

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA SANTA BARBARA



International Student Guide
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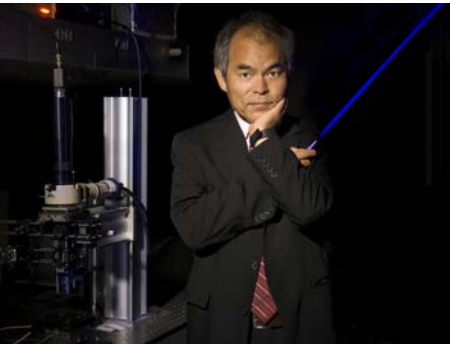
The University of California SANTA BARBARA



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



GLOBAL RECOGNITION



RANKINGS & AWARDS

- **6** faculty Nobel Prizes in chemistry, economics and physics
- Professor Shuji Nakamura won the **2014 Nobel Prize in Physics** and the **2006 Millennium Technology Prize** for the blue laser diode
- **#8** public university in the *U.S. News & World Report* 2016 Best Colleges ranking
- **#1** public university in the world for impact on the sciences in the Leiden Ranking, 2016
- **1 of only 62 institutions** in the prestigious Association of American Universities

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Over **50%**
of undergraduate
students conduct
research

18:1
student-to-
faculty ratio

Nearly **\$200,000**
in grants and funding
to support undergraduate
research each year

- Alumna Carol Greider won the **Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine** in 2009.
- **600+** active inventions have resulted from UCSB research.
- UCSB is a **pioneer in Environmental Science**, a leader in the field for over 40 years.
- The campus is home to **11 national institutes and centers**, among them the Kavli Institute for Theoretical Physics, the Materials Research Laboratory and the Institute for Collaborative Biotechnologies.
- The **Institute for Energy Efficiency** is changing how energy is produced and used.



As a Professor of Mechanical Engineering, UCSB Chancellor Henry T. Yang teaches undergraduate courses each year

LOCAL COMMUNITY

SANTA BARBARA

Santa Barbara, California is located 100 miles northwest of Los Angeles. Santa Barbara's location on the shore of the Pacific Ocean provides extraordinary weather, making the city ideal for outdoor recreation including surfing, hiking, kayaking, swimming, biking, running and more. Santa Barbara is a tourist destination with the cultural resources of a sophisticated city including excellent shopping, restaurants, movies and music.



GETTING AROUND

Convenient transportation is available to Los Angeles, San Francisco and other cities around the world.

- **Santa Barbara Municipal Airport (SBA)** is less than two miles from the UCSB campus.

- **Los Angeles International Airport (LAX)** is less than two hours from the UCSB campus, and the Santa Barbara Airbus offers daily round-trip transportation.

- **Santa Barbara bus system** is highly accessible for students with stops on campus and in downtown Santa Barbara.

- **Amtrak trains** stop at stations in Santa Barbara and Goleta.





JESSIE CHEE XIM ONG

College of Letters and Science
Communication / Environmental
Studies

Graduation Date: June 2016

Hometown: Kota Kinabalu,
Malaysia

“WHY UCSB? Learning about the opportunities and resources that the university offers, such as the wide range of academic departments as well as campus activities and organizations, helped me become more certain of my decision to go to UCSB.

UCSB PREPARATION I have personally grown and received a lot of guidance through the iBuddy Mentorship Program. The program is created to help international students living on campus in their transition into a new environment through one-on-one mentoring and cultural or social events.

ADVICE It is okay to feel a little uncertain of the choice of destination you will pick to study at because things will somehow fall into place when you're there. Embrace the good, the uncomfortable and the unexpected!



ZEHUI XIANG

College of Creative Studies
Mathematics

Graduation Date: June 2018

Hometown: Binzhou, China

“WHY UCSB? There are many opportunities of doing research for undergraduates. I was attracted by the gorgeous campus, which has its own beach, the perfect weather and friendly people. UCSB is absolutely the best place to live and to study. I am proud to be a Gaucho and have a wonderful life here.

UCSB PREPARATION Asking the Office of Admissions and checking the official UCSB website are helpful when you have questions.

UCSB RESOURCES The Office of International Students & Scholars (OISS) will support every international student. The advisors and instructors also provide help to all students to have a better life here.

ADVICE Go to your advisors and your instructors' office hours. Participate in campus events and academic seminars. Find your goals and catch opportunities that can make you closer to your goals.

