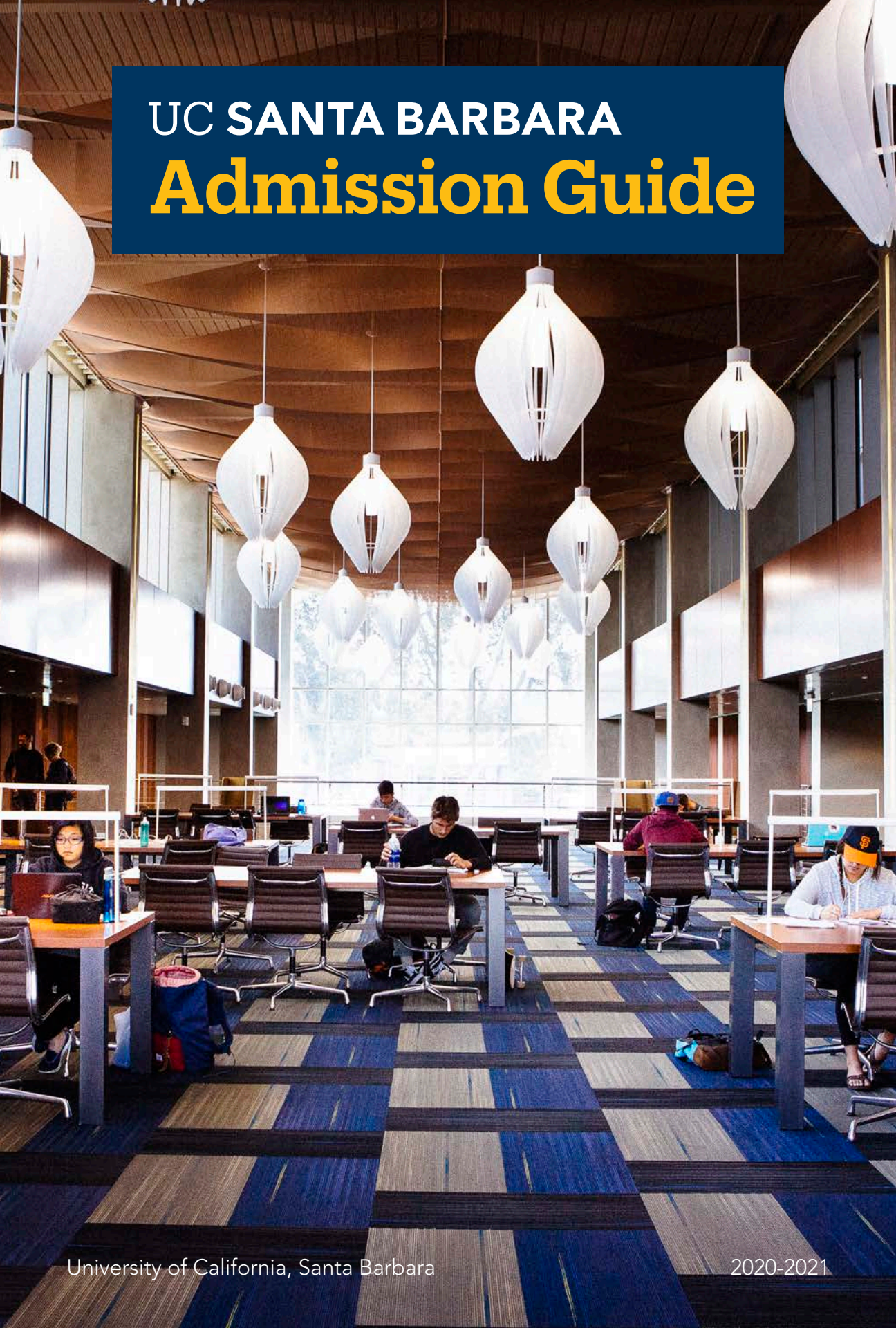


# UC SANTA BARBARA

# Admission Guide





# The University of California, Santa Barbara

is ranked as one of the top teaching and research institutions in the United States. UCSB offers a world-class education in a picturesque seaside location.



