Connecting Majors to Career

A student’s major doesn’t have to align with their career—there is more than one path to get there. To support that path, students can add a minor, double major or even gain a professional certificate.

We offer more than 90 majors. Some of our most applied to majors are: biological sciences, engineering, economics and accounting, communication, sociology, psychological and brain sciences, political science and Chicanx studies.

Common Major to Career Paths
Here are some examples of careers students can pursue with specific majors:

- **Political Science** → Government positions, education, international work, teaching, social work, law
- **Sociology** → Law, criminal justice, forensic sciences, psychology, counseling
- **Biological Sciences** → Doctor, veterinary, environmental studies, research, PhD

Career Services
A wide range of resources help students connect their academic experiences and career goals:
- On-Campus recruitment events and career fairs
- Internship and job listings
- Interview, resume and cover letter writing tips

Alumni Profiles

**Anthony C. Olivas**
Economics, ’10
Technology Management Program
Chief Operating Officer, Vert Energy Group
“No matter your degree, the most valuable skills are a strong work ethic and motivation to continue learning more about your industry.”

**Dr. Marisol Puerta, M.D.-M.P.H.**
Cell and Developmental Biology, ’02
Partner Physician, Southern California Permanente Medical Group
“UCSB provided me with great mentors and a supportive community of students.”

**Armando Nol**
Sociology, ‘08
California Highway Patrol Officer
“My upper-division courses focused on criminology. My major prepared me to fully understand all aspects of human behavior which is imperative as a CHP officer.”

84% of recent graduates have either full- or part-time positions after graduation, while 9% are unemployed by choice (leaving only 7% seeking work)
Family Matters

Distances to Santa Barbara
Here at UC Santa Barbara, we value family. Whether it’s by car, plane or train, Santa Barbara is more accessible than you may think!

Avoid traffic and take Amtrack trains. Services are offered to most cities in California.

Convenient bus transportation throughout Goleta and Santa Barbara using a student ID.

Mark Your Calendar for Student Breaks:

- **Summer**: June - September (3.5 months)
- **Winter**: December - January (2.5 weeks)
- **Spring**: March (1 week)

[ registrar.sa.ucsb.edu/calendars ]

Family Fun on Campus

Move-in Weekend
Families help students move into their new residence halls before classes begin and meet their new roommates. Current students are available for support.

Celebración de la Familia
This family-oriented event for Chicanx/Latinx students provides food, children’s activities and performances.

Chicanx/Latinx Graduation
This graduation, specifically for Latinx/Chicanx students, is given in Spanish and English. Students are joined by their families and guests.
Educational Opportunity Program
EOP provides mentorship, counseling, social and cultural programming, academic support and scholarship programs to income-eligible and first-generation students.

Cultural Resource Centers
UCSB’s five Cultural Resource Centers, plus El Centro, provide academic support, cultural events, resources and a safe space.

Supportive Advisors
Academic advising is offered in each college. Resources include tutoring and mentorship programs.

Faculty Involvement
Professors are available each week for office hours, research opportunities and career guidance.

Dream Scholars & Undocumented Student Services
Undocumented students and their families have access to counseling services, programming, legal services, and the Monarch Lounge.

Safety
Community Service Officers (CSOs) and the campus police department promote safety through a 24-hour escort program and text alert system, which is available to students and parents.
Cost of Attendance & Financial Aid

A UCSB degree is worth the investment, and UCSB’s high graduation rate puts students on a fast track towards a truly rewarding career while helping to save time and money. Our Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships supports students with grants, scholarships, low-interest loans and more.

Cost of Attendance

Direct Costs
These costs are paid directly to the university and are split up by quarter. Payment plans are available.

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<td>Housing &amp; Dining</td>
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Indirect Costs
These costs vary based on the personal choices students make day to day.

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Total (Direct + Indirect): $36,731

Financial Aid
Financial aid helps cover direct and indirect student expenses. There are several types of financial aid including grants, scholarships, work-study and loans.

Grants & Scholarships
Grants and scholarships do not have to be repaid.
- **Pell Grant**: Receive up to $6,345 per year
- **Cal-Grants**: Receive up to $12,570 per year*
- **UCSB Scholarships**: No separate application necessary.*
- **Private Scholarships**: Apply to as many as possible. Find options at [finaid.ucsb.edu/scholarships/agency-scholarships](finaid.ucsb.edu/scholarships/agency-scholarships)

Work-Study
Work-study is part-time employment to reduce the amount of loan debt incurred. Work-Study pays a portion of your salary, thus making you a “better financial deal” for your employer.*

Federal Student Loans
Federal Student Loans have low interest rates and do not require credit checks or collateral. A variety of deferment options and extended repayment terms are available.

*Must submit the FAFSA or CADAA by March 2 for consideration.
UCSB Facts & Stats

42% of UCSB undergraduates are first-generation

$18,500 average amount in grants awarded to eligible UCSB students this year

$4,194 average amount in scholarships awarded to eligible UCSB students this year

70% of UCSB students received some sort of financial aid this year

UCSB keeps its diverse communities strong through student organizations, events, research opportunities and support services.

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Departmental Liaisons

Spanish-speaking staff are available to speak to students and families.

Office of Admissions (805) 893-2881 | admissions.ucsb.edu
Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships (805) 893-2432 | finaid.ucsb.edu
Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) (805) 893-4758 | eop.sa.ucsb.edu
Orientation (805) 893-3433 | orientation.sa.ucsb.edu
Undocumented Student Services (805) 893-5609 | sa.ucsb.edu/dreamscholars/home