

University of California, Santa Barbara

Resource Guide

Asian American Community



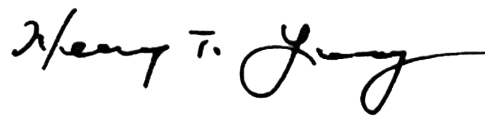
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Welcoming Atmosphere



Henry T. Yang
Chancellor

At UC Santa Barbara, our community encompasses a rich and diverse mix of cultures, backgrounds, talents, and perspectives. This diversity is an essential part of our academic excellence. I would like to invite you to get further acquainted with our vibrant campus life. This Asian American Community Resource Guide provides information on a wonderful variety of student clubs, programs, organizations, cultural events, activities, and campus services. This is a special time for you as you think about your future, and we are excited that you are considering our campus as the next step in your education!



28%

of undergraduates identify as Asian or Pacific Islander

50%

of undergraduate students pursue research or creative projects

73%

of undergraduate classes have fewer than 30 students

18:1

student-to-faculty ratio

19,000+

students live on or within a mile of campus



Shuji Nakamura

Nobel Laureate in Physics, 2014

Professor of Materials and Electrical & Computer Engineering

Welcome to the Asian American Community Resource Guide! I am so glad that you are interested in joining the academically vibrant and culturally diverse UC Santa Barbara community.

At UC Santa Barbara, our students have access to top-ranked programs, faculty-led research opportunities and amazing student resources all in a rigorous yet supportive environment. Our outstanding students are scholars, researchers, artists, entrepreneurs, leaders and global citizens. Students here have the chance to work with exceptional faculty at the top of their respective fields, and our undergraduate focus means they can form close and lasting relationships with these professors.

As a Nobel Laureate in Physics, I know firsthand how the research and discoveries made at UC Santa Barbara impact the world. Our campus values innovation, entrepreneurship, interdisciplinary collaboration and community, and our reach stretches beyond the classroom. A UC Santa Barbara degree not only provides you with unique and exciting opportunities while on campus but also opens the doors to your future. I welcome you to learn more about UCSB and picture yourself as a future Gauchero.



Unmatched Resources

Asian Resource Center

The ARC promotes education and awareness of the diverse ethnicities within the Asian American community. The center also provides a supportive environment to develop an appreciation for one's identity. sa.ucsb.edu/EOP/ARC

East Asia Center

Separate from the ARC, the East Asia Center organizes lectures and events on the culture, history, politics and societies of China, Japan, Korea, Taiwan and Hong Kong. The center's listserv keeps students updated on events, available fellowships and grants. eac.ucsb.edu

Education Abroad Program

EAP allows students to study abroad in one of 40 countries worldwide while earning course credit. There are program opportunities for every major, and lengths range from one quarter to one year. eap.ucsb.edu

Asian Studies at UCSB

Asian American Studies, B.A.

The Department of Asian American Studies was one of the first departments in the U.S. devoted to the study of Asian Americans. Students learn to evaluate literature, analyze data and conduct original research on Asian American communities. asamst.ucsb.edu

East Asian Languages & Cultural Studies

The East Asian Languages and Cultural Studies Department is dedicated to the study of China, Japan and Korea. It offers bachelor's degrees in Asian Studies, Chinese and Japanese and minors in Chinese and Japanese. Graduates go on to work in business, banking, law, diplomacy, public service, translation and more. eastasian.ucsb.edu



Asian American Student Organizations

UCSB has more than 65 organizations for Asian American and Pacific Islander students. For a complete list of organizations, visit osl.sa.ucsb.edu.

- › Aikido Club
- › Asian American Christian Fellowship
- › Asian Pacific Islander Coalition
- › Chinese Student Association
- › Circle K International
- › Indus (South Asia Student Association)
- › Japanese Language Cafe
- › Kapatirang Pilipino
- › Model Asia-Pacific Economic Conference
- › Pacific Islander Student Association
- › Queer Asian and Pacific Islanders
- › Ravaani at UCSB (A Capella Team)
- › Society of Asian Scientists and Engineers
- › Southeast Asian Union

Student groups › enjoy potlucks, BBQs and more through a variety of UCSB events and club programming.



Members of the › Chinese Student Association play games during their Casino Night event.



‹ Circle K is a student organization focused on service, leadership development and friendship.



‹ Graduates celebrate with their families at the Kapatirang Pilipino senior sendoff.



Asian American Student Perspectives



AJ Simpao

Major: Sociology

Minor: Asian American Studies

Why UCSB? I have absolutely no regrets coming here to UC Santa Barbara. I've really fallen in love with atmosphere here—it's so warm, welcoming and synergistic.

During the years that I've been here, this place has truly become a second home for me.

UCSB Community I've met so many loving, compassionate and supportive people at UCSB. I know that many of the people that I've met and became friends with here will be friends for a lifetime.



Mo Chakravarty

Majors: Biochemistry - Molecular Biology

Why UCSB? The sense of community. Everyone on this campus is so friendly and accepting of each other. Rather than being a competitive environment, UCSB students are

collaborative and work together to succeed.

UCSB Community I was assigned to the Asian/Pacific Islander (API) floor my first year. Even now, everyone still supports each other and meets up. The Asian community is a strong, loving support system, and I'm happy that I got a chance to really bond with all these amazing individuals.

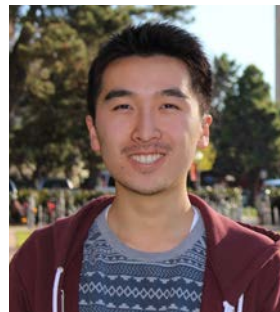


Shelly Luong

Major: Economics

Why UCSB? I chose UCSB because of the vibrant campus, welcoming community and it's a close distance from my hometown in Orange County.

UCSB Community UCSB has provided me with several amazing opportunities to grow not only academically, but also socially and professionally. I have always felt a strong sense of inclusivity and love from the community on campus and in the surrounding area.



Derek Chu

Major: Statistical Science

Why UCSB? I loved the fact that UCSB is located right next to a beach. UCSB also presented me with a high-quality education, a large group of diversified students and it was not too close yet not too far from my home in the Bay.

UCSB Community Everyone is supportive, friendly and driven. There are so many different cultural clubs, organizations and events that allow students to learn more about the different diversity of cultures at UCSB.

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