## UC SANTA BARBARA

# Admission Guide International Applicants

University of California, Santa Barbara

2017-2018

The University of California, Santa Barbara is part of the 10-campus University of California system, one of the largest and most respected public universities in the world.



## Academic Excellence





 Professor Shuji Nakamura won the 2014 Nobel Prize in Physics.

**6** faculty Nobel Prizes in chemistry, economics and physics

**#3** public university in the world for impact on the sciences in the Leiden Ranking, 2017

**12** national institutes and centers, including the Kavli Institute for Theoretical Physics UCSB's global rankings, research achievements and creative activity make it an ideal place to gain an undergraduate degree.

#### 600+

active inventions have resulted from UCSB research

#### **50%**

of undergraduate students conduct research

#### \$200,000

in grants and funding to support undergraduate research each year

 As a professor of mechanical engineering, UCSB Chancellor Henry T. Yang teaches undergraduate courses each year.



## Local Community

Santa Barbara, California is located 100 miles northwest of Los Angeles and less than two hours from the LAX airport. Students have access to easy bus transportation multiple times daily.

Santa Barbara's location on the shore of the Pacific Ocean provides extraordinary weather, making the city ideal for outdoor recreation. Santa Barbara is a tourist destination with excellent shopping, restaurants, movies and music.







Santa Barbara offers beautiful year-round  $\phantom{aaa} \sim$  weather with warm summers and mild winters.

## Campus Life



Biking is the main form of transportation on campus with 7 miles of bike paths.

The newly-renovated UCSB Library includes beautiful study spaces and the Summit Café.

The Recreation Center offers exercise equipment, a climbing wall, aquatics, group fitness classes and more. recreation.ucsb.edu

Students can show their school spirit by supporting UCSB's 19 men's and women's Division 1 NCAA teams. ucsbgauchos.com 500+ student organizations, including these cultural clubs, help students make friends and stay connected to home

American Indian Student Association Arab Student Group Armenian Student Association Asian Pacific Islander Political Alliance Asian Resource Center Chinese Student Association El Congreso German Club UCSB Hermanas Unidas & Hermanos Unidos Hong Kong Student Association laorana Te Otea (Polynesian dance) Indian Association of Santa Barbara Indus (South Asia Student Association) International Student Association Italian Club Japanese Student Association Jewish Awareness Movement UCSB Kapatirang Pilipino Khmer Student Association Korean American Student Association Lebanese Club La Familia de Colores Los Ingenieros Muslim Student Organization Nikkei Student Union Pacific Islander Student Association Pan-African Student Union Persian Student Group Ravaani Taiwanese Student Association Turkish Student Association Unión Salvadoreña de Estudiantes Universitarios Vietnamese Student Association

> Find them all at osl.sa.ucsb.edu

## Three Colleges

#### College of Letters and Science

offers a broad liberal arts curriculum that prepares students for careers or graduate study. An exciting array of majors help students develop critical thinking and communication skills needed in today's changing world—in the humanities and fine arts, life and physical sciences, mathematics and the social sciences. The Honors Program creates a community of scholars for highly motivated students. The Undergraduate Research and Creative Activities program funds student research projects.

## College of Engineering

offers five majors, plus accelerated programs that lead to master's degrees in five years. The environment and modern laboratory facilities foster creativity, collaboration and discovery. Courses balance theory and applied science, leading students to successful careers in academia and industry. An exceptionally low student-to-faculty ratio encourages students to take part in facultydirected research and independent study. engineering.ucsb.edu

## College of Creative Studies

supports highly motivated students in research and the creation of new knowledge in one of eight disciplines in science, humanities and the arts. Small College of Creative Studies seminars and close mentorship by faculty, coupled with access to classes and resources across campus, permit students to make original contributions to their fields Applicants must submit a supplemental application for review by faculty. ccs.ucsb.edu

duels.ucsb.edu



UCSB offers 90 majors, 40 minors and honors programs for top students. Pre-professional preparation is also available through the Technology Management Program (tmp.ucsb.edu), Pre-Law Program (duels.ucsb.edu/professional/law), Pre-Health Program (duels.ucsb.edu/professional/health) and Teacher Education Program (education.ucsb.edu).

