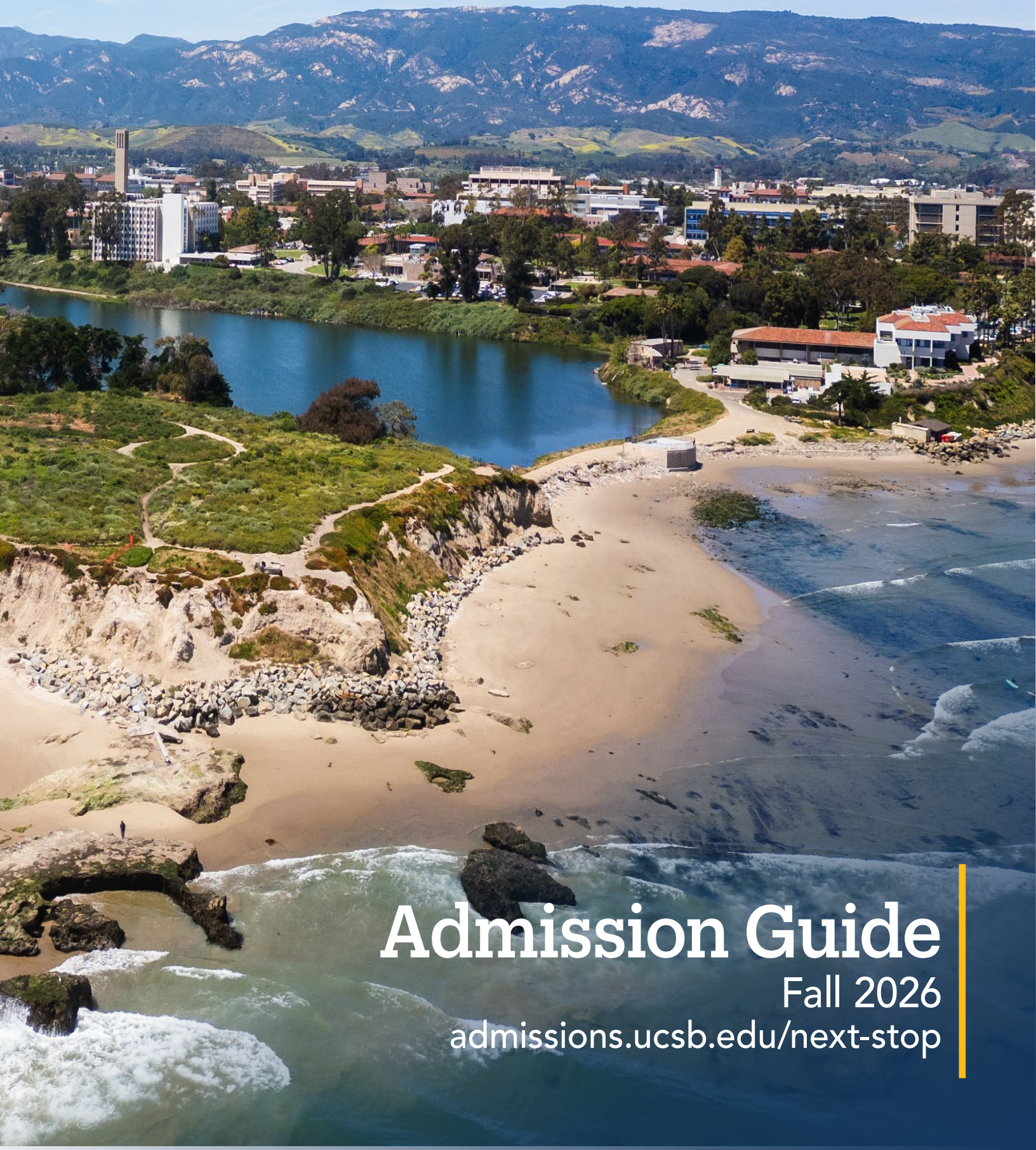


UC SANTA BARBARA



Admission Guide

Fall 2026

admissions.ucsb.edu/next-stop

Applying to UCSB

Freshman Eligibility

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

1 A-G Courses

Complete UC-approved A-G courses with a posted grade of "C" or better. Refer to hs-articulation.ucop.edu/guide.

