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- Call 911
- UCSB Police Department, Public Safety Building, non-emergency 805-893-3446 (24 hours).
- CSO Escort Service is available by calling 805-893-2000 (24 hours).
Welcome to the University of California, Santa Barbara!

On behalf of the Office of Admissions and the Visitor Center, thank you for visiting our campus. Parking permits are required Monday through Sunday and can be purchased at the self-pay dispensers conveniently located throughout visitor lots. A valid permit must be displayed in your vehicle.

1. Visitor Center and Virtual Tour

The Visitor Center (VCen) is part of the Office of Admissions and an excellent resource for prospective undergraduate students. The VCen is open to the public Monday through Friday (9 a.m.—4 p.m.), excluding university holidays and administrative closures. In the month of April only, the VCen is also open on select Saturdays (10 a.m.—2 p.m.).

In addition to this self-guided tour map, UCSB offers a fun and convenient virtual tour online. You can access the tour on your computer or smart phone from the Admissions home page at: www.admissions.ucsb.edu.

2. Campbell Hall and Cheadle Hall

Campbell Hall serves as a venue for Arts & Lectures films, performances and guest speakers. This frequently-used facility is the largest auditorium on campus with 860 seats. Although Campbell Hall is often used as a classroom for large introductory courses, classes at UCSB average approximately 50 students.

Cheadle Hall houses the Office of Admissions and the academic advising office for the College of Letters & Science (L&S) where current students are assisted in deciding on a major and scheduling their courses. L&S enrolls approximately 90 percent of UCSB students in about 80 majors and more than 40 minors. The Undergraduate Research and Creative Activities unit in L&S provides resources for students in all colleges to pursue independent research under the guidance of faculty mentors. Additionally, undergraduates interested in pursuing medicine or law have access to Pre-Health and Pre-Law advisors in L&S.

3. Campus Green and Science Buildings

Under the shade of giant eucalyptus trees, the Campus Green offers plenty of outdoor space where you can study with friends. The east end of campus is home to facilities for Biological Sciences, Chemistry, Earth Science, Engineering, Psychological & Brain Sciences and Physics.

4. Harold Frank Hall

Harold Frank Hall houses the advising office for the College of Engineering (COE), where students and faculty combine research in engineering and computer science with an entrepreneurial attitude to address challenges in the real world. COE enrolls highly motivated undergraduates in five majors. The Technology Management Program in COE introduces students of all disciplines to cutting edge business practices in technology-based companies through coursework, mentoring and hands-on experience culminating in a professional certificate.

5. UCSB Library

UCSB’s main library, having undergone a major upgrade and expansion completed in 2016, holds millions of books and journals enhanced by online access to all holdings of the University of California library system. Take the elevator to the eighth floor to see a model of the UCSB campus and enjoy a breathtaking view of the Santa Ynez Mountains, Pacific Ocean and Channel Islands. In addition to the café inside the library, The Arbor outside the library provides a place for students to study, socialize and enjoy a slice of pizza or other snack.

6. College of Creative Studies

The College of Creative Studies (CCS) is comprised of approximately 400 students and is unique in the UC system. Its highly focused and accomplished undergraduates work closely with faculty in creating new knowledge in their chosen fields, enjoying access to all of UCSB’s many resources. CCS offers eight majors, ranging from Biochemistry and Physics to Art and Music Composition.

7. Santa Rosa Residence Hall

Santa Rosa is one of UCSB’s residence halls, most of which are named after the local Channel Islands. Student residents enjoy many amenities and programs, including live-in resident assistants, study lounges, recreation rooms, quiet hours and in-room Wi-Fi. Special “Living-Learning Communities” unite students with similar academic, cultural or social interests. Check in at the front desk for an opportunity to view the model room.

8. De La Guerra Dining Commons

In addition to De La Guerra, Housing & Residential Services operates three other dining commons for student residents: Carrillo, Ortega and Portola. Meal plans include 10, 14, 17 or unlimited meals per week, and students enjoy sustainable, earth-friendly dining. There is also a “Plus Program” that allows students to use “dining dollars” at various restaurants on campus. Although meals are all-you-care-to-eat, “trayless” dining has significantly reduced food waste.

9. University Center, MultiCultural Center and Storke Tower

Located at the edge of a beautiful lagoon, the University Center (UCen) provides services for students, faculty and staff. The UCen houses the UCSB Bookstore, the Community Housing Office, a post office, ATMs, food courts and more.

Next to the UCen, the MultiCultural Center hosts campus community events that celebrate diversity and culture. Storke Tower, at 175 feet, is the tallest steel-and-cement structure in Santa Barbara County. The tower houses a 61-bell carillon played in occasional campus concerts. Storke Tower is also home to a UCSB student paper, the Daily Nexus, and the KCBS-FM radio station.

10. Student Resource Building

A center for student activities and services, the Student Resource Building offers counseling, tutoring services, cultural resource centers and computer labs. Departments include the Office of International Students and Scholars, the Women’s Center, Disabled Students Program and the Resource Center for Sexual and Gender Diversity.

11. Events Center, Student Health and Isla Vista

The Events Center, also known as the Thunderdome, seats approximately 6,000 for UCSB NCAA Division 1 basketball and volleyball games, and even more for concerts and popular lectures (such as a notable visit by the Dalai Lama). Student Health specializes in high quality, accessible health care and health education for the campus community.

Looking west, you will see the edge of the UCSB college town, Isla Vista. In about one square mile are approximately 20,000 residents, including 10,000 UCSB students, as well as theaters and auditoriums used for course lectures and special events. Additionally, you can find coffee and bike shops, markets, restaurants and other retailers.

12. Recreation Center

The Recreation Center (RecCen) is a state-of-the-art fitness center that is a testament to UCSB’s emphasis on healthy living. The RecCen allows for drop-in recreational use and includes aquatic facilities, weight rooms, aerobic machines and numerous sport courts/fields. The Multi-Activity Court (MAC), located behind the main building, includes an Adventure Climbing Center, roller hockey rink, Jacuzzi and pottery studio.