UC SANTA BARBARA

Admission Guide
International Applicants

University of California, Santa Barbara
2019-2020
UC Santa Barbara is part of the 10-campus University of California system, one of the largest and most respected public universities in the world.

**Location**
Santa Barbara is located 160 kilometers (100 miles) northwest of Los Angeles and less than two hours from the LAX airport.

**Weather**
Located on the shore of the Pacific Ocean, UCSB enjoys beautiful year-round weather with warm summers and mild winters.

**Transportation**
Biking is the main form of transportation on campus with 11 kilometers (7 miles) of bike paths. Students also have access to easy and frequent bus transportation.

**Santa Barbara**
Santa Barbara is a tourist destination with excellent outdoor recreation, shopping, restaurants, movies and music.
UCSB’s beautifully renovated Library offers study spaces, meeting rooms and the Summit Café.

#5 public university in the United States (U.S. News and World Report, 2019)

10 national institutes and centers, including the Kavli Institute for Theoretical Physics

6 faculty Nobel Prizes in chemistry, economics and physics

#52 out of more than 1,250 of the world’s top universities (Times Higher Education, 2019)

2,450 courses offered each quarter in UCSB’s three undergraduate colleges

18:1 student-to-faculty ratio

220,000+ alumni network worldwide
Three Undergraduate Colleges
UCSB offers 90 majors and 40 minors in three colleges: the College of Letters and Science, the College of Engineering and the College of Creative Studies. admissions.ucsb.edu/why-ucsb/majors

Pre-Professional Programs
› Technology Management Program (tmp.ucsb.edu)
› Pre-Law Program (duels.ucsb.edu/professional/law)
› Pre-Health Program (duels.ucsb.edu/professional/health)
› Teacher Education Program (education.ucsb.edu)
› Journalism Certificate (https://professional.ucsb.edu)

College of Letters & Science

- Actuarial Science, B.S.
- Anthropology, B.A.
- Aquatic Biology, B.S.
- Art, B.A.
- Asian American Studies, B.A.
- Asian Studies, B.A.
- Biochemistry, B.S.
- Biochemistry - Molecular Biology, B.S.
- Biological Sciences, B.A., B.S.
- Biopsychology, B.S.
- Black Studies, B.A.
- Cell and Developmental Biology, B.S.
- Chemistry, B.A., B.S.
- Chicana and Chicano Studies, B.A.
- Chinese, B.A. (Mandarin)
- Classics, B.A.
- Communication, B.A.
- Comparative Literature, B.A.
- Dance, B.A., B.F.A. (audition required)
- Earth Science, B.A.
- Earth Science, B.S.
- Ecology and Evolution, B.S.
- Economics, B.A.
- Economics and Accounting, B.A.
- English, B.A.
- Environmental Studies, B.A., B.S.
- Feminist Studies, B.A.
- Film and Media Studies, B.A.
- Financial Mathematics and Statistics, B.S.
- French, B.A.
- Geography, B.A.
- Geography, Physical, B.S.
- German, B.A.
- Global Studies, B.A.
- History, B.A.
- History of Art and Architecture, B.A.
- History of Public Policy and Law, B.A.
- Hydrologic Sciences and Policy, B.S.
- Italian Studies, B.A.
- Japanese, B.A.
- Language, Culture and Society, B.A.
- Latin American and Iberian Studies, B.A.
- Linguistics, B.A.
- Mathematical Sciences, B.S.
- Mathematics, B.A., B.S.
- Medieval Studies, B.A.
- Microbiology, B.S.
- Middle East Studies, B.A.
- Music, B.M. (audition required)
- Music Studies, B.A.
- Pharmacology, B.S.
- Philosophy, B.A.
- Physics, B.A., B.S.
- Physiology, B.S.
- Political Science, B.A.
- Portuguese, B.A.
- Psychological and Brain Sciences, B.S.
- Religious Studies, B.A.
- Renaissance Studies, B.A.
- Russian and East European Studies, B.A.
- Sociology, B.A.
- Spanish, B.A.
- Statistics and Data Science, B.A.
- Statistics and Data Science, B.S.
- Theater, B.A.
- Theater, B.F.A. (audition required)
- Zoology, B.S.

Indicates majors also available as a minor.

College of Engineering

- Chemical Engineering, B.S.
- Computer Engineering, B.S.
- Computer Science, B.S.
- Electrical Engineering, B.S.
- Mechanical Engineering, B.S.

