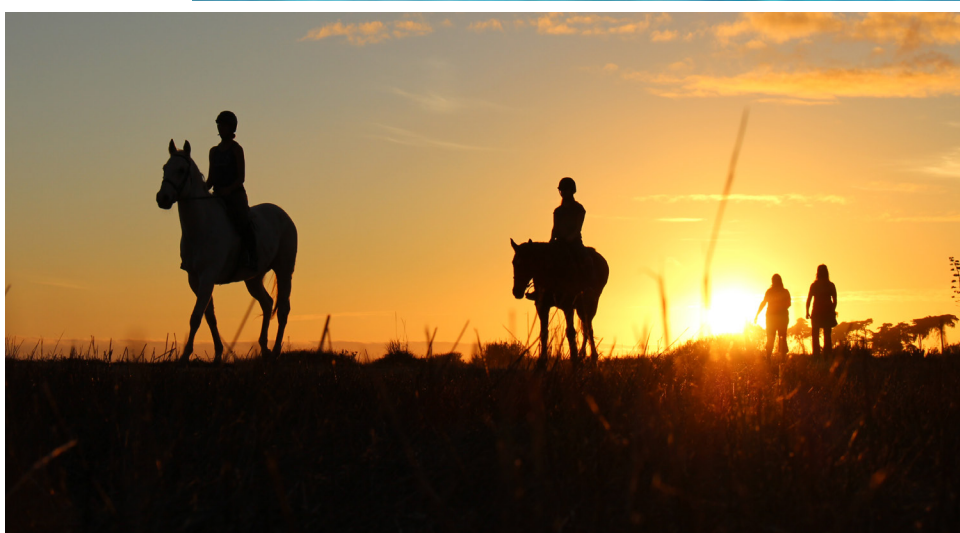


# UC SANTA BARBARA



**Admission  
Guide**  
Fall 2023





# Where the Mountains Meet the Sea

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.

**#5**

public university in the U.S. (U.S. News and World Report, 2022)

**#10**

greenest college, showing UCSB's commitment to sustainability and the environment (Princeton Review, 2022)

**2015**

The year UCSB was recognized as a Hispanic-Serving Institution and an Asian American Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institution by the U.S. Department of Education





## Community

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

## 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. Want to get out of town? Santa Barbara has easy and accessible transportation options!

*\*Estimated times without traffic.*





# Where **Brilliance** Blooms In Every **Classroom**

In addition to outstanding majors in UCSB's three undergraduate colleges—Letters and Science, Engineering, and Creative Studies—students have access to educational, professional, and personal resources.

## Academics

With top-ranked programs, each major at UCSB provides an excellent learning experience beyond the classroom. A majority of UCSB students take advantage of academic opportunities and pre-professional programs, such as Health Professions Advising, Pre-Law Program, Pre-Professional Education Program, the Technology Management Program, undergraduate research, and more. Opportunities for our students don't end on campus. 67% of UCSB students engage in professional internships within the Santa Barbara community to prepare themselves for the next step.

## Support

Staff and faculty at UCSB want students to succeed. A variety of support programs are available, including academic advising, tutoring, resource centers, and counseling. Support programs include, but are not limited to, the Campus Learning Assistance Services, Disabled Students Program, Counseling & Psychological Services, the Health and Wellness Department, and Career Services.

**18:1**

number of students  
for every professor

**90+**

companies  
started with UCSB  
technology

**10**

national institutes  
and centers  
where students  
can participate in  
research

# Where the Sun Shines



Life as a UCSB student is lively. Students get involved in clubs, find their community, and engage in new experiences. With nearly 300 days of sunshine every year, students take advantage of actively immersing themselves with unmatched cultural, social, and physical opportunities on campus.



**9,000** students volunteering in the local community each year

**10,375** students in university housing

**12,000** students participating in intramural sports each year

**15,000** bikes registered



# Where Leaders are Made

## Freshman Admission Eligibility Requirements

► [admissions.ucsb.edu/freshman](https://admissions.ucsb.edu/freshman)

### 1 A-G Courses

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 at [ucop.edu/agguide](https://ucop.edu/agguide).

**A. History/social science:** 2 years

► 1 year U.S. history and 1 year European or world history

**B. English:** 4 years

**C. Mathematics:** 3 years (4 recommended)

► At minimum: elementary algebra, geometry, advanced algebra

**D. Science:** 2 years (3 recommended)

► Must include two of three areas: biology, chemistry, or physics

**E. Language other than English:** 2 years (3 recommended)

**F. Visual/performing arts:** 1 year from a single discipline: dance, drama/theater, music, or visual art

**G. College preparatory elective:** 1 year beyond the minimum A-F courses required

### 2 Grade Point Average (GPA)

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 before and after these years—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.