#### College of Letters & Science

Actuarial Science, B.S.

- Anthropology, B.A.
   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, 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.
   Mathematical Sciences, B.S.
- 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. Renaissance Studies, B.A. Slavic Languages and Literatures, B.A. Sociology, B.A.
- Spanish, B.A.
- Statistical Science, B.A. Statistical Science, B.S.
- Theater, B.A. Theater, B.F.A. (audition required) Zoology, B.S.



## **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. Mathematics, B.A., B.S. Music Composition, B.A. Physics, B.A., B.S. Writing and Literature, B.A.

## **Additional UCSB Minors**

American Indian and Indigenous Studies Applied Psychology Astronomy and Planetary Science Educational Studies Jewish Studies Iranian Studies Labor Studies Language and Speech Technologies Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and **Oueer Studies** Mathematics for High School Teaching 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

> Majors also available as a minor are indicated with . Visit admissions.ucsb.edu/whyucsb/majors for major-specific information.

## Housing



# Residential community

19,000 students live on or within one mile of campus, adding to the vibrant university community.

## **Break housing**

Residence halls traditionally close during breaks, but UCSB provides housing during closures for international students if requested.

## Dining

UCSB's four dining commons offer local produce and offerings made from scratch with seasonal ingredients. UCSB offers residence halls and apartments including high- and lowrise buildings with ocean, lagoon and mountain views.

Entering students are guaranteed university housing: all four years for freshman students and two years for transfer students.



## Application Requirements



Admission to UC Santa Barbara is competitive. The Office of Admissions is familiar with educational systems around the world and provides each applicant with a comprehensive review after applying.

> Apply online: universityofcalifornia.edu/apply

#### **Required Tests**

Exams must be taken by the end of December prior to enrollment: SAT with Essay **OR** ACT Plus Writing

#### **TOEFL/IELTS**

For students whose language of instruction was not English: TOEFL (Minimum score of 80) **OR** IELTS (Minimum score of 6.5) (Transfer applicants are required to have two English composition courses in lieu of TOEFL)

#### **Recommended Tests**

> College of Engineering: SAT Math Level 2 subject test

- > College of Creative Studies: SAT subject test related to major choice
- Duolingo English Test (Recommended for students in countries where English is not the official language)

> Learn more at admissions.ucsb. edu/applying/international/freshmanselection

## **International Baccalaureate**

International Baccalaureate (IB) diploma students must take a minimum of five IB exams, with two 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 IGCSE (O-Levels) with a 3.4 GPA or higher and at least three GCE (A-Levels) 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) examinations, 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.



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.

Country	Minimum UC Admission Requirements
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 5 on the 1-5 scale
Canada (British Columbia)	Completion of Secondary School Graduation Diploma with a minimum average of at least 80
Canada (Nova Scotia)	Completion of Provincial High School Graduation Certificate with a minimum average of at least 68
Canada (Ontario)	Completion of Ontario Secondary School Honors Graduation Diploma with a minimum average of at least 75
Canada (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 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) <b>or</b> completion of Bachillerato (Baccaleureate) with a minimum average of at least 80
India	Completion of All India Senior School Certificate <b>or</b> Higher Secondary School Certificate with a minimum average of at least 70 <b>or</b> completion of 10th and 12th year board/state examinations
Israel	Completion of Teudat Bagrut (Matriculation Certificate) with a minimum average of at least 7