Five-Year Programs
- Computer Science, B.S./Computer Science, M.S.
- Computer Engineering, B.S./Computer Science, M.S. or Electrical and Computer Engineering, M.S.
- Electrical Engineering, B.S./Electrical and Computer Engineering, M.S.
- Chemical, Electrical, Mechanical Engineering, B.S./Materials, M.S.
- Mechanical Engineering, B.S./Mechanical Engineering, M.S.

College of Creative Studies

- Art, B.A.
- Biology, B.A.
- Chemistry/Biochemistry, B.A., B.S.
- Computing, B.S.
- Mathematics, B.A., B.S.
- Music Composition, B.A.
- Physics, B.A., B.S.
- Writing and Literature, B.A.

UCSB Minors
- American Indian and Indigenous Studies
- Architecture and Urban History
- Applied Psychology
- Astronomy and Planetary Science
- Educational Studies
- Iranian Studies
- Jewish Studies
- Labor Studies
- Language and Speech Technologies
- Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer Studies
- Mathematics for High School Teaching
- Museum Studies
- Poverty, Inequality and Social Justice
- Professional Writing
- Russian
- Science and Mathematics Education
- Sociocultural Linguistics
- Spatial Studies
- Speech-Language Sciences and Disorders
- Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages
- Theater Production and Design
- Translation Studies
- Women, Culture and Development
UCSB offers residence halls and apartments including high- and low-rise buildings with ocean, lagoon and mountain views. Entering freshmen are guaranteed university housing all four years.

**Break Housing**
Residence halls traditionally close during breaks, but UCSB provides housing during closures for international students if requested.

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**19,000**
students live on or within 1.6 kilometers (1 mile) of campus, adding to the vibrant university community

**4**
dining commons offer local produce and offerings made with seasonal ingredients

**19**
men’s and women’s Division 1 teams on campus give students the opportunity to show their school spirit

**500+**
student organizations include cultural clubs like the Asian Pacific Islander Alliance, Chinese Student Association, Italian Club, Lebanese Club and Taiwanese Student Association

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Learn more: housing.ucsb.edu
Freshman Admission Requirements
Admission to UC Santa Barbara is competitive. The Office of Admissions is familiar with educational systems around the world and provides each applicant with a comprehensive review after applying.

admissions.ucsb.edu/applying/international/freshman-selection

Required Tests
1. ACT Assessment Plus Writing OR SAT Reasoning Test with Essay. Exams must be taken by the end of December prior to enrollment.
2. For students whose language of instruction is not English, submit scores from the TOEFL (minimum score of 80) OR IELTS (minimum score of 6.5).

Strongly Suggested Tests
1. Duolingo English Test (Strongly recommended for students in countries where English is not the official language)
2. College of Engineering: SAT Math Level 2 subject test
3. College of Creative Studies: SAT subject test related to major choice

International Baccalaureate
International Baccalaureate (IB) diploma students must take a minimum of five IB exams, with two exams taken at the higher level. The overall average must be 5 with no exam score below 4.

British Systems
You must complete at least five GCSE/IGCSE (O-Level) exams with a 3.4 GPA or higher and at least three GCE (A-Level) exams with a 3.0 (unweighted) GPA or higher and no grade below C to be considered for admission. If you receive A, B or C grades on your GCE (A-Level) exams, UCSB may grant you transfer credit toward your bachelor’s degree. The exact amount of credit will be determined after you are formally admitted and provide your official Statement of Results.

Apply online: universityofcalifornia.edu/apply
## Curriculum Requirements by Country

In general, an applicant to UC Santa Barbara will have graduated from a secondary school and earned a certificate of completion that enables attendance at a university in that country. [admissions.ucsb.edu/applying/international/freshman-eligibility](admissions.ucsb.edu/applying/international/freshman-eligibility)