**#7**

public university in the United States (*U.S. News and World Report, 2020*)

**18:1**

student-to-faculty ratio

**6**

faculty Nobel Prizes in chemistry, economics and physics





• Davis

• Berkeley

• Merced

• Santa Cruz

★ Santa Barbara

• Los Angeles

• Riverside

• Irvine

• San Diego

**10**

national institutes and centers, including the Kavli Institute for Theoretical Physics

**225k+**

alumni network worldwide

**19k**

students live on or within a mile of campus

## Research Opportunities



UCSB is recognized around the globe for its scholarship and research impact.

**\$320,000**

in grants and funding to support undergraduate research each year

**600+**

active inventions have resulted from UCSB research

**50%**

of undergraduate students pursue research or creative projects



## Inspiring Environment

The local Santa Barbara environment provides a stunning backdrop for learning. On campus, students have access to multiple resource centers, spacious studios, a newly renovated library and modern laboratory facilities.





## ◀ Studios

The UCSB Library holds three million volumes, 60,000 square feet of new space and the Summit Café.



## Inviting ▶

UCSB housing options offer ocean or mountain views. Optional Living Learning Communities connect students with similar interests and identities. Family student housing is also available. [housing.ucsb.edu](http://housing.ucsb.edu)



## ▲ Accessible

UCSB's undergraduate focus makes it easy to work alongside professors and gain mentorship opportunities. Students can choose from 2,450 courses offered each quarter.



## Happy ▶

UCSB is ranked #1 for having the happiest students in California (#15 in the U.S.) by Princeton Review, 2019.



## ▲ Active

Students enjoy beach runs, mountain hikes and the Recreation Center, which offers aquatics, group fitness classes and more. UCSB also offers sport clubs and intramural teams. [recreation.ucsb.edu](http://recreation.ucsb.edu)



## ◀ Passionate

500+ student organizations let students explore their interests in arts, academics, athletics, politics, culture and more. [osl.sa.ucsb.edu](http://osl.sa.ucsb.edu)



## Supportive ▶

The Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) provides mentorship, programming, counseling and five Cultural Resource Centers. [eop.sa.ucsb.edu](http://eop.sa.ucsb.edu)



## Helpful

The Transfer Student Center offers dedicated advising, study space, peer mentors and transfer programming.

[transfercenter.ucsb.edu](http://transfercenter.ucsb.edu)



## ◀ Global

The Education Abroad Program offers study abroad options in more than 40 countries. [eap.ucsb.edu](http://eap.ucsb.edu)



## Spirited ▶

Cheer on UCSB's 19 men's and women's Division 1 NCAA teams: baseball (M), basketball (M, W), cross country (M, W), golf (M), soccer (M, W), softball (W), swimming (M, W), tennis (M, W), track & field (M, W), volleyball (M, W) and water polo (M, W). [ucsbgauchos.com](http://ucsbgauchos.com)



## Delicious

Craving tacos, brick oven pizza or a late night snack? Enjoy fresh, local and made-from-scratch menu items at UCSB's four Dining Commons. A variety of meal plans are available.



