

UC SANTA BARBARA

2023 - 2024 Admission Guide | International Applicants



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University of California, Santa Barbara

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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 oncampus 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

#6

Best Value
College - Public
Institution
(*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/majors

Pre-Professional Programs

- › Technology Management Program (tmp.ucsb.edu)
- › Pre-Law Program (duels.ucsb.edu/professional/law)
- › Pre-Health Program (healthsciences.duels.ucsb.edu)
- › Teacher Education Program (education.ucsb.edu)

College of Letters & Science

- Actuarial Science, B.S.
 - Anthropology, B.A.
 - 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.
 - Communication, B.A.
 - Comparative Literature, B.A.
 - Dance, B.A., B.F.A. (audition required)
 - Earth Science, B.A.
 - Earth Science, B.S.
 - 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.
 - 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.
 - Hydrologic Sciences and Policy, B.S.
 - Italian Studies, B.A.
 - Japanese, B.A.
 - Language, Culture and Society, B.A.
 - Latin American and Iberian Studies, B.A.
 - Linguistics, B.A.
 - Mathematics, B.A., B.S.
 - Medieval Studies, B.A.
 - Microbiology, B.S.
 - Middle East Studies, B.A.
 - Music, B.M. (audition required)
 - Music Studies, B.A.
 - Pharmacology, B.S.
 - Philosophy, B.A.
 - 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.
 - Theater, B.F.A. (audition required)
 - Zoology, B.S.
- *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.A.
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

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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



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

Apply online: 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 six IB exams, with three 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.

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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 Título 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 both year X and XII state board or CBSE examinations, with a minimum average of at least 70 and no mark below 60

Israel Completion of Teudat Bagrut (Matriculation Certificate) with a minimum average of at least an 8 on scale 1-10 or 80 on the 0-100 scale

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 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+ or an 85 on the 1-100 scale

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) with a minimum average of at least 85

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 2023-2024

Tuition and Fees	\$15,666
Supplemental Tuition and Fees	\$32,574
Books and Supplies	\$1,482
Room and Board	\$18,276
Health and Transportation	\$3,861
Personal Expenses and Phone	\$2,004
Total	\$73,863

Calculate Cost:
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)

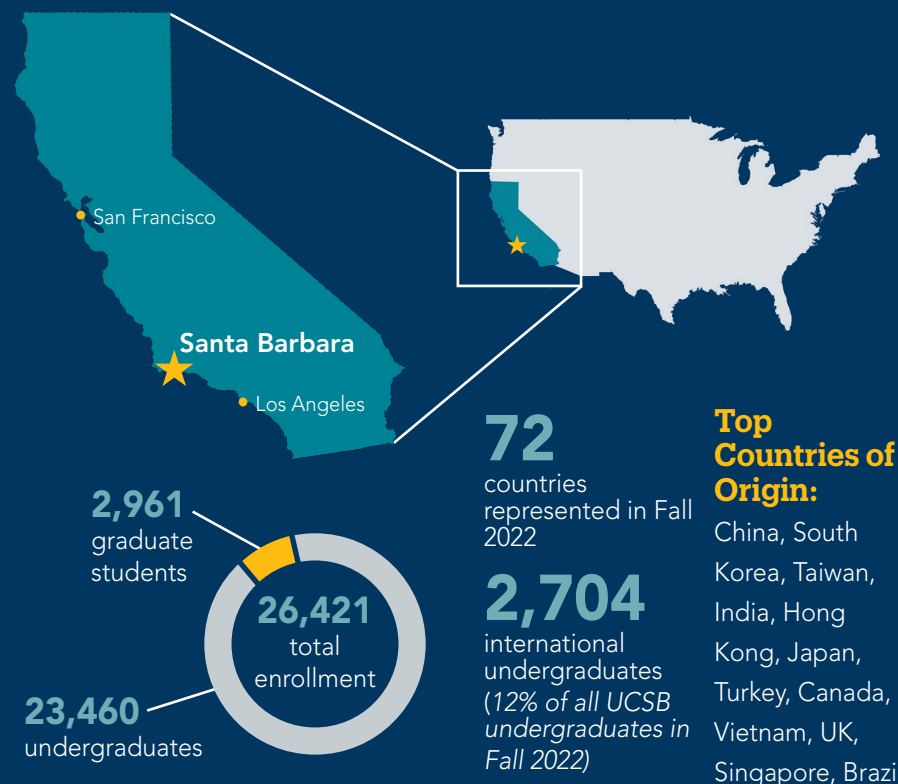
OISS helps international students secure a student visa, plan an academic program, and learn about studying in the U.S. through the Culture, Academics, Laws and Immigration (CALI) training. oiss.ucsb.edu

- › **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

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

UC Santa Barbara Facts & Figures



Freshman Class 2023

110,862 applicants
30,914 admits
5,000 estimated enrolled

Transfer Class 2023

17,069 applicants
10,299 admits
1,890 estimated enrolled

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