CAMPUS COMMUNITY



OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS & SCHOLARS (OISS)

OISS is an excellent resource for international applicants, providing assistance in securing a student visa, orienting students to campus and helping plan an academic program. The office connects students with international student associations on campus and offers classes in English oral proficiency and American culture. OISS even advises students on careers and continuing education. www.oiss.ucsb.edu

STAY ACTIVE at the state-of-the-art UCSB Recreation Center. Facilities include exercise equipment, a climbing wall, aquatics, group fitness classes, sport clubs, intramural sports and even personal training. www.recreation.ucsb.edu

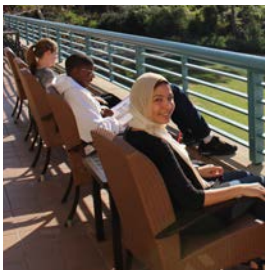
START AN ADVENTURE through UCSB Adventure Programs excursions including kayaking, backpacking, hiking, camping and more. www.recreation.ucsb.edu/adventure-programs

SHOW YOUR SCHOOL SPIRIT!
UCSB is home to 20 men's and women's Division 1 NCAA teams. <http://ucsbgauchos.com>



STUDENT COMMUNITY

LIVE YOUR PASSIONS! UCSB's **500 student organizations** help students explore their interests in arts, academics, athletics, politics, cultural pursuits and more. <http://osl.sa.ucsb.edu>



SAMPLING OF CULTURAL GROUPS AT UCSB

- African Diasporic Cultural Resource Center
- Akanke
- American Indian and Indigenous Arts Collective
- American Indian Student Association
- American Indian Student Mentor Association
- Arab Student Group
- Armenian Student Association
- Asian Pacific Islander Political Alliance
- Asian Resource Center
- Brazilian Student Association
- Chican@/Latin@ Cultural Resource Center
- Chican@ Latin@ Scholars
- Chinese Cultural Exchange Association
- Chinese Student and Scholar Association
- Chinese Student Association
- Club de Français
- De Colores
- El Congreso
- German Club UCSB
- Hermanas Unidas
- Hermanos Unidos
- Hong Kong Student Association
- laorana Te Otea (Polynesian dance)
- Indian Association of Santa Barbara
- International Student Association
- Italian Club
- Japanese Language Café
- Japanese Student Association
- Jewish Awareness Movement UCSB
- Jewish Voices for Peace at UCSB
- Kapatirang Pilipino
- Khmer Student Association
- Korean American Student Association
- Lebanese Club
- Los Ingenieros
- Middle Eastern Cultural Resource Center
- Muslim Student Organization
- Nikkei Student Union
- Pacific Islander Student Association
- Pan-African Student Union
- Persian Student Group
- Ravaani
- Rhythms of Brazil Cultural Club
- Russian Club
- Saudi Students Club
- Shokeen Billo Raaniyan Bhangra
- South Asia Student Association (Indus)
- Taiwanese American Student Association
- Taiwanese Student Association
- Team South Asian Students Association
- Thai Student Union
- Turkish Student Association
- Unión Salvadoreña de Estudiantes Universitarios
- Vietnamese Student Association

THREE COLLEGES



THE COLLEGE OF LETTERS & 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.

www.duels.ucsb.edu



THE 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 faculty-directed research and independent study.

www.engineering.ucsb.edu



THE 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.

www.ccs.ucsb.edu



World of Learning

The UC Santa Barbara campus is an exciting environment in which to learn and grow. Professors are accessible and responsive to the needs of their students.



UCSB MAJORS

Visit www.admissions.ucsb.edu/why-ucsb/majors for major-specific information. Majors also available as a minor are indicated ■. Pre-professional preparation is also available through the Technology Management Program (www.tmp.ucsb.edu), Pre-Law Program (www.duels.ucsb.edu/academics/law), Pre-Health Program (www.duels.ucsb.edu/academics/health) and Teacher Education (www.education.ucsb.edu).