## ◀ Healthy

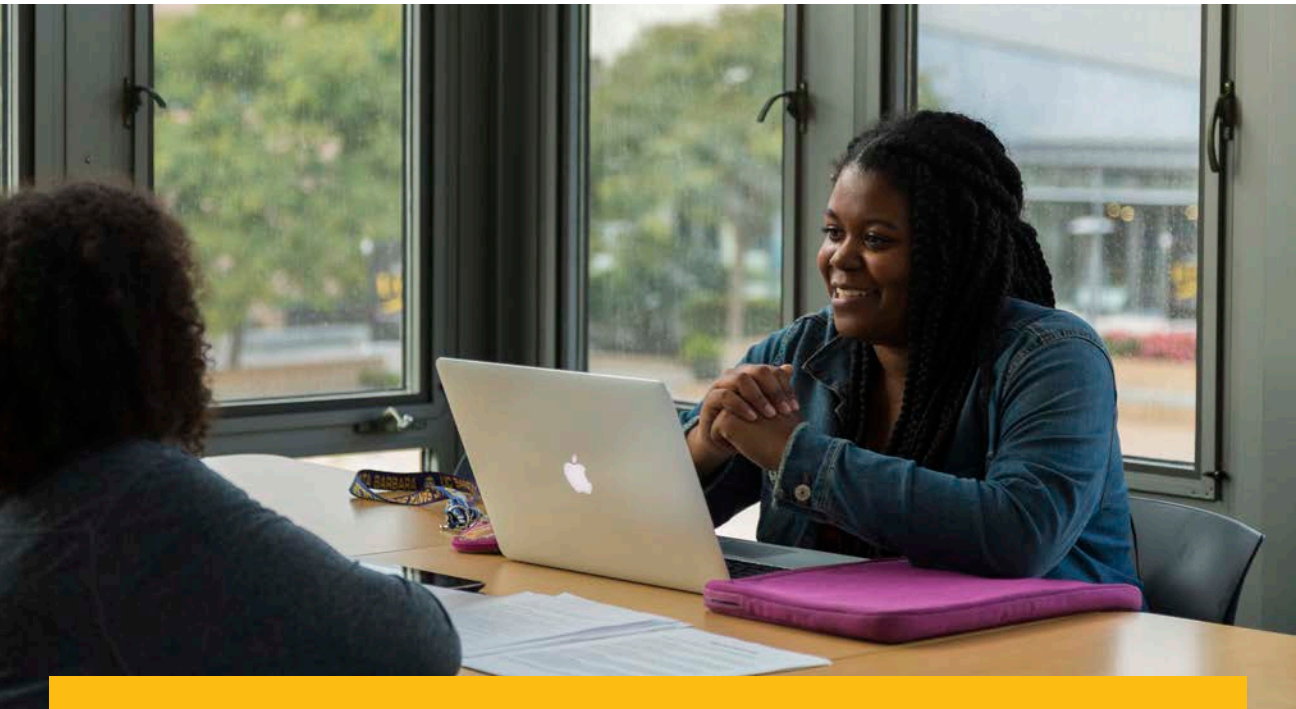
UCSB strongly supports student well-being through health and wellness programming on topics including nutrition, sleep, movement and meditation.



# Academics & Support

## Pre-Professional Programs

- ▶ **Pre-Health Program:** Academic advising, career planning, application help and internship connections are available to students interested in medicine, pharmacy, podiatry, physicians assistant, physical therapy, dentistry, nursing, veterinary, optometry and public health fields. [healthsciences.duels.ucsb.edu](https://healthsciences.duels.ucsb.edu)
- ▶ **Pre-Law Program:** Advisors assist students in applying to law school, developing an academic plan and connecting with internships locally, statewide and nationally. [duels.ucsb.edu/professional/law](https://duels.ucsb.edu/professional/law)
- ▶ **Pre-Professional Education Program:** UCSB's teacher education program offers close collaborations with local schools to provide hands-on learning experiences. Students can minor in Educational Studies or Science and Mathematics Education. [education.ucsb.edu/tep](https://education.ucsb.edu/tep)
- ▶ **Technology Management Program (TMP):** This certificate program, open to students in any major, provides an in-depth understanding of cutting-edge entrepreneurial and business practices in global-technology based companies. [tmp.ucsb.edu](https://tmp.ucsb.edu)



## Academic Support Services

- ▶ **Faculty Research Assistance Program (FRAP)** and **Undergraduate Research and Creative Activities (URCA)** help fund research and creative activities under faculty guidance.
- ▶ **Campus Learning Assistance Services (CLAS)** offers tutorials, workshops, writing labs and more.
- ▶ **ONDAS Student Center** provides mentoring and academic support to first-generation students.
- ▶ **Disabled Students Program (DSP)** provides reading, note-taking and test-taking accommodations.
- ▶ **Guardian Scholars** supports the success of students who have been in the foster care system.



