

UC SANTA BARBARA

Admission Guide

2021-2022

23,196

undergraduate students at UCSB

18:1

number of students for every professor



The University of California, Santa Barbara is ranked as one of the top teaching and research institutions in the United States. UCSB offers a world-class education in a picturesque seaside location.



Location

UCSB is located right on the shore of the Pacific Ocean, making it an ideal place to spend your college years. The local community features excellent recreation, internships, cultural activities, and dining.



Academics

With top-ranked programs, each major at UCSB provides an excellent learning experience. A majority of UCSB students engage in research on campus, and Career Services helps with job and internship opportunities or graduate school preparation.

19k

students live within one mile of campus

#6

public university in the U.S. (U.S. News and World Report, 2021)

400+

top companies visit UCSB for recruiting events each year

3.92

average number of years to graduate for entering freshmen



Community

Many students say they chose UCSB because of the friendly and collaborative environment. Join 500+ clubs, visit cultural resource centers, join Living-Learning Communities in campus housing, and more.



Support

Professors at UCSB want students to succeed. A variety of support programs are also available including academic advising, tutoring, pre-professional programs, resource centers, and counseling.



The UC application opens August 1.
Submit **November 1-30!**
apply.universityofcalifornia.edu



UC Application Help Videos
View our 9-part UC Application Playlist
on YouTube for a step-by-step guide.
www.youtube.com/ucsb4me



Freshman Admission

UC Santa Barbara cannot admit all eligible applicants, so we use a holistic review process to select students who are more competitive than the minimum requirements. Learn about the 13 holistic review factors at the link below.

www.admissions.ucsb.edu/freshman

Eligibility & Selection Requirements

1. Subject Requirement

Complete 15 UC-approved A-G courses with grades of C or better. California students may refer to their school's UC-certified course list online at www.ucop.edu/agguide.

- History or social science
- College-preparatory English
- Mathematics
- Laboratory science
- Language other than English
- Visual/performing arts
- College preparatory elective(s)

2. Grade Point Requirement

Students must earn a **3.0 minimum GPA (3.4 for non-residents)** in all A-G courses. Only the grades earned in A-G subjects in the tenth and eleventh grades—including summer sessions—are used to calculate the UC GPA.

Courses passed with a grade of C or better in the ninth and twelfth grades are used to meet the A-G subject requirement, but they will not be used to calculate the UC GPA.

3. Personal Life Accomplishments

UCSB doesn't just look at academic accomplishments to bring in our freshman class. We look at your extracurricular activities and accomplishments in light of the opportunities available to you.

Junior Transfer Admission

Priority consideration is given to California community college students. Admission is open to junior-level transfers for the fall term only. Admitted transfer students typically meet and exceed the UC minimum eligibility requirements for admission below.

www.admissions.ucsb.edu/transfer

Eligibility Requirements

- Complete 60 semester or 90 quarter units of UC-transferable college credit with a grade point average of at least **2.4 for California residents (2.8 for non-residents)**.
- Complete the seven-course pattern requirement, earning a grade of C or better in each course. Find the seven-course pattern at www.admissions.ucsb.edu/transfer-eligibility-selection.
- Complete required major preparation courses. All applicants are encouraged to complete preparation in their intended major, and some majors require this preparation prior to transfer. See the Transfer Major Preparation Guide for details at www.admissions.ucsb.edu/selective-majors.

Transfer Admission Guarantee (TAG)

TAG is a guaranteed transfer admission program for California community college students if specific course, unit, and GPA criteria are met. www.admissions.ucsb.edu/tag