## UCSB Freshman Selection

Selective applicants exceed the UC eligibility requirements above.

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. UCSB considers 13 holistic review factors to review your achievements and personal qualities in the context of the opportunities and/or challenges you have experienced. [admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/counselors/freshman/comprehensive-review/](https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/counselors/freshman/comprehensive-review/)

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### Pandemic Grading

A-G courses completed between Winter 2020 and Summer 2021 with Pass (P) or Credit (CR) grades will satisfy appropriate A-G requirements. This applies to all students.

### Examinations

UC is test-free. UCSB will not consider SAT or ACT test scores when making admissions decisions or awarding scholarships.



Get help navigating through the application process:  
[youtube.com/ucsb4me](https://youtube.com/ucsb4me)



# And Futures are Paved

## Transfer Eligibility & Selection Requirements

All students, regardless of the institution they are transferring from, are held to the same requirements listed below, which must be completed by the end of the spring term prior to transfer. Priority consideration is given to California community college students. Admission is open to junior-level transfers for the fall term only.

► [admissions.ucsb.edu/transfer](https://admissions.ucsb.edu/transfer)

### 1 Seven-Course Pattern

Complete the **seven-course pattern** requirement, earning a grade of C or better in each course:

- A.** Two courses in English composition (UC-E)
- B.** One course in mathematics beyond intermediate algebra, such as college algebra, precalculus or statistics (UC-M)
- C.** Four courses from at least two of the following areas:
  - Arts and humanities (UC-H)
  - Behavioral and social sciences (UC-B)
  - Biological and physical sciences (UC-S)

### 2 Transferable Credit

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 and at least 2.8 for nonresidents (up to 14 semester/21 quarter units of Pass/Credit grades can be used to reach the minimum unit requirement). A selective GPA for most majors is a 3.4 and above.

### 3 Major Preparation

Complete required major preparation courses. See **assist.org** or our Major Preparation Guide for details. [admissions.ucsb.edu/transfermajorprep2023](https://admissions.ucsb.edu/transfermajorprep2023)

### Transfer Admission Guarantee (TAG)

The TAG program offers guaranteed admission to California community college students who meet specific requirements. TAG is available for every major in the College of Letters and Science (except performing arts majors that require an audition). TAG is not available for majors in the College of Engineering or the College of Creative Studies.

Full details can be found on our TAG webpage. [admissions.ucsb.edu/tag](https://admissions.ucsb.edu/tag)

## Additional Resources

**ASSIST** offers online UC transferable course lists and major preparation agreements which explain in detail what will transfer from every California community college (CCC) to the University of California (UC) campuses. [assist.org](https://assist.org)

**UC Transfer Admission Planner** is an online tool that helps students track and plan transfer coursework. [uctap.universityofcalifornia.edu](https://uctap.universityofcalifornia.edu)

**Guide to Course Transferability** explains what types of courses have the best chance of transferring to UCSB, as we are unable to pre-evaluate courses. [admissions.ucsb.edu/transfer-eligibility-selection](https://admissions.ucsb.edu/transfer-eligibility-selection)



Refer to our Transfer Student Resource YouTube playlist!

## UCSB Transfer Selection

Admitted transfer students typically meet and exceed the UC minimum requirements for admission. All applicants are encouraged to complete preparation in their intended major, complete English and math requirements early, and to focus on their academic preparation. [admissions.ucsb.edu/transfer-eligibility-selection](https://admissions.ucsb.edu/transfer-eligibility-selection).

# Discover Your Passion

## 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.: Multilingual Emphasis
- 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.
- 5-year combined bachelor's/master's program available for freshmen (3 years for transfers). Students apply for 5-year programs after enrolling at UCSB. Admission to the 5-year program is not guaranteed. Consult with the academic department or visit department website for information.