# Majors & Minors

## 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.
- 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.: emphases in Classical Archaeology, Classical Language and Literature, Greek and Roman Culture
- Communication, B.A.
- Comparative Literature, B.A.: emphases in Foreign Language, Interdisciplinary
- Dance, B.A., B.F.A. (audition required)
- Earth Science, B.A.
- ◆ Earth Science, B.S.: emphases in Climate and Environment, Geohydrology, Geology, Geophysics, 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 Public Policy and Law, B.A.
- ◆ Hydrologic Sciences and Policy, B.S.: emphases in Biology and Ecology, Physical and Chemical, Policy

- Italian Studies, B.A.
- ◆ 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.
- Microbiology, B.S.
- Middle East Studies, B.A.
- ◆ Music, B.M. (audition required): emphases in Bassoon, Cello, Clarinet, Composition, Double Bass, Flute, French Horn, Oboe, Percussion, Piano, Trombone, Trumpet, Tuba, Viola, Violin, Voice
- Music Studies, B.A.: optional emphases in Ethnomusicology, Interdisciplinary Studies of Music, Western Art Music
- Pharmacology, B.S.
- ◆ 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.
- Renaissance 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
- Theater, B.F.A. (audition required): emphasis in Acting
- Zoology, B.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.

## 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.

## Additional Minors

- American Indian and Indigenous Studies
- Applied Psychology
- Architecture and Urban History
- Astronomy and Planetary Science
- Educational Studies
- Iranian Studies
- Jewish Studies
- Labor Studies
- Language and Speech Technologies
- Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer Studies
- Mathematics for High School Teaching
- Museum Studies
- Poverty, Inequality and Social Justice
- 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

- 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 the UCSB General Catalog for details.

◆ Contact department for available concentrations.



# Freshman Admission

► [admissions.ucsb.edu/apply/freshman](https://admissions.ucsb.edu/apply/freshman)

The UC application opens August 1.  
Submit November 1-30, 2019 at  
[apply.universityofcalifornia.edu](https://apply.universityofcalifornia.edu).

## UC Admission Eligibility Requirements

All UCs use the following admission eligibility criteria.

### 1 A-G Courses

Complete 15 UC-approved “a-g” courses with grades of C or better. California students may refer to their school’s UC-certified course list at [ucop.edu/agguide](https://ucop.edu/agguide).

- a. **History or social science:** 2 years
  - 1 year U.S. history and 1 year European or world history
- b. **College-preparatory English:** 4 years
- c. **Mathematics:** 3 years (4 recommended)
  - At minimum: elementary algebra, geometry, advanced algebra
- d. **Laboratory science:** 2 years (3 recommended)
  - Must include two of these three: biology, chemistry or physics
- e. **Language other than English:** 2 years (3 recommended)
- f. **Visual/performing arts:** 1 year from a single discipline: dance, drama/theater, music or visual art
- g. **College preparatory elective(s):** 1 year beyond the minimum “a-f” courses required

### 2 Grade Point Average (GPA)

Students must earn a **3.0 minimum GPA (3.4 for non-residents)** in all “a-g” courses. Only the grades earned in “a-g” subjects in the tenth and eleventh grades—including summer sessions before and after these years—are used to calculate the UC GPA.

Courses passed with a grade of C or better in the ninth and twelfth grades are used to meet the “a-g” subject requirement, but they will not be used to calculate the UC GPA.

### 3 Personal Life Accomplishments

UCSB doesn’t just look at academic accomplishments to bring in our freshman class. We look at your extracurricular activities and accomplishments in light of the opportunities available to you.

#### Examinations

UCSB will not use SAT/ACT scores in our selection process for fall 2021 applicants. All applicants to UC have the option to submit scores on the application. If you elect to do so, these scores will not be visible to Admission Counselors reviewing your application to UCSB.

UCSB departments that previously recommended SAT subject exams have suspended these recommendations given the current challenges with the COVID-19 pandemic.

