two types of parking spaces for those who have [disability-related parking needs](#): standard and van-accessible disabled (or ADA) parking spaces, which are outlined in blue stripes and have a loading zone next to them, and Medical spaces. Medical spaces are standard-sized parking spaces and are intended for those who need close-in parking due to a temporary medical condition, but who don't require the extra space provided by ADA parking spaces.

Visitors with DMV placards or plates may park for free in DMV spaces, Medical spaces, mobile pay spaces or pay stations without additional payment, or in time zones (e.g., 10-, 15-, or 20-minute spaces) for longer than the posted time. DMV placards are not valid in spaces reserved for departments, individuals, contractors, carpools or vanpools, or in lots solely designated for "C" permit holders.

I am planning to visit campus for a self-guided tour and have special accommodations requests

Visit our [ADA website](#) for general information about our campus resources. For guests seeking driver assistance while visiting campus, no fare is required to use the Disability Van Service; however, current medical documentation and advance reservations are necessary. More information is available at the [DVS website](#) and initial accommodation requests should be directed to visits@ucsc.edu.

As campus navigates the COVID-19 and post-COVID-19 resumption of business activities, some guest services and building access may be impacted. We appreciate your patience as we navigate our resumption of services.

Note: During 2021, tour guides will not be available for private tours with guests requesting special accommodations or disability van service.

Is UC Santa Cruz running guided in-person tours during 2021?

Due to various factors relating to COVID-19 and the re-establishment of the tours program, UC Santa Cruz is taking the remainder of 2021 to ensure our program is upgraded to meet the needs of our guests' safety. For guests wishing to visit campus we encourage the use of our [self-guided materials](#), or visit our [events page](#) to see virtual options for connecting with our Undergraduate Admissions staff and current students.

When will guided in-person tours recommence at UC Santa Cruz?

Due to the lead time required for hiring new staff, restructuring the tour to ensure COVID-19 safety factors, and training student guides returning to campus in fall 2021, our best estimate at this time is January 2022.

Will UC Santa Cruz allow group tours for educational organizations during 2021?

All tours for educational organizations will be hosted virtually during 2021. Please contact visits@ucsc.edu if you would like to organize a time for students to attend a virtual tour.

Do you have virtual tours options?

Please visit our [virtual events page](#) for a list of current tour options and upcoming virtual events to connect with our Undergraduate Admissions staff and current students.

Can I speak to the tours department on the phone?

During the redevelopment of our tours program, all correspondence is conducted through visits@ucsc.edu. We appreciate your patience as we work to revamp our program to better serve guest needs.

Other UC campuses have launched guided tours starting in summer 2021. Why hasn't UC Santa Cruz?

Each UC campus is navigating unique variables in the redeployment of their tours programs, including campus terrain, location, and other circumstances. UC Santa Cruz is placing guest and student safety as our top priority by ensuring our systems moving forward provide for the best possible guest experience. This approach necessitates a longer training and redevelopment timeframe, with tours operations being reworked during summer and fall 2021.

Are there any steps I need to take before coming to campus?

Yes. All scheduled and unscheduled visitors to the UC Santa Cruz owned or leased property must complete the UCSC Visitor COVID-19 Symptom Check Questionnaire prior to entering the campus for each day when entering the campus.

Visitors are defined as anyone who is not a UC Santa Cruz employee (faculty, staff and other academic appointees) or student, and who will be entering on-site at a UCSC owned or leased property. The following is the link for the [online UCSC Visitor COVID-19 Symptom Check Questionnaire](#). [Read frequently asked questions](#) about symptom checks for visitors. [Download a printable version](#) of the symptom check questionnaire.