## 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.

## Additional Minors

American Indian and Indigenous Studies  
Applied Psychology  
Architecture and Urban History  
Astronomy and Planetary Science  
Educational Studies  
Game 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

## College of Creative Studies

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

### Major Overviews

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

## Pre-Professional Programs

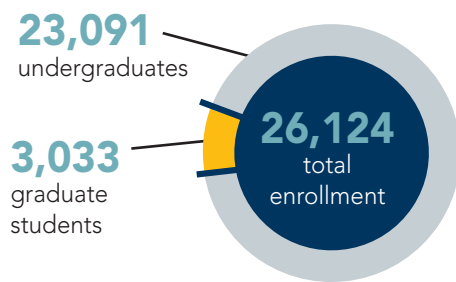
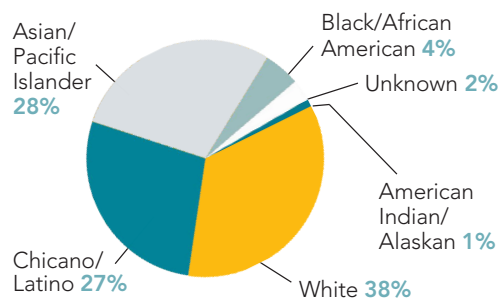
- ▶ **Health Professions Advising:** Academic and career advising, application help, and internship connections are available to students interested in medicine, dentistry, nursing, veterinary, and other health fields. [healthsciences.duels.ucsb.edu](https://healthsciences.duels.ucsb.edu)
- ▶ **Pre-Law Program:** Advisors assist students in applying to law school and connecting with internships locally and nationally. [duels.ucsb.edu/professional/law](https://duels.ucsb.edu/professional/law)
- ▶ **Pre-Professional Education Program:** UCSB's teacher education program offers close collaborations with local schools to provide hands-on learning experiences. [education.ucsb.edu/tep](https://education.ucsb.edu/tep)
- ▶ **Technology Management Program (TMP):** This certificate program provides an in-depth understanding of cutting-edge entrepreneurial and business practices in global technology-based companies. [tmp.ucsb.edu](https://tmp.ucsb.edu)
- ▶ **Professional and Continuing Education (PaCE):** PaCE provides professional courses and a variety of certificates to equip students for a competitive job market after graduation. [extension.ucsb.edu](https://extension.ucsb.edu)
- ▶ **Faculty Research Assistance Program (FRAP) and Undergraduate Research and Creative Activities (URCA)** help fund research and creative activities under faculty guidance. [urca.ucsb.edu](https://urca.ucsb.edu)

## Supporting Your Success

- ▶ **Campus Learning Assistance Services (CLAS)** offers tutorials, workshops, writing labs, and more. [clas.sa.ucsb.edu](https://clas.sa.ucsb.edu)
- ▶ **Disabled Students Program (DSP)** provides reading, note-taking, and test-taking accommodations. [dsp.sa.ucsb.edu](https://dsp.sa.ucsb.edu)
- ▶ **Counseling & Psychological Services (CAPS)** commits to providing effective mental health services. [caps.sa.ucsb.edu](https://caps.sa.ucsb.edu)
- ▶ **Educational Opportunity Program (EOP)** provides mentorship, social and cultural programming, advising, and campus support referrals focusing on income-eligible and first-generation undergraduates. [eop.sa.ucsb.edu](https://eop.sa.ucsb.edu)
- ▶ **Health and Wellness Department** educates students on stress reduction, meditation, sleep health, alternatives to alcohol and drug use, nutrition and meal preparation, and more. [wellness.ucsb.edu](https://wellness.ucsb.edu)
- ▶ **Career Services** sharpens interview skills and general guidance on career preparation. [career.ucsb.edu](https://career.ucsb.edu)



# Facts & Figures



## Freshman Class 2022

**111,006** applicants      **5,100** estimated enrollment  
**26%** admission rate      **4.41** average weighted UC GPA, admitted freshmen

## Transfer Class 2022

**17,629** applicants      **2,200** estimated enrolled  
**58%** admission rate      **3.7** average GPA, admitted transfers

## Estimated 2022-23 Student Budget

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

	CA Resident	Non-CA Resident
Tuition & Campus-Based Fees	\$15,015	\$15,015
Supplemental Tuition	—	\$31,026
Room & Board	\$16,515	\$16,515
Books & Supplies / Health & Transportation / Personal Expenses & Phone / Loan Fees	\$6,831	\$6,831
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$38,361</b>	<b>\$69,387</b>

# Dates & Deadlines

**August 1** ..... UC application opens online  
**September 1-30** ..... Transfers: Submit Transfer Admission Guarantee (TAG) application  
**October 1-November 30** ..... Submit UC application at [apply.universityofcalifornia.edu](https://apply.universityofcalifornia.edu)  
**October 1-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)  
**July 1** ..... Submit official transcripts  
**September 28** ..... Fall 2023 instruction begins

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