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<th>Country</th>
<th>Requirements</th>
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<td><strong>Brazil</strong></td>
<td>Completion of Certificado de Ensino Médio (Certificate of Completion of Middle Education) with a minimum average of at least 7 on the 1-10 scale or an average of at least 4 on the 1-5 scale</td>
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| **Canada** | **British Columbia**: Completion of Secondary School Graduation Diploma with a minimum average of at least 80  
               **Nova Scotia**: Completion of Nova Scotia High School Graduation Diploma with a minimum average of at least 68  
               **Ontario**: Completion of OSSD - Ontario Secondary School Diploma with a minimum average of at least 75  
               **Quebec**: Completion of Diplôme d’études secondaires (General) and two years CEGEP (Colleges d’enseignement general et professionnel) |
| **China**  | Completion of Graduation Certificate from upper middle school and Senior High School Graduate Certificate |
| **Colombia** | Completion of Bachiller Académico (Academic Diploma) with a minimum average of at least 8.5 |
| **Costa Rica** | Completion of Diploma de conclusión de estudios de educación diversificada (Certificate of conclusion of diversified education studies) or completion of Bachillerato (Baccaleureate) with a minimum average of at least 80 |
| **India**  | Completion of All India Senior School Certificate or Higher Secondary School Certificate with a minimum average of at least 70 or completion of 10th and 12th year board/state examinations |
| **Israel** | Completion of Teudat Bagrut (Matriculation Certificate) with a minimum average of at least 7 |
| **Japan**  | Complete Kotogakko Sotsugyo Shomeisho (Upper Secondary School Graduation Diploma) with a minimum average of at least 4.4 |
| **Jordan** | Completion of Tawjihi or Completion of General Secondary Education Certificate (Literary or Secondary) with a minimum average of at least 75% |
| **Kuwait** | Completion of Shahadat Al-Thanawiya-Al-A’ama General Secondary Education Certificate with a minimum average of at least 75% |
| **Mexico** | Completion of Bachillerato with a minimum average of at least 8 |
| **Peru**   | Completion of Certificado de Estudios de Educación Secundaria Común Completa (Certificate of Completion of General Secondary Education) with a minimum average of at least 14 |
| **Philippines** | Completion of 12-year Elementary-Secondary education and receive a High School Diploma after the 12th year with a minimum average equivalent of at least B+ |
| **Qatar**  | Completion of Al-Thanawiya Aama Qatari (Qatari General Secondary Education Certificate) with a minimum average of at least 77 |
| **Republic of South Korea** | Completion of Senior High School Diploma with a minimum average of at least B+ |
| **Saudi Arabia** | Completion of Tawjihiyah General Certificate of Education with a minimum average of at least 75% |
| **Singapore** | Completion of at least 5 General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE, GCSE, O-Levels) with at least a 3.40 GPA and at least 3 General Certificate of Education (GCE, A-Levels) with a minimum average of B and with no grade below C |
| **Taiwan** | Completion of Senior High School Leaving Certificate with a minimum average of at least 80% |
| **Thailand** | Completion of Mathayom 6 (Certificate of Upper Secondary Education) with a minimum average of at least 75% |
| **United Arab Emirates** | Completion of Shahadat Al-Thanawiya-Al-Amma (General Secondary Education Certificate) |
| **Vietnam** | Completion of Bằng Tốt Nghiệp Phó Trương Trung Học (Secondary School Graduation Certificate) with a minimum average of at least 8 |
Cost of Attendance 2019-2020

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<td>Books and Supplies</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
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Costs in this table are subject to change. *Average origination fees for student borrowers.

Office of International Students and Scholars (OISS)

OISS helps international students secure a student visa, plan an academic program, and learn about studying in the U.S. through the Culture, Academics, Laws and Immigration (CALI) training.

oiss.ucsb.edu

› I-20: After deposit, the I-20 will be issued by OISS.
› Minimum Financial Requirement: After deposit, financial documentation is required.
› Working: Employment for F-1 visa students is limited.

Dates & Deadlines

**Calculate Cost:**

www.finaid.ucsb.edu

August 1 ....................................................... Begin UC application online
November 1-30 ............................................ Submit UC application
December .......... Complete the SAT/ACT and, if applicable, TOEFL/IELTS
Mid-March - May 1 ............................................ View admission notification online
May 1 .................... Deposit/Submit Statement of Intent to Register (SIR)
May ....................................................... Submit Housing contract
July 1 .......................................................... Submit official transcripts
July 15 .......................................................... Submit official test scores
September .... Attend CALI (Cultural Awareness, Laws and Immigration) training
Late September ................................................ Instruction begins
Ongoing .......................................................... Processing of I-20
UC Santa Barbara Facts & Figures

2,743 international undergraduates (12% of all UCSB undergraduates)

Freshman Class 2019
- Applicants: 93,449
- Admits: 27,551
- Estimated enrolled: 5,080

Transfer Class 2019
- Applicants: 18,449
- Admits: 9,442
- Estimated enrolled: 2,210

Top Countries of Origin:
- China, India, South Korea, Taiwan, Mexico, Japan, Canada, Hong Kong, Iran

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