| MAJOR | Bachelors | Masters | Doctorate |
|--|-----------|---------|-----------|
| COLLEGE OF LETTERS & SCIENCE www.duels.ucsb.edu | | | |
| Actuarial Science | • | •* | |
| ■ Anthropology | • | • | • |
| Applied Mathematics | | • | |
| Aquatic Biology | • | | |
| ■ Art | • | • | |
| ■ Asian American Studies | • | | |
| Asian Studies | • | • | |
| Biochemistry | • | | |
| Biochemistry-Molecular Biology | • | | • |
| Biological Sciences | • | | |
| Biopsychology | • | | |
| ■ Black Studies | • | | |
| Cell and Developmental Biology | • | | |
| ■ Chemistry | • | • | • |
| Chicana and Chicano Studies | • | | • |
| ■ Chinese | • | | |
| ■ Classics | • | • | • |
| Communication | • | • | • |
| ■ Comparative Literature | • | • | • |
| Counseling, Clinical and School Psychology | | • | • |
| Dance | • | | |
| Dynamical Neuroscience | | | • |
| ■ Earth Science | • | • | • |
| East Asian Languages and Cultural Studies | | • | • |
| Ecology and Evolution | • | • | • |
| Economics | • | | • |
| Economics and Accounting | • | | |
| Education | | • | • |
| ■ English | • | • | • |
| Environmental Studies | • | • | • |
| ■ Feminist Studies | • | • | • |
| Film and Media Studies | • | • | • |
| Financial Mathematics and Statistics | • | | • |
| ■ French | • | | • |
| Geography | • | • | • |
| ■ German | • | • | • |
| Global Studies | • | • | • |
| ■ History | • | | • |
| ■ History of Art and Architecture | • | • | • |
| History of Public Policy | • | | |
| Hydrologic Sciences and Policy | • | | |
| ■ Italian Studies | • | | |
| ■ Japanese | • | | |

*Open to UCSB undergraduates only.

| MAJOR | Bachelors | Masters | Doctorate |
|---|-----------|---------|-----------|
| Language, Culture and Society | • | | |
| ■ Latin American and Iberian Studies | • | • | |
| ■ Linguistics | • | | • |
| Marine Science | | • | • |
| ■ Mathematics | • | • | • |
| Media Arts and Technology | | • | • |
| Medieval Studies | • | | • |
| Microbiology | • | | |
| Middle East Studies | • | | |
| Molecular, Cellular and Developmental Biology | | • | • |
| Music | • | • | • |
| ■ Music Studies | • | | |
| Pharmacology | • | | |
| ■ Philosophy | • | • | • |
| Physics | • | | • |
| Physiology | • | | |
| Political Science | • | • | • |
| ■ Portuguese | • | • | |
| Psychological and Brain Sciences | • | | • |
| Religious Studies | • | • | • |
| Renaissance Studies | • | | |
| Sociology | • | • | • |
| ■ Spanish | • | • | • |
| ■ Statistical Science | • | • | • |
| Technology Management | | • | |
| ■ Theater | • | • | • |
| Zoology | • | | |

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING www.engineering.ucsb.edu

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| Chemical Engineering | • | | • |
| Computer Engineering | • | • | • |
| Computer Science | • | • | • |
| Electrical Engineering | • | • | • |
| Mechanical Engineering | • | • | • |
| Materials | | | • |

FIVE-YEAR PROGRAMS

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| 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 or Mechanical Engineering, B.S. / Materials, M.S. | • | • | |

COLLEGE OF CREATIVE STUDIES www.ccs.ucsb.edu

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| Art | • | | |
| Biology | • | | |
| Chemistry and Biochemistry | • | | |
| Computing | • | | |
| Mathematics | • | | |
| Music Composition | • | | |
| Physics | • | | |
| Writing and Literature | • | | |

HOUSING



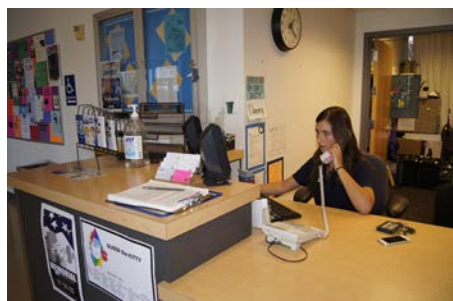
18,000 students live on or within one mile of campus, adding to the vibrant university community

HOUSING OPTIONS

UCSB has eight residence halls including high- and low-rise buildings with ocean, lagoon and mountain views. Entering students are **guaranteed university housing** as long as application deadlines are met. For more information on housing for international students, visit www.housing.ucsb.edu/community/international-students.

BREAK & SUMMER HOUSING

Residence halls traditionally close during Thanksgiving, winter and spring breaks. In order to accommodate international students, UCSB Housing and Residential Services provides housing in the residence halls during closures for those who cannot go home. International students should indicate this request on the personal preference form when filling out the Housing application.