## UCSB Freshman Selection

Admitted applicants exceed the UC admission eligibility requirements above.

Selection criteria ([admissions.ucsb.edu/apply/freshman/selection](https://admissions.ucsb.edu/apply/freshman/selection)) is determined following a comprehensive review of an applicant’s achievements and personal qualities as seen in the context of the opportunities and/or challenges the applicant has experienced.

Looking for help navigating the application process? Watch live and pre-recorded webinars at [admissions.ucsb.edu/connect/webinars](https://admissions.ucsb.edu/connect/webinars).



# Junior Transfer Admission

► [admissions.ucsb.edu/apply/transfer](https://admissions.ucsb.edu/apply/transfer)

Priority consideration is given to California community college students. Admission is open to junior-level transfers for the fall term only.



## UC Junior-Level Transfer Eligibility Requirements

- 1 Complete 60 semester or 90 quarter units of UC-transferable college credit with a grade point average of at least **2.4 for California residents (2.8 for non-residents)**. No more than 14 semester or 21 quarter units may be taken Pass/No Pass.
- 2 Complete the following seven-course pattern requirement, earning a grade of C or better in each course:
  - a. Two courses in English composition (UC-E)
  - b. One course in mathematics beyond intermediate algebra, such as college algebra, precalculus or statistics (UC-M)
  - c. Four 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)
- 3 Complete required major preparation courses.

## UCSB Transfer Selection

Admitted transfer students typically meet and exceed the UC minimum requirements for admission. All applicants are encouraged to complete preparation in their intended major, and some majors require this preparation prior to transfer. See the Transfer Major Preparation Guide for details at [admissions.ucsb.edu/apply/transfer/selective-majors](https://admissions.ucsb.edu/apply/transfer/selective-majors).



# Transfer Resources

## Resources for California Community College Applicants

**ASSIST** ASSIST offers online UC transfer admission eligibility course lists, UC transferable course lists and major preparation agreements which explain in detail what will transfer from every California community college (CCC) to the University of California (UC) campuses. [assist.org](https://assist.org)

**UC Transfer Pathways and Pathways Guide** Transfer Pathways are road maps for the top 21 majors at UC. Each transfer pathway has a single set of courses students can take to prepare for that pathway major at any UC campus. This is a great starting point for students who know what they want to study but are not sure which UC they want to attend. The Pathways Guide lists which courses at each CCC will satisfy a transfer pathway.

[admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/transfer/preparation-paths](https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/transfer/preparation-paths)

**UC Transfer Admission Planner** UC-TAP is an online tool that allows students to track and plan transfer coursework. Articulation agreements on [assist.org](https://assist.org) are pre-loaded on UC-TAP so students can clearly see which courses they have taken that meet admission eligibility criteria. UC-TAP also calculates the estimated UC transferable GPA. [uctap.universityofcalifornia.edu](https://uctap.universityofcalifornia.edu)

**IGETC** A series of courses that may be completed at a CCC which may satisfy the UCSB general education college graduation requirement. While recommended for some majors, completing IGETC is not required for admission.

## Transfer Admission Guarantee

TAG is a guaranteed transfer admission program for California community college students if specific course, unit and GPA criteria are met. In addition to submitting the UC application in November, a separate TAG application is due in September. [admissions.ucsb.edu/apply/transfer/tag](https://admissions.ucsb.edu/apply/transfer/tag)

**UCSB TAG criteria are set above minimum requirements. To be eligible, students must have:**

- a. A cumulative UC-transferable GPA of 3.4 by the end of fall 2020.
  - b. The first UC-English composition requirement completed by the end of fall 2020, with a letter grade no lower than C. The second UC-English composition requirement must be completed by the spring 2020 term, with a letter grade no lower than C.
  - c. UC-Mathematics requirement completed by the end of fall 2020, with a letter grade no lower than C.
- ▶ *Required major preparation coursework still applies to selective majors in the College of Letters and Science.*
- ▶ **Not available for:** *College of Engineering, College of Creative Studies or performing arts majors in the College of Letters and Science.*