- A. History/social science: 2 yrs
- B. English: 4 yrs
- C. Mathematics: 3 yrs (4 recommended)
- D. Science: 2 yrs (3 recommended)

- E. Language other than English: 2 yrs (3 recommended)
- F. Visual/performing arts: 1 yr
- G. College preparatory elective: 1 yr beyond the minimum A-F courses required

2 Grade Point Average (GPA)

Earn a weighted **3.0 minimum GPA (3.4 for nonresidents)** in A-G courses.

3 Holistic Admissions

UCSB considers 13 holistic review factors showcasing achievements in the context of opportunities and/or challenges a student has experienced.

Transfer Eligibility

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UCSB Transfer Admission Guarantee (TAG)

TAG guarantees admission to CA community college students who meet specific requirements.
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1 Seven-Course Pattern

Complete the seven-course pattern with a "C" or better:

- A. 2 courses in English composition (UC-E)
- B. 1 course in mathematics beyond intermediate algebra, like precalculus or statistics (UC-M)
- C. 4 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/90 quarter units** of UC-transferable credit.

3 Major Preparation

Complete required major preparation courses.
admissions.ucsb.edu/TransferMajorPrepGuide2026

Pre-Professional Programs:

- Undergraduate Research | urca.ucsb.edu
- Health Professions Advising | healthsciences.duels.ucsb.edu
- Pre-Law Advising | duels.ucsb.edu/professional/law
- Business & Entrepreneurship | tmp.ucsb.edu

Supporting Your Success:

- Career Services | career.ucsb.edu
- Counseling & Psychological Services | caps.sa.ucsb.edu
- Education Abroad Program | eap.ucsb.edu
- Educational Opportunity Program | eop.sa.ucsb.edu
- Transfer Student Center | transfercenter.ucsb.edu



UCSB Pre-College Programs

Explore programs for high school students. summer.ucsb.edu/programs



UC Application Help: Watch the UC application tutorial on our YouTube channel ([ucsb4me](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCsb4me)).

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.
- Biological Sciences, B.A., B.S.
- Biopsychology, B.S.
- Black Studies, B.A.
- 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.: emphasis in Multilingual and Interdisciplinary
- Dance, B.A., B.F.A. (audition required)
- Earth Science, B.A.
- ◆ ■ Earth Science, B.S.: emphases in Climate and Environment, Geology, Geophysics, Geobiology and 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 Policy, Law, and Governance, B.A.
- ◆ Hydrologic Sciences and Policy, B.S.
- 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.
- Middle East Studies, B.A.

- Molecular & Cellular Biology, B.S.: optional emphases in Biochemistry-Molecular Biology, Cell and Developmental Biology, Microbiology, Pharmacology
- ◆ Music, B.M. (audition required): emphases in Cello, Composition, Piano, Viola, Violin, Voice
- Music Studies, B.A.: optional emphases in Ethnomusicology, Interdisciplinary Studies of Music, Western Art Music
- ◆ 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, emphasis in Theater Design
- Theater, B.F.A. (audition required): emphasis in Acting
- Zoology, B.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
 Legal Humanities
 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 Engineering

- Chemical Engineering, B.S.
- Computer Engineering, B.S.
- Computer Science, B.S.
- Electrical Engineering, B.S.
- Mechanical Engineering, B.S.

Five-Year Programs

Chemical, Electrical, Mechanical Engineering, B.S./Materials, M.S.
 Computer Engineering, B.S./Computer Science, M.S. or Electrical and Computer Engineering, M.S.
 Computer Science, B.S./Computer Science, M.S.
 Electrical Engineering, B.S./Electrical and Computer Engineering, M.S.
 Mechanical Engineering, B.S./Mechanical Engineering, M.S.

