

An aerial photograph of the University of California, Santa Barbara campus. The image shows a mix of modern and traditional university buildings, green lawns, and sports fields. In the background, the Santa Barbara coastline is visible, with the ocean stretching to the horizon under a clear blue sky. A large mountain is visible in the distance across the water.

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# UC SANTA BARBARA

## 2022 - 2023 Admission Guide

### International Applicants

University of California, Santa Barbara





**UC Santa Barbara** is part of the 10-campus University of California system, one of the largest and most respected public universities in the world.

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coastal campus  
by scanning the code:**

[admissions.ucsb.edu/campus-visits](https://admissions.ucsb.edu/campus-visits)



### **Santa Barbara**

Santa Barbara is a tourist destination with excellent outdoor recreation, shopping, restaurants, movies and music.

### **Location**

Santa Barbara is located 160 kilometers (100 miles) northwest of Los Angeles and less than two hours from the LAX airport.

### **Weather**

Located on the shore of the Pacific Ocean, UCSB enjoys beautiful year-round weather with warm summers and mild winters.

### **Transportation**

Biking is the main form of transportation on campus with 11 kilometers (7 miles) of bike paths. Students also have easy access to frequent bus transportation.

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

**10**

national institutes  
and centers,  
including the  
Kavli Institute for  
Theoretical Physics

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greenest  
university in the  
United States  
(*Princeton  
Review*, 2022)

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faculty Nobel Prizes in chemistry,  
economics, and physics

**2,450**

courses offered  
each quarter in  
UCSB's three  
undergraduate  
colleges

**18:1**

student-to-  
faculty ratio

**230,000+**

alumni network worldwide



## Three Undergraduate Colleges

UCSB offers 90 majors and 41 minors in three colleges: the College of Letters and Science, the College of Engineering and the College of Creative Studies. [admissions.ucsb.edu/why-ucsb/majors](https://admissions.ucsb.edu/why-ucsb/majors)

## Pre-Professional Programs

- › Technology Management Program ([tmp.ucsb.edu](https://tmp.ucsb.edu))
- › Pre-Law Program ([duels.ucsb.edu/professional/law](https://duels.ucsb.edu/professional/law))
- › Pre-Health Program ([duels.ucsb.edu/professional/health](https://duels.ucsb.edu/professional/health))
- › Teacher Education Program ([education.ucsb.edu](https://education.ucsb.edu))

## College of Letters & Science

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| ■ Actuarial Science, B.S.                    | ■ Hydrologic Sciences and Policy, B.S.     |
| ■ Anthropology, B.A.                         | ■ Italian Studies, B.A.                    |
| ■ Applied Mathematics, B.S.                  | ■ Japanese, B.A.                           |
| ■ Aquatic Biology, B.S.                      | ■ Language, Culture and Society, B.A.      |
| ■ Art, B.A.                                  | ■ Latin American and Iberian Studies, B.A. |
| ■ Asian American Studies, B.A.               | ■ Linguistics, B.A.                        |
| ■ Asian Studies, B.A.                        | ■ Mathematics, B.A., B.S.                  |
| ■ Biochemistry, B.S.                         | ■ Medieval Studies, B.A.                   |
| ■ Biochemistry - Molecular Biology, B.S.     | ■ Microbiology, B.S.                       |
| ■ Biological Sciences, B.A., B.S.            | ■ Middle East Studies, B.A.                |
| ■ Biopsychology, B.S.                        | ■ Music, B.M. (audition required)          |
| ■ Black Studies, B.A.                        | ■ Music Studies, B.A.                      |
| ■ Cell and Developmental Biology, B.S.       | ■ Pharmacology, B.S.                       |
| ■ Chemistry, B.A., B.S.                      | ■ Philosophy, B.A.                         |
| ■ Chicana and Chicano Studies, B.A.          | ■ Physics, B.A., B.S.                      |
| ■ Chinese, B.A. (Mandarin)                   | ■ Physiology, B.S.                         |
| ■ Classics, B.A.                             | ■ Political Science, B.A.                  |
| ■ Communication, B.A.                        | ■ Portuguese, B.A.                         |
| ■ Comparative Literature, B.A.               | ■ Psychological and Brain Sciences, B.S.   |
| ■ Dance, B.A., B.F.A. (audition required)    | ■ Religious Studies, B.A.                  |
| ■ Earth Science, B.A.                        | ■ Russian and East European Studies, B.A.  |
| ■ Earth Science, B.S.                        | ■ Sociology, B.A.                          |
| ■ Ecology and Evolution, B.S.                | ■ Spanish, B.A.                            |
| ■ Economics, B.A.                            | ■ Statistics and Data Science, B.A.        |
| ■ Economics and Accounting, B.A.             | ■ Statistics and Data Science, B.S.        |
| ■ English, B.A.                              | ■ Theater, B.A.                            |
| ■ Environmental Studies, B.A., B.S.          | ■ Theater, B.F.A. (audition required)      |
| ■ Feminist Studies, B.A.                     | ■ Zoology, B.S.                            |
| ■ Film and Media Studies, B.A.               |  |
| ■ Financial Mathematics and Statistics, B.S. |  |
| ■ French, B.A.                               |  |
| ■ Geography, B.A.                            |  |
| ■ Geography, Physical, B.S.                  |  |
| ■ German, B.A.                               |  |
| ■ Global Studies, B.A.                       |  |
| ■ History, B.A.                              |  |
| ■ History of Art and Architecture, B.A.      |  |
| ■ History of Public Policy and Law, B.A.     |  |