## Resources for Non-CCC Applicants

**Guide to Course Transferability** For students at schools outside the UC or CCC systems, the downloadable PDF guide explains UC transferable coursework in detail. Specific guidelines on English and math courses, as well as a general overview of how to review courses, are included in the guide. [admissions.ucsb.edu/apply/transfer/eligibility-and-selection](https://admissions.ucsb.edu/apply/transfer/eligibility-and-selection)

# Career Development

## Dana Skeels ▶

Sociology, '13  
Product & Platforms  
Marketing Manager,  
Facebook



## Katy Tur ▶

Philosophy, '05  
Television news  
anchor, MSNBC



## ◀ Logan Green

Economics, '06  
Co-founder and  
CEO, Lyft



## ◀ Eric Lauterbach

BA, '89  
President,  
Consumer  
Division, Peet's  
Coffee

## Ndidi Orijj ▶

Law & Society / Black  
Studies, '00  
Senior VP, Advertising  
& Program Standards,  
NBCUniversal



## José M. Hernández ▶

Electrical & Computer  
Engineering (MS), '86  
NASA Astronaut



▶ For alumni information, visit [ucsbalum.com](http://ucsbalum.com).

# 400+

top companies visit  
UCSB for recruiting  
events each year

## Jobs & Internships

Career Services ([career.sa.ucsb.edu](http://career.sa.ucsb.edu)) provides:

- ▶ On-campus recruitment events and career fairs
- ▶ Annual "Graduate and Professional Schools Day"
- ▶ Internship and job listings
- ▶ Interview preparation
- ▶ Assistance choosing a major
- ▶ Resume and cover letter writing tips

## UCDC and UC Sacramento

Students are able to live, work as interns, study and conduct research in Washington, D.C. ([duels.ucsb.edu/academics/ucdc](http://duels.ucsb.edu/academics/ucdc)) and Sacramento, CA ([duels.ucsb.edu/academics/uccs](http://duels.ucsb.edu/academics/uccs)).



# Financial Aid

Approximately 70% of UCSB undergraduate students receive financial assistance, including loans, determined by need.

## How to Apply

### Submit the FAFSA by March 2

To apply for federal and state aid, complete the FAFSA starting in October at [fafsa.gov](https://fafsa.gov).

- OR -

### Submit the CA Dream Act Application by March 2

The application allows AB 540-eligible California students to apply for state financial aid at [dream.csac.ca.gov](https://dream.csac.ca.gov).

## Estimated 2020-2021 Student Budget

*Tuition subject to revision by the Regents of the University of California.*

	Resident	Non-Resident*
Tuition and Campus-Based Fees	\$14,391	\$14,391
Supplemental Tuition	—	\$29,754
Books and Supplies	\$1,260	\$1,260
Room and Board	\$15,039	\$15,039
Health/Transportation	\$4,110	\$4,110
Personal Expenses/Phone	\$1,722	\$1,722
Loan Fees**	\$96	\$96
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$36,618</b>	<b>\$66,372</b>

