

UC SANTA BARBARA

An aerial photograph of the UC Santa Barbara campus and coastline. The image shows a large body of water on the left, with a small boat visible. The campus buildings are clustered in the center and right, with a prominent tower. The coastline is visible at the bottom, with a road and a cliffside. The sky is clear and blue.

Office of Admissions

UCSB

We Are UCSB
23,000 B.A/B.S/BFA, BM
3,000 MA/PhD



#6

public university in the nation (*U.S. News* 2020)

10

national institutes and research centers

#1

happiest students in California (*Princeton Review* 2019)

6

faculty Nobel prizes in chemistry, physics and economics



Accessible Faculty

Over **90%** of classes taught directly by faculty



Residential Campus



- 80% students live within 1 mile of campus
- Ocean, mountain and lagoon views
- Guaranteed 4 years
- Easy Access to LAX
- Don't need a car!
- 7 miles of bike paths

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Irrigating With Reclaimed Water

Student Resources



Campus Organizations

- 500 student organizations



UCSB Cultural Student Organizations



Student Organizations

Armenian Student Association
Chinese Student Association
East African Student Association
Hong Kong Student Assoc.
Indian Association of SB
International Student Assoc.
Japanese Student Assoc.
Kapatirang Pilipino
Khmer Student Association
La Familia De Colores
Lebanese Social Club
Muslim Student Association
Nikkei Student Association
Persian Student Group
Southeast Asian Union
Taiwanese Student Assoc.
Taiwanese Amer. Student Assoc.
Vietnamese Student Assoc.

...and many more

Athletics

19

Division I
NCAA teams

27

Sport clubs

11

Intramural
sports



Freshman Admissions



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F20 Admitted Freshmen:

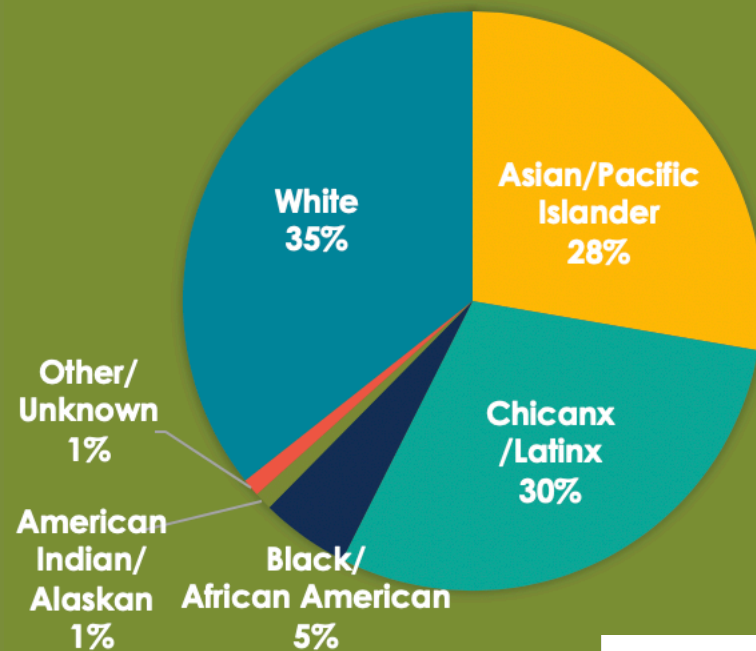
90,963 applicants

4.04-4.28 middle 50% GPAs

36% admit rate

107 Countries represented

Undergraduate Diversity:



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UC “a-g” Requirements

Academic Coursework	Requirement (Recommendations)
a. History or Social Science	2 years
b. College-Preparatory English	4 years
c. Mathematics*	3 years (4 years recommended)
d. Science	2 years (3 years recommended)
e. Language Other than English*	2 years (3 years recommended)
f. Visual/Performing Arts	1 year from single discipline
g. College-Preparatory Elective(s)	1 year beyond the minimum ‘a-f’ courses required

Other Academic Systems



Taiwan Educational System:

- Completion of Senior High School Leaving Certificate with minimum average of “80%”

International Baccalaureate (IB)

- Minimum of 5 IB exams, with two exams taken at the higher level.
- Overall average must be 5 with no exam score below 4.

British Systems (GCSE/GCE Exams)

- Complete at least five GCSE/IGCSE exams with a 3.4 GPA or higher
- At least three GCE (A-Level) exams with a 3.0 (unweighted) GPA or higher and no grade below C.