Majors & Minors

College of Letters & Science

- Actuarial Science, B.S.
- Anthropology, B.A.: optional emphases in Archaeology, Biological, Cultural
- Applied Mathematics, B.S.
- 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.: emphases in Classical Archaeology, Classical Language and Literature, Greek and Roman Culture
- Communication, B.A.
- Comparative Literature, B.A.: emphases in Foreign Language, Interdisciplinary Dance, B.A., B.F.A. (audition required)
- Earth Science, B.A.
- Earth Science, B.S.: emphases in Climate and Environment, Geohydrology, Geology, Geophysics, Paleobiology
- 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.: optional emphasis in Geographic Information Science
- Geography, Physical, B.S.: optional emphasis in Ocean Science
- German, B.A.
- Global Studies, B.A.
- History, B.A.
- History of Art and Architecture, B.A.: optional emphases in Architecture and Environment, Museum Studies
- History of Public Policy and Law, B.A.
- ◆ Hydrologic Sciences and Policy, B.S.: emphases in Biology and Ecology, Physical and Chemical, Policy
- Italian Studies, B.A.: optional emphasis in Transnational
- ◆ Japanese, B.A.
- Language, Culture and Society, B.A.
- Latin American and Iberian Studies, B.A.
- Linguistics, B.A.: optional emphases in Chinese, English, French, German, Japanese, Language and Speech Technologies, Slavic, Spanish, Speech-Language Sciences and Disorders
- Mathematics, B.A., B.S.
- Medieval Studies, B.A.
- Microbiology, B.S.
- Middle East Studies, B.A.
- ◆ Music, B.M. (audition required): emphases in Bassoon, Cello, Clarinet, Composition, Double Bass, Flute, French Horn, Oboe, Percussion, Piano, Trombone, Trumpet, Tuba, Viola, Violin, Voice
- Music Studies, B.A.: optional emphases in Ethnomusicology, Interdisciplinary Studies of Music, Western Art Music
- Pharmacology, B.S.
- Philosophy, B.A.: concentrations in Core Philosophy, Ethics and Public Policy
- 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.
- 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.: concentrations in Design, Directing, Playwriting, Theater and Community, Theater and Performance Studies
- Theater, B.F.A. (audition required): emphasis in Acting
- Zoology, B.S.

- Also available as a minor.
- New students are admitted to "pre-major" status and must satisfy course and GPA requirements in order to advance to the major. See UCSB General Catalog for details.
- ◆ Visit department website for available concentrations.
- Five-year combined bachelor's/master's program available for freshmen (3 years for transfers). Visit department website for information.

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.

College of Engineering

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

Additional Minors

- American Indian and Indigenous Studies
- Applied Psychology
- Architecture and Urban History
- 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 (*Tracks: Professional Editing, Writing & Civic Engagement, Multimedia Communication, Business Communication, Science Communication, Journalism*)
- 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

Major Overviews
Check out our Majors highlight on Instagram @ucsbadmissions for a short overview of each major.

90+

companies started with UCSB technology



2015

Year UCSB was designated as both a Hispanic-Serving Institution (HSI) and an Asian American Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institution (AANAPISI) by the U.S. Department of Education



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miles of bike paths, making UCSB a bike-friendly campus

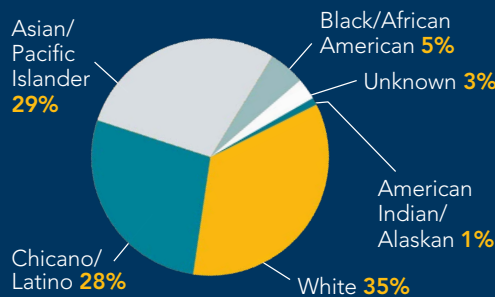
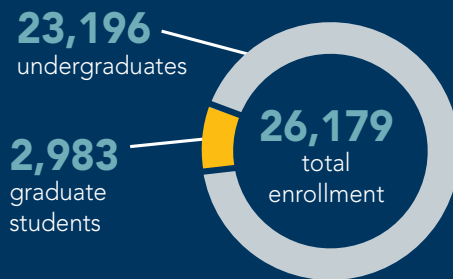


About UC Santa Barbara

Dates & Deadlines

- August 1** UC application opens online
- September 1-30** Transfers: Submit Transfer Admission Guarantee (TAG) application
- November 1-30** Submit UC application at apply.universityofcalifornia.edu
- March 2** Submit FAFSA or CA Dream Act application
- Mid-March - May 1** View admission notification online
- May 1** Freshmen: Submit Statement of Intent to Register (SIR)
- June 1** Transfers: Submit Statement of Intent to Register (SIR)
- Late September** Instruction begins

Facts & Figures



Estimated 2021-22 Student Budget

Tuition subject to revision by the Regents of the University of California.

	CA Resident	Non-CA Resident*
Tuition & Campus-Based Fees	\$14,442	\$14,442
Supplemental Tuition	—	\$29,754
Room & Board	\$15,039	\$15,039
Books & Supplies / Health & Transportation / Personal Expenses & Phone / Loan Fees	\$7,056	\$7,056
Total	\$38,025	\$67,779

Freshman Class 2021

105,642 applicants

30,855 admits

5,000 estimated enrolled

4.37 average weighted GPA, admitted freshmen

Transfer Class 2021

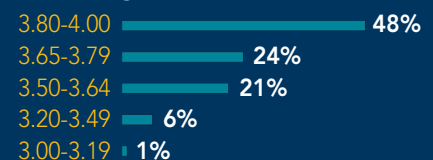
20,552 applicants

10,095 admits

2,235 estimated enrolled

3.71 average GPA, admitted transfers

GPA range, admitted transfers:



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