Japan	Complete Kotogakko Sotsugyo Shomeisho (Upper Secondary School Graduation Diploma) with a minimum average of at least 4.4
Jordan	Completion of Tawjihi <b>or</b> Completion of General Secondary Education Certificate (Literary or Secondary) with a minimum average of at least 75%
Kuwait	Completion of General Secondary Education Certificate with a minimum average of at least 75%
Mexico	Completion of Bachillerato with a minimum average of at least 8
Peru	Completion of Certificado de Estudios de Educación Secundaria Común 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 Thanawiya aam 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+
Saudi Arabia	Completion of Tawjihiyah General Certificate of Education with a minimum average of at least 75%
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)
Vietnam	Completion of Bằng Tốt Nghiệp Phổ Thông Trung H <b>ọ</b> c (Secondary School Graduation Certificate) with a minimum average of at least 8

> Find your country and curriculum requirements for UC eligibility at: admissions.ucsb.edu/applying/international/freshman-eligibility

#### Outcomes

UCSB students graduate with an ideal combination of education and experience, allowing them to succeed in the workplace or graduate studies.

#### 400+

top companies visit UCSB for recruiting events each year

#### **210,000** alumni network worldwide

#### 86%

of recent graduates have either full-time or part-time positions





## Jobs & Internships

Career Services (career.sa.ucsb.edu) connects students with jobs, internships and graduate programs. They also provide:

- > On-campus recruiting events
- > Quarterly career fairs
- > Annual Graduate and Professional School Day
- > Interview preparation
- > Assistance choosing a major
- > Résumé and cover letter writing tips

Residential internship programs in Washington, D.C. and Sacramento, California are also available. Learn more at ucdc.edu.

## Cost of Attendance

## 2017-2018 Tuition & Fees

Tuition*	\$14,409
Supplemental Tuition and Fees	\$28,014
Books and Supplies	\$1,143
Room and Board	\$14,778
Health and Transportation	\$3,906
Personal Expenses and Phone	\$1,830
Loan Fees**	\$114
Total	\$64,194

Costs in this table are subject to change.

\* Includes other campus fees.

\*\* Average origination fees for student borrowers.

 For a cost calculator of tuition and fees, visit finaid.ucsb.edu



## Office of International Students and Scholars (OISS)

#### > Learn more at oiss.ucsb.edu

OISS provides assistance in securing a student visa, orienting students to campus through the Culture, Academics, Laws and Immigration (CALI) training and helping plan an academic program. The office connects students with international associations and offers English and American culture classes.

## I-20 and Visa

After deposit, the I-20 will be issued by OISS.

#### Minimum Financial Requirement

After deposit, financial documentation is required.

### **Employment**

Employment for F-1 Visa students is limited.

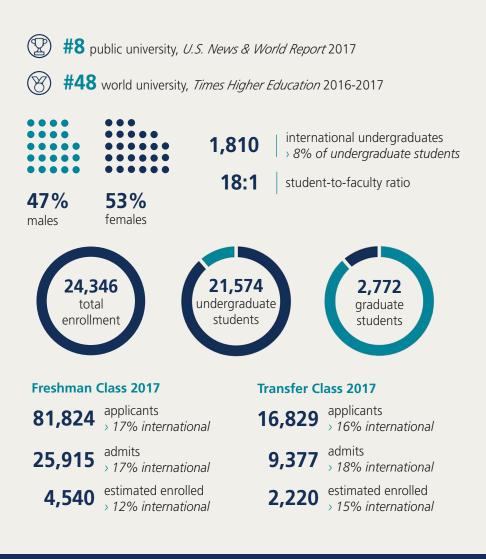
## Dates & Deadlines

Begin UC application online	August 1
Submit UC application	November 1 - 30
Complete the SAT/ACT and, if applicable, TOEFL/IELTS	December
View admission notification online	Mid-March - March 30
Deposit/Submit Statement of Intent to Register (SIR)	May 1
Processing of I-20	Ongoing
Submit Housing contract	May 15
Submit transcripts	July 1
Submit official test scores	July 15
Attend CALI (Cultural Awareness, Laws and Immigration) training	September
Instruction begins	Late September



## UC Santa Barbara at a Glance

Facts & Figures



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