

Welcome to the University of California, Santa Barbara!

On behalf of the Office of Admissions and the Visitor Center, thank you for visiting our campus. Parking ePermits are required daily and can be purchased at the self-pay dispensers conveniently located throughout visitor lots.

Visitor Center and Self-Guided Tour

The Visitor Center (VCen) is part of the Office of Admissions and an excellent resource for prospective undergraduate students. The VCen is open to the public Monday through Friday (9 a.m.- 4 p.m.), excluding university holidays and administrative closures. In April and May only, the VCen is also open on select Saturdays.

In addition to this self-guided tour map, UCSB offers a fun and interactive guided audio walking tour app. Download the UC Santa Barbara Guides app at guidebook.com/app/ucsb/guide/ucsbtour.

Campbell Hall & Cheadle Hall

Campbell Hall serves as a venue for Arts & Lectures films, performances and guest speakers. This frequently-used facility is the largest auditorium on campus with 860 seats. Although Campbell Hall is often used as a classroom for large introductory courses, classes at UCSB average approximately 50 students.

Cheadle Hall houses the Office of Admissions and the academic advising office for the College of Letters & Science (L&S) where current students are assisted in deciding on a major and scheduling their courses. L&S enrolls approximately 90 percent of UCSB students in about 80 majors and more than 40 minors. The Undergraduate Research and Creative Activities unit in L&S provides resources for students in all colleges to pursue independent research under the guidance of faculty mentors. Additionally, undergraduates interested in pursuing medicine or law have access to Health Professions and Pre-Law advisors in L&S.

Campus Green, Science Buildings, & College of Engineering

Under the shade of giant eucalyptus trees, the Campus Green offers plenty of outdoor space where you can study with friends. The east end of campus is home to facilities for Biological Sciences, Chemistry, Earth Science, Engineering, Psychological & Brain Sciences, and Physics.

Harold Frank Hall houses the advising office for the College of Engineering (COE), where students and faculty combine research in engineering and computer science with an entrepreneurial attitude to address challenges in the real world. COE enrolls highly motivated undergraduates in five majors. The Technology Management Program in COE introduces students of all disciplines to cutting edge business practices in technology-based companies through coursework, mentoring, and hands-on experience culminating in a professional certificate.

UCSB Library

UCSB's main library, having undergone a major upgrade and expansion completed in 2016, holds millions of books and journals enhanced by online access to all holdings of the University of California library system. Take the elevator to the eighth floor to see a model of the UCSB campus and enjoy a breathtaking view of the Santa Ynez Mountains, Pacific Ocean, and Channel Islands. In addition to the Summit Café inside the library, The Arbor outside the library provides a place for students to study, socialize, and enjoy a slice of pizza.

Student Housing & College of Creative

Santa Rosa is one of UCSB's residence halls, most of which are named after the local Channel Islands. UCSB operates 8 residence halls and 8 apartment complexes for students. Student residents enjoy many amenities and programs, including live-in resident assistants, study lounges, recreation rooms, quiet hours, and in-room Wi-Fi. Special "Living-Learning Communities" unite students with similar academic, cultural, or social interests.

The College of Creative Studies (CCS) is comprised of approximately 400 students and is unique in the UC system. Its highly focused and accomplished undergraduates work closely with faculty in creating new knowledge in their chosen fields, enjoying access to all of UCSB's many resources. CCS offers nine majors, ranging from Biochemistry to Music Composition.

De La Guerra Dining Commons
In addition to De La Guerra, Housing, Dining, & Auxiliary Enterprises operates three other dining commons for student residents: Carrillo, Ortega, and Portola. Meal plans include 10, 14, or 19 meals per week. Continuing students can purchase an "off-campus meal plan" to take advantage of the convenience of the dining commons after moving off campus. Although meals are all-you-care-to-eat, trayless dining has significantly reduced food waste.

University Center & MultiCultural Center Located at the edge of a beautiful lagoon, the University Center (UCen) provides services for students, faculty, and staff. The UCen houses the UCSB Campus Store, the Campus Housing Office, a post office, ATMs, food courts, and more.

Next to the UCen, the MultiCultural Center hosts campus community events that celebrate diversity and culture.

Student Resource Building

A center for student activities and services, the SRB offers counseling, tutoring services, and cultural resource centers. Departments include the Office of International Students and Scholars, the Women's Center, Disabled Students Program, Undocumented Student Services, the Resource Center for Sexual and Gender Diversity, Educational Opportunity Program, the Office of Black Student Development, and

Storke Tower

Storke Tower, at 175 feet, is the tallest steel-and-cement structure in Santa Barbara County. The tower houses a 61-bell carillon played in occasional campus concerts. Storke Tower is also home to a UCSB student paper, the Daily Nexus, and the KCSB-FM radio station.

Recreation Center

The Recreation Center (RecCen) is a state-of-the-art fitness center that is a testament to UCSB's emphasis on healthy living. The RecCen allows for drop-in recreational use and includes aquatic facilities, weight rooms, aerobic machines, and numerous sport courts/fields. The Multi-Activity Court (MAC), located behind the main building, includes an Adventure Climbing Center, roller hockey rink, Jacuzzi, and pottery studio.

OPTIONAL STOP: Events Center, Student Health, & Isla Vista

The Events Center, also known as the Thunderdome, seats approximately 6,000 for UCSB NCAA Division 1 basketball and volleyball games, and even more for concerts and popular lectures (such as a notable visit by the Dalai Lama).

Student Health specializes in high quality, accessible health care and health education for the campus community.

Looking west, you will see the edge of UCSB's college town, Isla Vista (IV). About 10,000 UCSB students reside in IV, with close proximity to theaters used for course lectures and special events. Additionally, you can find coffee and bike shops, markets, restaurants, and other retailers.