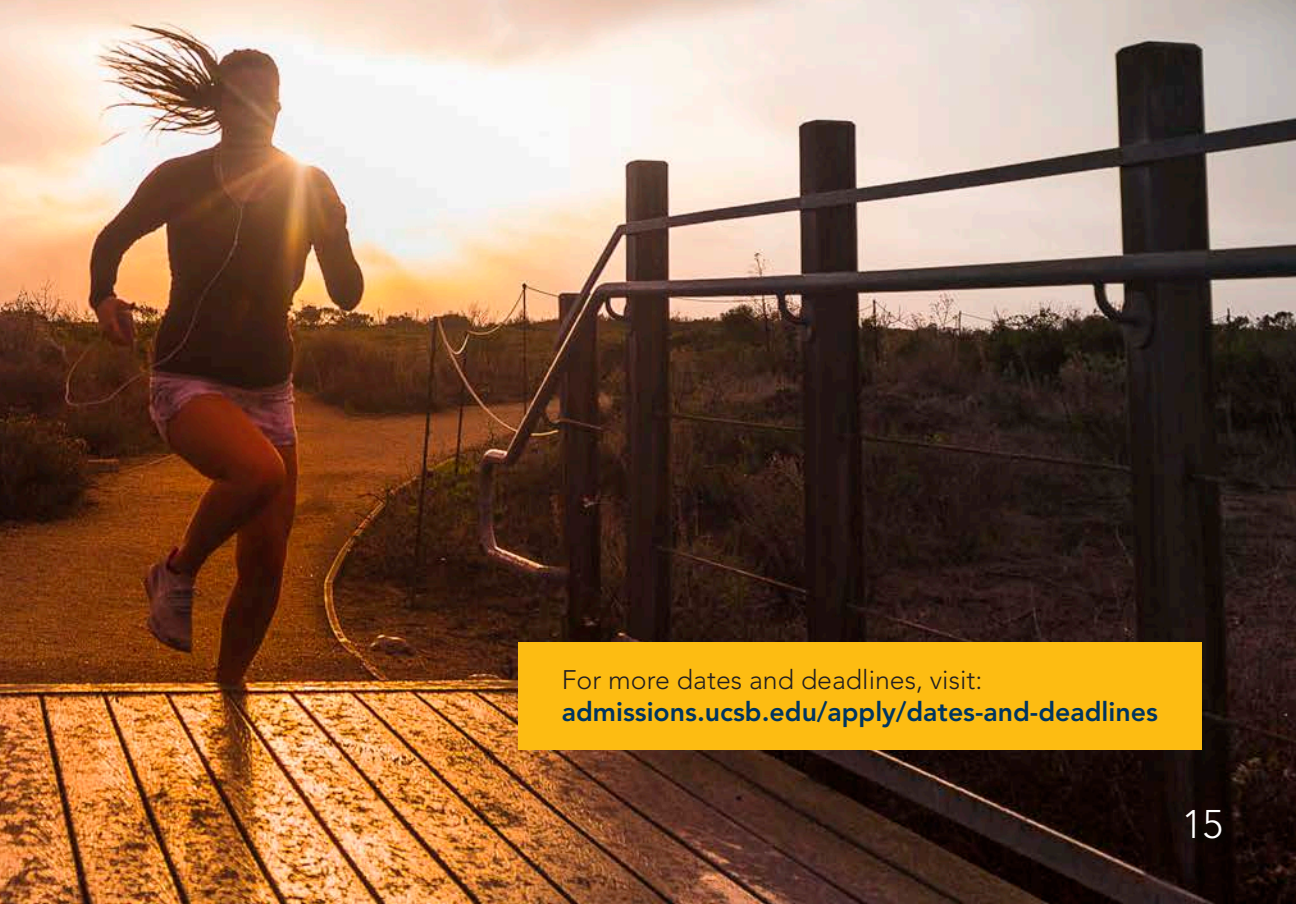
\* Out-of-state and international students.

\*\* Average origination fees for student borrowers.

For advice on financing education, visit [www.finaid.ucsb.edu](https://www.finaid.ucsb.edu) and [universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions/paying-for-uc](https://universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions/paying-for-uc).

# Dates & Deadlines

<b>August 1</b> .....	Begin UC application online
<b>September 1-30</b> .....	Submit TAG application
<b>November 1-30</b> .....	Submit UC application
<b>March 2</b> .....	Submit FAFSA or CA Dream Act application
<b>Mid-March - May 1</b> .....	View admission notification online
<b>May 1</b> .....	Freshmen: Submit Statement of Intent to Register (SIR)
<b>June 1</b> .....	Transfers: Submit Statement of Intent to Register (SIR)
<b>Late September</b> .....	Instruction begins



For more dates and deadlines, visit:  
[admissions.ucsb.edu/apply/dates-and-deadlines](https://admissions.ucsb.edu/apply/dates-and-deadlines)



