The UC Santa Barbara community encompasses a rich and diverse mix of cultures, talents, and perspectives. This diversity is essential to our academic excellence. The Communities Guide provides introductory information on academic programs and student organizations that uplift our students of many backgrounds. Visit the Communities website for more detailed information. We hope this guide sheds light on life as UC Santa Barabara student.

Asian Student Resources

Asian Resource Center (ARC)
The ARC promotes education and awareness of the diverse ethnicities within the Asian community. The center also provides a supportive environment to develop an appreciation for one’s identity.

East Asia Center (EAC)
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.

Academic Programs
Asian American Studies, B.A. | asamst.ucsb.edu
East Asian Languages & Cultural Studies | eastasian.ucsb.edu

Dream Scholars/Undocumented Student Services (USS)
UCSB is committed to fostering a safe and supportive environment for undocumented students. The university maintains the confidentiality of students and develops campus processes to address student concerns, provide mentorship, and legal aid sa.ucsb.edu/dreamscholars

Educational Opportunity Program (EOP)
EOP services all students while focusing on low-income and first-generation undergraduates. EOP provides mentorship, social and cultural programming, one-on-one counseling and advising, campus support referrals and academic programs to prepare students for their career post-graduation. sa.ucsb.edu/EOP

MultiCultural Center (MCC)
The UCSB MultiCultural Center presents lectures, films, discussions, readings, art exhibitions, and performances to increase cultural awareness. mcc.sa.ucsb.edu

UCSB Library
The UCSB Library has a social justice zine collection curated with an activism lense. Topics include neurodivergence, anti-racist activism, gender, sexuality, disability activism, feminist art, Black archives, and social movement history. guides.library.ucsb.edu/zines

ONDAS Student Center
ONDAS promotes the success and retention of first-generation students with an emphasis on the first-year transition and underrepresented experiences. We provide mentoring and academic support. ondas.ucsb.edu

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

Grades celebrate with their families at the Kapatirang Pilipino senior sendoff.

Scan the QR code to visit the official UCSB Communities website!
American Indian and Indigenous Student Resources

The AIICRC strives to assist in the holistic development of American Indian & Indigenous (AI&I) students by hosting and supporting programming that focuses on academic excellence, cultural awareness, leadership development, social involvement, and proactive civic engagement. In turn, the AIICRC aids in the overall retention and graduation rates of our AI&I students at UCSB. The AIICRC is a space for students, staff, faculty and community members to develop an understanding of and appreciation for their Indigenous identities.

Visit the AI&I Communities site!

Academic Programs

American Indian and Indigenous Studies Minor | religion.ucsb.edu
Native American Religions M.A./Ph.D. | religion.ucsb.edu

Visit the AI&I Communities site!

AI&I Student Orgs

UCSB has over 700 campus organizations. For a complete list, visit osl.sa.ucsb.edu.

- American Indian & Indigenous Gardens Alliance
- American Indian and Indigenous Arts Collaborative
- American Indian & Indigenous Student Association
- Collective of Pueblos Originarios in DiaBpora
- Mauna Kea Protectors
- Society for Advancement of Chicanos and Native Americans in Science

Visit the AI&I Communities site!

Black Student Orgs

UCSB has over 700 campus organizations. For a complete list, visit osl.sa.ucsb.edu.

- Alpha Phi Alpha
- UCSB Umoja Community
- Black Student Union
- Black Women's Health Collaborative
- East African Student Association
- National Society of Black Engineers
- Nigeria Student Organization

Visit the Black Communities site!

Academic Programs

Department of Black Studies | blackstudies.ucsb.edu
Center for Black Studies Research | research.ucsb.edu/cbs

1968, twelve Black UCSB students took over North Hall's second floor to demand the creation of a program that reflects the rich history of the African diaspora. The Department of Black Studies opened a year later in 1969. Today, the North Hall murals commemorate the historic takeover.

Each year, the campus hosts the Black Graduation ceremony and celebration. About 86% of recent graduates have either full-time or part-time positions after graduation.

