Spring 2026 Steps to Enrollment

Welcome, new student, for spring 2026! You will find information to aid you in your transition to UCSB below. If you have additional questions, please contact us at: admissions@ucsb.edu; UCSB Office of Admissions, 1210 Cheadle Hall, Santa Barbara, CA 93106; [admissions.ucsb.edu.](https://admissions.ucsb.edu)

Enrollment
If you originally applied to UCSB for the fall 2025 term, your SIR for winter/spring 2026 will automatically be entered by Admissions. Accept your Statement of Intent to Register (SIR) in the [Applicant Portal](#) by **March 1, 2026**. After you submit your SIR, complete each step to enrollment listed in the Applicant Portal, adhering to posted deadlines. For your convenience, these enrollment steps are summarized at the end of this document. Instruction begins Monday, March 30, 2026. All transcripts not already submitted (and test scores, if applicable) are due to the Office of Admissions on **March 15, 2026**.

Financial Aid
Please visit the [Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships website](#) for general financial aid information and for tips on the financial aid process. Applicants who submitted the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or the California Dream Act Application (CADAA) and indicated UCSB as a college of choice will have their financial aid eligibility determined after they submit their SIR. By December, the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships will send an email to your university U-Mail account directing you to "[My Aid Status](#)" to see whether any required documents are requested, or to review your financial aid award letter.

UCSB NetID
Your UCSB NetID enables access to campus services. After your SIR has been submitted, wait a few hours (sometimes overnight) and then [apply for your UCSB NetID.](#) You will need your NetID to finish your enrollment steps, so it's good to do this step as early as possible!

You will need your UCSBnetID and password to access your financial aid information. A few days after you submit your SIR, you will be eligible to activate your UCSBnetID and U-Mail account. To do so, sign in to the [UCSB Identity Manager.](#) The Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships sends all email notifications to this address once it is activated. The [UCSB Student Support Center](#) is available for assistance if you have any problems activating your account.

Housing
Visit [Housing, Dining and Auxiliary Enterprises](#) to apply for residence halls and university apartments. Housing is limited so students are encouraged to apply as soon as possible. For more information, call (805) 893-4371, or email via housinginfo@housing.ucsb.edu.

Registration & Advising
New students are encouraged to obtain academic advising prior to registering for winter quarter classes. **Become familiar with [GOLD (Gaucho Online Data)](#)!**

- View the "[GOLD 101: How to USE GOLD](#)" Video.
- After submitting your SIR, log into [GOLD](#) to see your registration "Pass" times (the periods when you can enroll in courses). It may take up to 48 hours to reflect your "Pass" time in GOLD.
- Put courses in your "cart" that you would like to enroll in during Spring 2026.

Learn about Degree and Major Requirements

- College of Letters & Science Students: Check out LASAR (Letter and Science Academic Requirements) 2025-2026
- Robert Mehrabian College of Engineering Students: Check out GEAR General Engineering Academic Requirements 2025-2026 | GEAR Publications Webpage
- Use the Undergraduate Major Directory to find the requirements for your major.

Meet with a College Advisor and (if a transfer student) with a Major Advisor

- Both new first-year students and transfer students should speak with college advisors:
    - If you are a College of Letters & Science student, please go to the Letters & Science Advising website to see how to use QLess to get on the "Same Day General & Honors Advising Queue." An advisor will call you or meet with you via Zoom. The advisor may want to arrange a follow-up meeting.
    - If you are a Robert Mehrabian College of Engineering student, please go to the College of Engineering website to see how to speak with a drop-in advisor.
    - If you are a College of Creative Studies student, please contact them directly.
- Transfer students should also speak with Major Department advisors:
    - Letters & Science students: Find the contact information for your major department here.
    - Engineering students: Find the contact information for your major department here.
    - Please have available for the major/department advisor a copy of your transcripts for all the colleges you have attended so that they can clear prerequisites for major courses.

International Students

If you are an international student who has been approved to defer your starting quarter to Spring 2026, please reach out to the Office of International Students & Scholars (OISS) regarding your I-20 or DS-2019 to ensure that your immigration document reflects the correct start date. If you fail to contact OISS before arriving in the United States, you may be denied entry upon arrival.

Immunization

All UC students are required to complete a Tuberculosis (TB) Screening and fulfill Entrance Immunization Requirements. **Your class registration will be blocked for the second quarter's registration period** if you are still non-compliant. We strongly encourage all students to have their immunizations up-to-date before arriving at UCSB. Instructions for completing these requirements can be found on the Student Health website. Students can complete the Tuberculosis (TB) Screening, enter required immunization dates, and upload immunization records on the Student Health Gateway portal. For more information, please email the immunization office.

Health Insurance Coverage

All registered UC students are required to have medical health insurance that meets minimum coverage limits. It is a condition of enrollment AND a non-academic requirement of registration.

Please log on to the Student Health Gateway portal and follow the "Medical Clearances" menu to acknowledge the University of California's insurance requirement.

UCSB students are automatically enrolled in the Student Health Insurance Plan (UC-SHIP) which includes full nation-wide medical, vision, and dental coverage, plus access to UCSB Student Health Services. The premium for UC-SHIP will be factored into your cost of attendance and will therefore be included in your Financial Aid Award. The insurance premium will automatically be

included in your quarterly BARC bill.

If you have adequate private insurance and do not wish to be enrolled in UC-SHIP, you must take action and [submit a waiver online](). The act of waiving requires that the student upload insurance documentation into a secure website and receive written email confirmation that their waiver was approved. Please note that your Financial Aid Award will change if you waive out of UC-SHIP. For more information, please review the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships' [Policy Information page](). Once a waiver request has been approved, it remains in effect until the beginning of the next academic year.

Students with an approved waiver should consider purchasing the [Gaucho Access Plan (GAP)](), which gives them prepaid access to unlimited doctor visits at UCSB Student Health Services.

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Complete the Steps to Enrollment listed below.
• **Satisfy the Conditions of Admission**. ([First-Year]() | [Transfer]())
• **Check the cost of attendance**. If applicable, visit the Financial Aid Office's website at [finaid.ucsb.edu]() to view your FAFSA status and aid eligibility.
• **Submit your Statement of Intent to Register (SIR)** by March 1, 2026.
• **Complete the Statement of Legal Residence (SLR)** by March 1, 2026 (visit [Residency for Tuition Purposes Overview - UCSB Office of the Registrar]()).
• **Apply for housing** for winter at [housing.ucsb.edu/apply/winter-spring-application]().
• **Activate your UCSB NetID** at [im.ucsb.edu/idm/manage](). This will allow you to access available financial aid information, your UCSB email account (U-Mail), registration information, and your billing statements online.
• **Register for classes.**
• **Submit your official transcripts and test scores** by March 15, 2026.
• **Pay fees** by March 15, 2026.
• **Get ready to start!** First day of instruction: March 30, 2026.