Holistic Review

Academic factors: GPA, “a-g” courses, strength of Senior year coursework

Personal factors: hobbies & activities, talents, Community service, internships

UCSB will not use SAT/ACT
For Fall 21 Selection

Class of 2021 & Admissions Updates

UC Application is open!

apply.universityofcalifornia.edu

SAT/ACT Requirement

UC is optional for the class of 2021 & 2022.

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English Language (TOEFL or IELTS)

When English is NOT the language of instruction we will require an exam – either the TOEFL (80+) or IELTS (6.5+) or Duolingo (115)

Three Undergraduate Colleges

Creative Studies

- Selective admission
- 1-to-1 faculty mentor
- Students produce creative work or conduct original research
- 75% of alumni attend graduate school

Engineering

- Competitive admission
- 10:1 student-to-faculty ratio
- Senior Capstone projects
- 3 / 5 year B.S./M.S.
- Technology Management Program in entrepreneurship

Letters and Science

- Liberal arts degree
- Undeclared option
- Honors Program
- Major not a factor in admission
- Funded research opportunities
- Discovery seminars to explore majors

Full list of majors: admissions.ucsb.edu/why-ucsb/majors

Creative Studies

- 8 selective majors
 - Art
 - Biology
 - Chemistry & Biochem.
 - Computing
 - Math
 - Music Composition
 - Physics
 - Writing & Literature
- “Creating new knowledge”
- faculty mentor
- Many students “publish”



Engineering

- Highly-competitive majors
- Limited accessibility to switch and/or double major
- 10:1 student-to-faculty ratio
- Senior Capstone Projects
- 5 Majors
 - Chemical Engineering
 - Computer Engineering
 - Computer Science
 - Electrical Engineering
 - Mechanical Engineering



Letters and Science

- 80 Majors / 40 Minors
- Not admitted by major
- Ability to change and/or double major
- Honors Program
- Undeclared option
- Math, Life, Physical Sciences
- Humanities, Fine Arts, Social Science
- Performance: Dance, Theater, Music



Examples of Majors and Careers

Business

- Actuarial Sci.
- Communication
- Economics & Accounting
- Financial Mathematics and Statistics
- Technology Management Certificate

Medicine

- Biological Sciences
- Psychology
- Liberal Arts Programs
- Engineering

Law

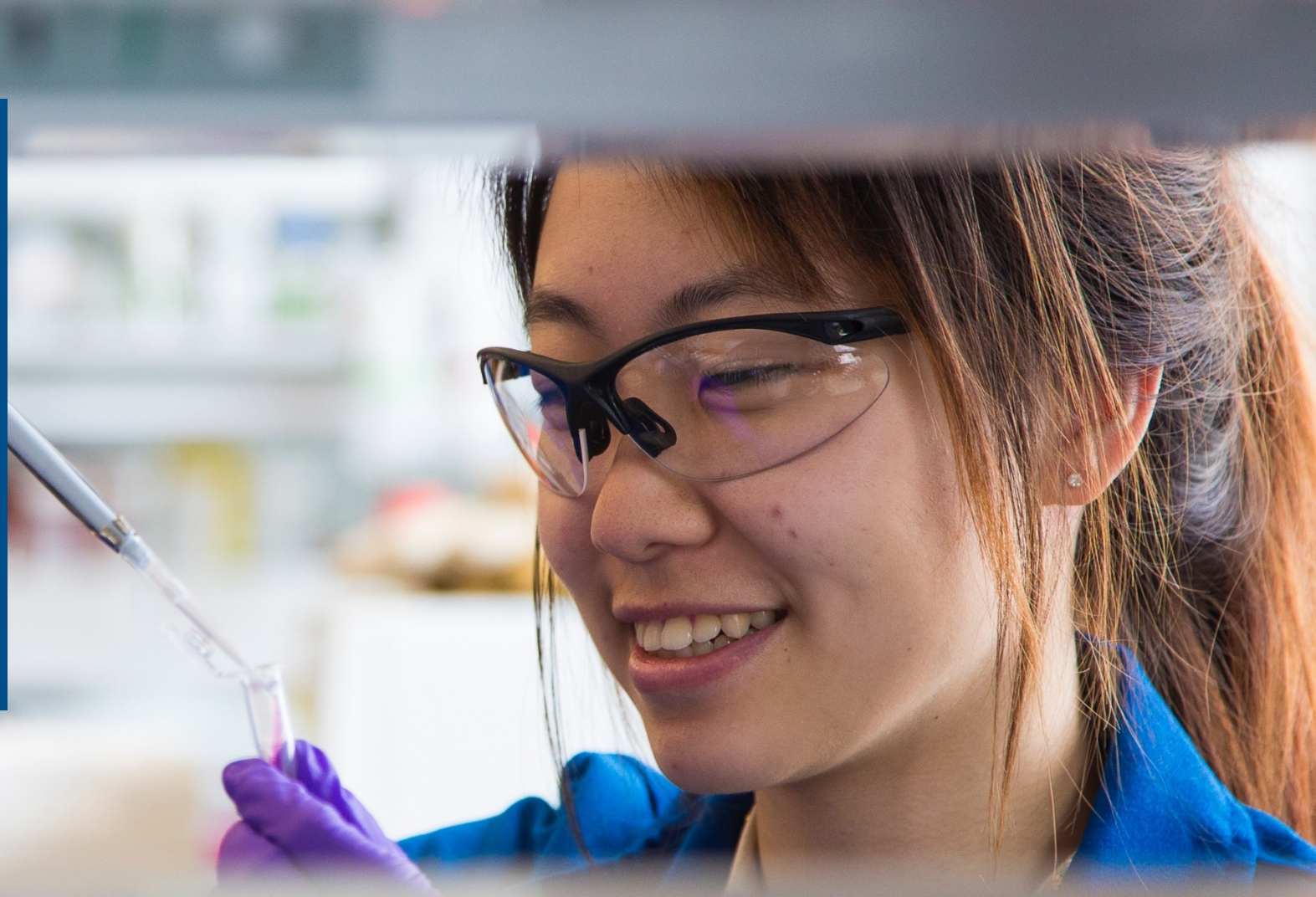
- Political Science
- Sociology
- Economics
- Global Studies
- Philosophy
- Film