The Native Scholars House is a Living-Learning Community in Manzanita Village. This space is designed to provide support, resources, and community to uplift and empower Native and Indigenous students navigating university life. Learn more: housing.ucsb.edu/living-learning-communities

Students get together to honor Indigenous Peoples’ Day.

The UCSB campus is located on the traditional and unceded land of the Chumash peoples. It is important that staff, students, and faculty understand the significance in recognizing the traditional custodians of the land and to respect the history and culture of the Chumash and all Indigenous people.

The Black Scholars Community is an inclusive Living-Learning Community in various residence halls dedicated to Black students. Residents have the opportunity to participate in bonding events organized by current Resident Assistants and connect with Black faculty and staff. Learn more: housing.ucsb.edu/living-learning-communities

African diasporic Cultural Resource Center (AdCRC)

The AdCRC educates, promotes, and encourages the interaction and dialogue among the diverse ethnic groups within the African diasporic communities of UCSB and promotes cross cultural learning and interaction amongst all ethnic and cultural groups. eop.sa.ucsb.edu/cultural-centers

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Chicanx/Latinx Cultural Resource Center (CLCRC) & El Centro

The CLCRC provides a culturally enriched environment where students, faculty, and staff of all cultural and ethnic backgrounds can learn about a diverse culture. Our objective is to educate and unify the UCSB and Chicanx/Latinx community through the mediums of art, language, people, food, and traditions. At the CLCRC and El Centro Arnulfo Casillas, the UCSB community can develop an understanding and appreciation of Chicanx/Latinx cultural heritage and history. eop.sa.ucsb.edu/cultural-centers

Academic Programs
Department of Chicana/o Studies | chicst.ucsb.edu
Chicano Studies Institute | csi.ucsb.edu
Linguistics - Spanish Emphasis, B.A. | linguistics.ucsb.edu

Hablamos Espanol: The Office of Admissions has several Spanish-speaking staff ready to answer admissions questions from students or parents in Spanish. Call us at (805) 893-2881.

In 2015, UCSB achieved status as a Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI).

More than a quarter of undergraduates identify as Chicanx/Latinx.

UCSB hosts a variety of celebrations and events throughout the year to celebrate Chicanx/Latinx culture on campus including Bienvenida, the Resource Center Fall Welcome, Dia de los Muertos, Celebracion de la Familia, Chicano/Latinx Graduation, and more.

CL Student Orgs
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Comunidad Latinx Graduacion
El Congreso de UCSB
Hermanas Unidas / Hermanos Unidos
Latinx Business Association
Los Curanderos
Los Ingenieros
La Escuelita
La Familia de Colores
M U J E R
Raices de Mi Tierra

Visit the Chicanx/Latinx Communities site!

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Middle Eastern, North African, South Asian Resource Center (MENASARC)

The MENASARC promotes the cultural awareness and academic success of students of Middle Eastern, North African, and South Asian heritage. The center also serves as an organizing hub for our MENASA student communities and serves as a dedicated space to organize events and programming for the campus-at-large. eop.sa.ucsb.edu/cultural-centers

Academic Programs
Middle East Studies, B.A. | religion.ucsb.edu
Iranian Studies, Minor | religion.ucsb.edu
Jewish Studies, Minor | religion.ucsb.edu
Center for Middle East Studies | cmes.ucsb.edu

The CMES faculty and students have produced award winning scholarship across the disciplines of History, Religious Studies, Anthropology, Film and Media Studies, Global Studies, History of Art and Architecture, Music, Political Science, Communication, and Sociology.

The UCSB Middle East Ensemble is a performance ensemble at UCSB’s Department of Music. The Ensemble has performed widely throughout California and in Tucson, Arizona, Washington D.C., and Albion and Dearborn, Michigan. mee.music.ucsb.edu/

MENASARC Student Orgs
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› Arab Student Group
› Armenian Student Association
› Chabad at UCSB
› Indian Association of Santa Barbara
› Indus (South Asia Student Association)
› Lebanese Social Club
› Muslim Student Association
› Persian Student Group
› Ravaani at UCSB (Acapella Team)
› Southeast Asian Union
› Santa Barbara Hillel

Visit the MENASARC EOP site!

