



UC SANTA BARBARA

Admission
Guide
Fall 2024

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.

#7

public university in the U.S. (U.S. News and World Report, 2023)

#10

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

#14

in Best Career Placement among public universities (Princeton Review, 2023)

18:1

number of students for every professor

90+

companies started with UCSB technology

10

national institutes and centers where students can conduct research

Find more Facts & Figures here: ucsb.edu/about/facts-and-figures





*Estimated times without traffic.

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.

University Housing offers an environment that is supportive of your educational needs. housing.ucsb.edu



Community

Many students choose UCSB for the friendly and collaborative environment. With nearly 300 days of sunshine every year, students take advantage of immersing themselves with unmatched cultural, social, professional, and physical opportunities. With 500+ campus clubs, extensive resource centers, and more, it is easy to engage in new experiences both on and off campus.

9,000 students volunteering	12,000 students in intramural sports each year
10,375 students in university housing	15,000 bikes registered



Where Leaders are Made

Freshman Eligibility & Selection Requirements

► 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.

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.

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

Freshman Resources

UCSB considers holistic factors to review your achievements and personal qualities in the context of the opportunities and/or challenges you have experienced.



Freshman Selection



PIQ Guide

The UC Personal Insight Questions (PIQs) can highlight your accomplishments. Explore the PIQ Guide and join us for seasonal virtual workshops.

Join UCSB Admissions in virtual presentations on student life, academics, admissions selection, and more. admissions.ucsb.edu/virtual-admissions-events



Virtual Events

Freshman Admission 3



And Futures are Paved

Transfer Eligibility & Selection Requirements

► 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/transfermajorprep2024

Transfer 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

UC Transfer Admission Planner is an online tool that helps students track and plan transfer coursework. 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 non-CCC courses. admissions.ucsb.edu/transfer-eligibility-selection

Transfer Admission Guarantees (TAG) at UCSB guarantees admission to CA community college students who meet specific requirements. Full details can be found on our webpage. admissions.ucsb.edu/tag

UCSB's Transfer Prep Program prepares entering and continuing community college students to transfer to the University of California. admissions.ucsb.edu/transfer-prep



Refer to our
Transfer Student Resource
YouTube playlist!



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 Ancient Greek Philosophy, 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
Media Arts and Design
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.A.
- 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.

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.

Pre-Professional Programs

- **Faculty Research Assistance Program** and **Undergraduate Research and Creative Activities** help fund research activities under faculty guidance. urca.ucsb.edu
- **Health Professions Advising** gives academic advising and career insight to students interested in the health fields. healthsciences.duels.ucsb.edu
- **Pre-Law Program** assists students in navigating through the law and policy path. duels.ucsb.edu/professional/law
- **Professional and Continuing Education** provides professional courses and certificates to equip students for a competitive job market after graduation. extension.ucsb.edu
- **Teacher Education Program** offers collaborations with local schools to provide hands-on learning experiences. education.ucsb.edu/tep
- **Technology Management Program** provides deep understanding of technology-focused entrepreneurial and business practices. tmp.ucsb.edu

Supporting Your Success

- **Campus Learning Assistance Services** offers academic support through tutorials, workshops, and more. clas.sa.ucsb.edu
- **Career Services** guides students through career preparation. career.ucsb.edu
- **Counseling & Psychological Services** commits to providing effective mental health services. caps.sa.ucsb.edu
- **Disabled Students Program** provides learning accommodations. dsp.sa.ucsb.edu
- **Educational Opportunity Program** provides mentorship, social and cultural programming, and more to income-eligible and first-generation undergraduates. eop.sa.ucsb.edu
- **First-Gen Community** supports first-generation college students engage with their education and find community at UCSB. firstgen.ucsb.edu
- **Health and Wellness** educates students on stress reduction, sleep health, meal preparation, and more. wellness.ucsb.edu
- **Transfer Student Center** serves as a resource to transfer students. transfercenter.ucsb.edu



Facts & Figures

2,961
graduate
students

23,460
undergraduates

26,421 total enrollment

Freshman Class 2023

23% admission rate

4.21 average weighted GPA*

5,000 estimated enrollment

110,862 applicants

*3.92 unweighted

Transfer Class 2023

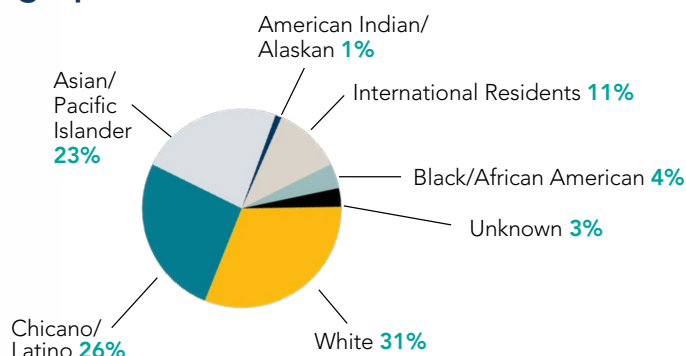
58% admission rate

3.71 average GPA

1,890 estimated enrollment

17,069 applicants

Demographics (U.S.):



Fun Fact: In 2015, UCSB was recognized as a Hispanic-Serving Institution (HSI) and an Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institution (AAPI) by the U.S. Dept. of Education.

Estimated 2023-2024 Student Budget

<i>Tuition subject to revision by the UC Regents</i>	CA Resident	Non-CA Resident
Tuition & Campus-Based Fees	\$15,666	\$15,666
Supplemental Tuition	—	\$32,574
Room & Board	\$18,276	\$18,276
Books & Supplies, Transportation, Personal Expenses, etc.	\$7,347	\$7,347
Total	\$41,289	\$73,863

Additional Resources:

admissions.ucsb.edu/deadlines

admissions.ucsb.edu/publications-and-videos

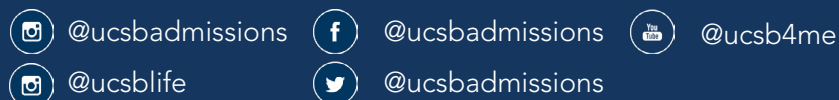
admissions.ucsb.edu/communities

admissions.ucsb.edu/faq

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