Criminology

- Sociology
- Political Science
- Communication
- Psychology
- Cell & Developmental Biology

Internships and Research

- Research Publications
- Daily Newspaper
- Literary Journals
- Engineering Senior Capstone
- Handshake Job Board
- Career Fairs
- Funding available through multiple programs for student research with faculty
- Technology Management Program (TMP)



Study Abroad & Washington, D.C.

- Education Abroad Program
- 40 countries/400 programs
- UCDC and UC Sacramento



Graduate Pathways
Above national average for
admission into law and
medical schools

UCSB Professional Opportunities

Pre-Professional Programs

- Pre-Health
- Pre-Law
- Pre-Professional Education Program

Professional Certifications

- Business Communication & Law
- Intro. To Global Business
- Business Leadership
- Applied Behavior Analysis
- Emergency Medical Tech.
- Human Resource Manag.
- Medical Humanities
- Technology Management Program

Professional Organizations

- American Society of Mechanical Engineers
- Pre-Veterinary Medical Assoc
- Global Medical Missions Alliance
- American Marketing Assoc.
- Collective for Clean Energy
- Design at UCSB
- Film Co-op
- Game Development Club

And hundreds more...

Career Services

- Resume and Cover Letter workshops
- Mock Interviews
- Guidance towards career and postgraduate programs
- 1:1 counseling

Cost of Attendance



Estimated Average Costs Non-Resident Students 2019 – 2020

Tuition and fees	\$44,145
Books and supplies	\$1,260
Health insurance fee	\$3,537
Room and board	\$15,039
Personal/Transportation	\$2,391
TOTAL U.S.	\$66,372

Stay Connected

Campus Overview

Campus Video: youtube.com/UCSB4Me

Virtual Tour: admissions.ucsb.edu/visit-ucsb

Webinars/Chats

UC App & PIQ Help: June – August

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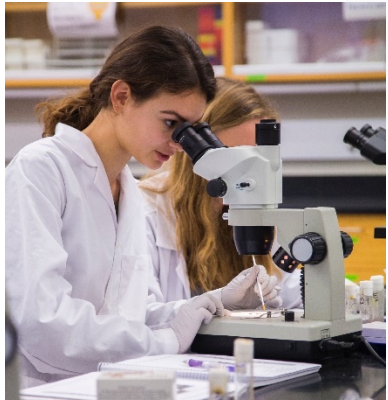
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Taipei Private Tsai Hsing High School graduate!