The Center for Middle East Studies offers funding for travel to students from various disciplines in Middle Eastern studies. history.ucsb.edu

The Chicanx/Latinx Scholars is a Living-Learning community in San Joaquin Residence Hall and San Miguel Residence Hall for those identifying or interested in exploring Chicanx/Latinx identities and cultures. Learn more: housing.ucsb.edu/living-learning-communities

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Guardian Scholars Foster Youth

About Guardian Scholars
The Guardian Scholars Program at UCSB currently supports approximately 180 students. The program helps to ensure that incoming students have a smooth transition into the UCSB community and are provided with a network of services to enhance their educational experience. The program provides academic advising, leadership opportunities, campus resource referral, mentoring, student advocacy, career guidance, social support and much more! sa.ucsb.edu/guardianscholars

A foundation of the UCSB Guardian Scholars Program is the belief that services or programs for foster youth should be defined by the youth themselves.

Program Partners
Basic Needs Resources
Basic Needs Advocates help students secure food, housing, financial support, technology resources, and other basic needs.

Associated Students Food Bank
The Food Bank provides a pantry when personal supplies and necessities are scarce.

University Housing
Guardian Scholars are given priority in housing placements and have the support of a dedicated liaison who assists with special requests and unique needs.

Since the inception of the Guardian Scholars Program in 2009, there have been many supporters and champions throughout the Santa Barbara community who assist students in different ways and areas. The Guardian Scholars Program would like to acknowledge the following foundations and groups:
The Makarechian Foundation • The Hilton Foundation • The Center for Living Peace • The Towbes Group • Ouest Family Foundation • The John Burton Foundation • UCSB Transportation Alternatives Program • Rotary Club • Echoes of Hope Foundation

More than 60 donors have supported the Guardian Scholars program.

Over 1000 scholarships have been awarded through the Guardian Scholars program.

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LGBTQIA+ Student Resources

Resource Center for Sexual & Gender Diversity (RCSGD)
The RCSGD serves as UCSB’s LGBTQIA+ center. The center is located on the 3rd floor of the Student Resource Building. In collaboration with students, staff, and faculty, the center works to ensure that LGBTQIA+ identities, experiences, and concerns are represented and addressed at UCSB. rcsgd.sa.ucsb.edu

The RCSGD provides:
 › Community building events
 › Queer Trans Identities and Experience Seminars (QTES)
 › Resource creation and referral
 › Advocacy and one on one support

Academic Programs
LGBTQ Studies Minor at UCSB | femst.ucsb.edu/undergrad/degree#lgbtq

RCSGD Events
 › Recurring closed identity discussion spaces
 › Coming Out Monologue
 › Trans Week of Visibility
 › Lavender Graduation

The Rainbow House in Manzanita Village and the Lavendar Living in Santa Ynez Residence Hall is a community that connects LGBTQIA+ students to organizations and resources, provides mentorship, and deepen their network through social and educational events. Learn more housing.ucsb.edu/living-learning-communities

LGBTQIA+ Student Orgs
For a complete list of UCSB’s LGBTQIA+ Student Organizations, visit rcsgd.sa.ucsb.edu/get-involved/student-organizations.

› Queer and Trans Community
› oSTEM (Out in Science, Technology, Engineering, & Math)
› Black Queer
› UndocuQueer & UndocuTrans Support Group

Visit the RCSGD site!
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Military Community Resources

Veterans and Military Services (VMS)
VMS promotes a positive educational experience for military-related students, supports their transition through academia, and facilitates access to resources to enable degree completion. veterans.sa.ucsb.edu

Student Veterans of America (SVA) Chapter
The SVA connects student veterans to a community of chapter leaders on a national scale. The SVA is committed to providing an educational experience going beyond the classroom by empowering students through academic, professional, and personal development. facebook.com/studentvets

Veterans Resource Center (VRC)
Students have 24/7 access to the VRC to study, relax, connect with services, and meet military-related peers. veterans.sa.ucsb.edu/VMRC

Additional Resources
Students may be eligible for a wide range of benefits and services including technology support, food resources, and more.

85% of undergraduate military-related students are transfer students.

The average age of military-related students at UCSB is 31.

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