■ *Indicates majors also available as a minor.*



## 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.

## 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.

## UCSB Minors

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



## Housing, Dining, & Student Life

UCSB offers residence halls and apartments including high- and low-rise buildings with ocean, lagoon, and mountain views.

**35,000+**

students live on or within 1.6 kilometers (1 mile) of campus, adding to the vibrant university community

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Living Learning Communities including Women in STEM, Outdoor Adventure, Multicultural Experience, and more

**28**

sports club teams

**500+**

student organizations including cultural and educational clubs like the Chinese Student Association, Hermanas Unidas/Hermanas Unidos, Southeast Asian Union, and more

Learn more: [housing.ucsb.edu](https://housing.ucsb.edu)





## Freshman Admission Requirements

Admission to UCSB is competitive. The Office of Admissions is familiar with educational systems around the world and provides each applicant with a comprehensive review after applying.

[admissions.ucsb.edu/applying/international/freshman-selection](https://admissions.ucsb.edu/applying/international/freshman-selection)

**Apply online:** [apply.universityofcalifornia.edu](https://apply.universityofcalifornia.edu)

### Required Test

For students whose language of instruction is not English, submit scores from the TOEFL (minimum score of 80) **OR** IELTS (minimum score of 6.5) **OR** the Duolingo English Test (minimum score of 115).

### A Note on ACT & SAT Exams

UCSB will not use SAT/ACT scores in our admission selection. All applicants to UC have the option to submit scores on the application. If you elect to do so, these scores will not be visible to Admission Counselors reviewing your application to UCSB.

### International Baccalaureate

International Baccalaureate (IB) diploma students must take a minimum of five IB exams, with two exams taken at the higher level. The overall average must be 5 with no exam score below 4.

### British Systems

You must complete at least five GCSE/IGCSE (O-Level) exams with a 3.4 GPA or higher and at least three GCE (A-Level) exams with a 3.0 (unweighted) GPA or higher and no grade below C to be considered for admission. If you receive A, B or C grades on your GCE (A-Level) exams, UCSB may grant you transfer credit toward your bachelor's degree. The exact amount of credit will be determined after you are formally admitted and provide your official Statement of Results.





## Curriculum Requirements by Country

In general, an applicant to UC Santa Barbara will have graduated from a secondary school and earned a certificate of completion that enables attendance at a university in that country.

[admissions.ucsb.edu/applying/international/freshman-eligibility](https://admissions.ucsb.edu/applying/international/freshman-eligibility)

**Brazil** Completion of Certificado de Ensino Médio (Certificate of Completion of Middle Education) with a minimum average of at least 7 on the 1-10 scale or an average of at least 4 on the 1-5 scale

### Canada

**British Columbia:** Completion of Secondary School Graduation Diploma with a minimum average of at least 80

**Nova Scotia:** Completion of Nova Scotia High School Graduation Diploma with a minimum average of at least 68

**Ontario:** Completion of OSSD - Ontario Secondary School Diploma with a minimum average of at least 75

**Quebec:** Completion of Diplôme d'études secondaires (General) and two years CEGEP (Colleges d'enseignement general et professionnel)

**China** Completion of Graduation Certificate from upper middle school and Senior High School Graduate Certificate

**Colombia** Completion of Bachiller Académico (Academic Diploma) with a minimum average of at least 8.5

**Costa Rica** Completion of Diploma de conclusión de estudios de educación diversificada (Certificate of conclusion of diversified education studies) **or** completion of Bachillerato (Baccalaureate) with a minimum average of at least 80

**India** Completion of All India Senior School Certificate **or** Higher Secondary School Certificate with a minimum average of at least 70 **or** completion of 10th and 12th year board/state examinations