College of Creative Studies

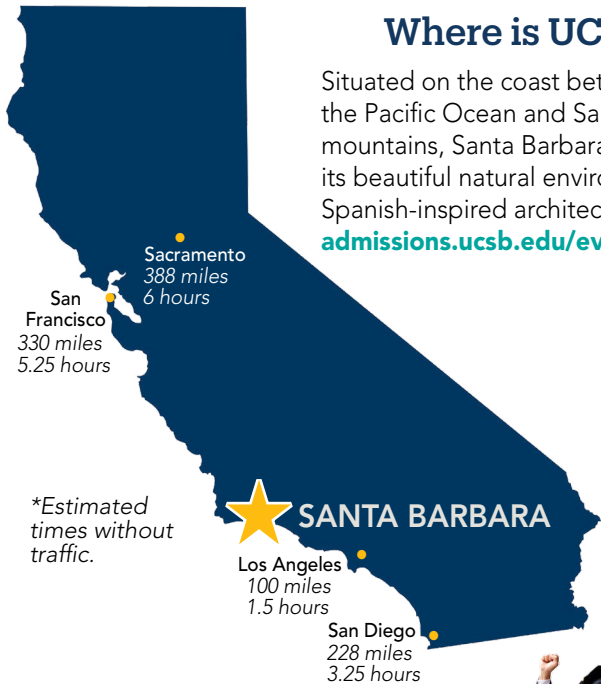
Art, B.A.
 Biology, B.A.
 Chemistry/Biochemistry, B.A., B.S.
 ■ Computing, B.S.
 Marine Science, B.A.
 Mathematics, B.A., B.S.
 Music Composition, B.A.
 Physics, B.A., B.S.
 Writing and Literature, B.A.

- 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). Refer to the respective department for details.



Major Overview: Visit our webpage for more resources (admissions.ucsb.edu/majors).

Facts & Figures



Where is UCSB?

Situated on the coast between the Pacific Ocean and Santa Ynez mountains, Santa Barbara is known for its beautiful natural environment and Spanish-inspired architecture. Visit us! admissions.ucsb.edu/events

Why UCSB?



Discover why UCSB is the right fit!



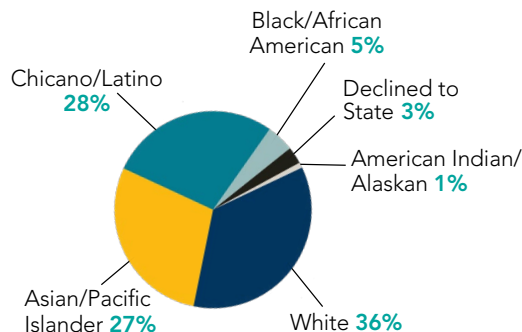
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Register for webinars about student life, admission selection, and more. admissions.ucsb.edu/events

Current Student Enrollment

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



By the Numbers

Freshman Class 2025

110,184
applicants

4.18
average
UC GPA

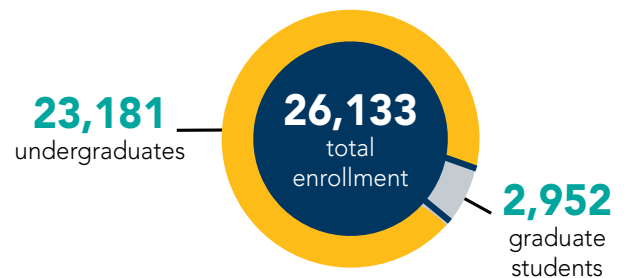
38%
admission
rate

Transfer Class 2025

18,847
applicants

3.70
average
GPA

59%
admission
rate



Estimated Student Budget

	CA Resident	Non-CA Resident
Tuition & Campus-Based Fees	\$16,929	\$16,929
Supplemental Tuition	—	\$37,602
Room & Board	\$21,627	\$21,627
Academic Supplies, Personal Expenses, etc.	\$8,862	\$8,862
Total	\$47,418	\$85,020

Tuition subject to revision by the UC Regents.



Scan to find a detailed, estimated cost of attendance to UCSB.

\$27K

average UCSB award for need-based scholarship & grant aid



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