**Israel** Completion of Teudat Bagrut (Matriculation Certificate) with a minimum average of at least 7

**Japan** Complete Kotogakko Sotsugyo Shomeisho (Upper Secondary School Graduation Diploma) with a minimum average of at least 4.4

**Jordan** Completion of Tawjihi **or** Completion of General Secondary Education Certificate (Literary or Secondary) with a minimum average of at least 75%

**Kuwait** Completion of Shahadat Al-Thanawiya-Al-A'ama General Secondary Education Certificate with a minimum average of at least 85%

**Mexico** Completion of Bachillerato with a minimum average of at least 8

**Peru** Completion of Certificado de Estudios de Educación Secundaria Común Completa (Certificate of Completion of General Secondary Education) with a minimum average of at least 14

**Philippines** Completion of 12-year Elementary-Secondary education and receive a High School Diploma after the 12th year with a minimum average equivalent of at least B+

**Qatar** Completion of Al-Thanawiya Aama Qatari (Qatari General Secondary Education Certificate) with a minimum average of at least 77

**Republic of South Korea** Completion of Senior High School Diploma with a minimum average of at least B+

**Saudi Arabia** Completion of Tawjihiyah General Certificate of Education with a minimum average of at least 75%

**Singapore** Completion of at least 5 General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE, GCSE, O-Levels) with at least a 3.40 GPA and at least 3 General Certificate of Education (GCE, A-Levels) with a minimum average of B and with no grade below C

**Taiwan** Completion of Senior High School Leaving Certificate with a minimum average of at least 80%

**Thailand** Completion of Mathayom 6 (Certificate of Upper Secondary Education) with a minimum average of at least 75%

**United Arab Emirates** Completion of Shahadat Al-Thanawiya-Al-Amma (General Secondary Education Certificate)

**Vietnam** Completion of Bằng Tốt Nghiệp Phổ Thông Trung Học (Secondary School Graduation Certificate) with a minimum average of at least 8

# Cost of Attendance 2022-2023

Tuition and Campus-based Fees	\$14,951
Non-Res Supplemental Tuition	\$31,026
Books and Supplies	\$1,343
Room and Board	\$16,514
Health and Transportation	\$3,618
Personal Expenses and Phone	\$1,810
Loan Fees*	\$61
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$69,323</b>

Calculate Cost:  
[www.finaid.ucsb.edu](http://www.finaid.ucsb.edu)

Costs in this table are subject to change.  
  
\* Average origination fees for student borrowers.

## Office of International Students and Scholars (OISS)

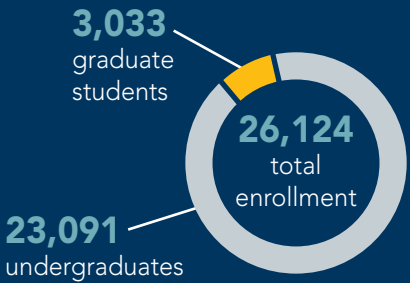
OISS helps international students secure a student visa, plan an academic program, and learn about studying in the U.S. through the Culture, Academics, Laws and Immigration (CALI) training. [oiss.ucsb.edu](http://oiss.ucsb.edu)

- › **I-20:** After deposit, the I-20 will be issued by OISS.
- › **Minimum Financial Requirement:** After deposit, financial documentation is required.
- › **Working:** Employment for F-1 visa students is limited.

## Dates & Deadlines

<b>August 1</b> .....	Begin UC application online
<b>October 1 - November 30</b> .....	Submit UC application
<b>December</b> .....	If applicable, complete the TOEFL/IELTS
<b>Mid-March - May 1</b> .....	View freshman admission notification online
<b>Mid-April - June 1</b> .....	View transfer admission notification online
<b>May 1</b> .....	Freshman Deposit/Submit Statement of Intent to Register (SIR)
<b>May</b> .....	Submit Housing contract
<b>June 1</b> .....	Transfer Deposit/Submit Statement of Intent to Register (SIR)
<b>July 1</b> .....	Submit official transcripts
<b>July 15</b> .....	Submit official test scores
<b>September</b> ....	Attend CALI (Cultural Awareness, Laws and Immigration) training
<b>Late September</b> .....	Instruction begins
<b>Ongoing</b> .....	Processing of I-20

# UC Santa Barbara Facts & Figures



**97**  
countries represented

**2,529**  
international undergraduates  
(11% of all UCSB undergraduates)

**Top Countries of Origin:**  
China, India, South Korea, Taiwan, Mexico, Japan, Canada, Hong Kong, Turkey, Brazil

## Freshman Class 2022

**105,647** applicants  
**30,823** admits  
**4,898** estimated enrolled

## Transfer Class 2022

**20,563** applicants  
**10,040** admits  
**2,099** estimated enrolled