COST OF ATTENDANCE

The current estimate of UCSB tuition, fees and living expenses for the 2016-2017 year is included in the table below. A cost calculator for UCSB tuition and fees can be found at the UCSB Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships website at www.finaid.ucsb.edu.

| ITEM | COST |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|
| Tuition* | \$14,073 |
| Supplemental Tuition and Fees | \$26,682 |
| Books and Supplies | \$1,431 |
| Room and Board | \$13,605 |
| Health and Transportation | \$3,912 |
| Personal Expenses and Phone | \$2,151 |
| Loan Fees** | \$117 |
| Total | \$61,971 |

Costs in this table are subject to change.

** Includes other campus fees.*

*** Average origination fees for student borrowers.*

I-20 & VISA INFORMATION

After enrolling, international students who live outside the U.S. will need to obtain either an I-20 or DS-2019 form from the UCSB Office of International Students and Scholars (OISS) in order to secure an F-1 or J-1 student visa from a U.S. consulate. www.oiss.ucsb.edu

MINIMUM FINANCIAL REQUIREMENT

To obtain a visa document, students need to submit online proof of ability to pay for all expenses for the first year of study at UCSB.

www.oiss.ucsb.edu

EMPLOYMENT

Work-study opportunities for international students are limited. Most grants or scholarships are limited to U.S. students, and some visas include restrictions on the type of work you can do in the U.S.

www.oiss.ucsb.edu



PREPARING FOR UCSB

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.

APPLYING TO UCSB

- Apply to UCSB in November for enrollment the following September online at **www.universityofcalifornia.edu/apply**.
- More information about applying to UCSB including academic requirements can be found at **www.admissions.ucsb.edu/applying/international**.

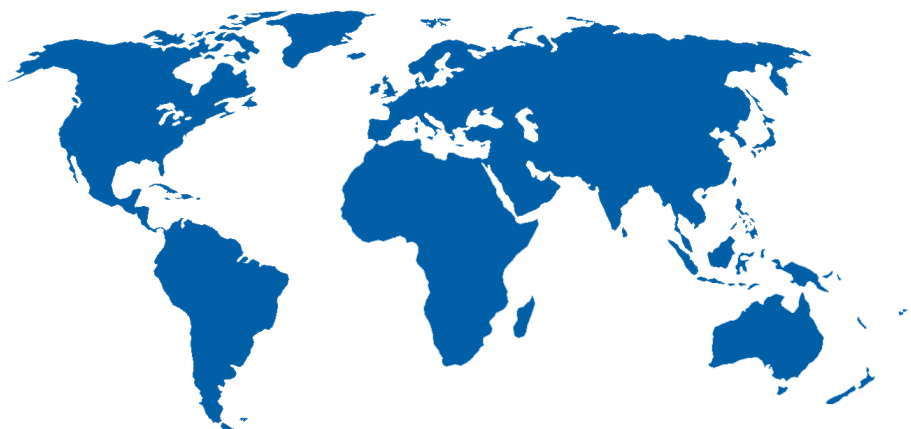
COMPLETING THE APPLICATION

The UC application will ask you to fill out information about your high school/secondary school, including the years you attended and the grades you received. The application only has 9th - 12th grades as options (in the United States, 12th grade is equivalent to the year of schooling before you attend university).

You should list your 13th year of coursework under 12th grade and work backward through 11th, 10th and 9th grades. **For example:** Enter marks/grades you earned in your 13th year for the 12th grade, your 12th year marks/grades for the 11th grade, your 11th year marks/grades for the 10th grade, and your 10th year marks/grades for the 9th grade.

QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR CURRICULUM?

Find your country and curriculum requirements for UC eligibility using **www.admissions.ucsb.edu/applying/international/freshman-eligibility**.



CURRICULUM REQUIREMENTS



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.

INTERNATIONAL SCHOOLS

Your international school must have an appropriate level of recognition in the educational system it follows. If your international school follows a U.S. curriculum, the school must have U.S. accreditation and you must graduate with a U.S. high school diploma or an equivalent credential.

13-YEAR EDUCATIONAL SYSTEMS

If pre-university education is 13 years long in your country, you must complete all 13 years before entering UC Santa Barbara.

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, UC Santa Barbara 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.

| COUNTRY | MINIMUM UC ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS |
|------------------|--|
| Argentina | Completion of Bachillerato Universitario (Secondary School Leaving Certificate) with a minimum average of at least 7 |
| Brazil | Completion of Certificado de Conclusão de Segundo Grau (Certificate of Conclusion of Second Level) 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 |

BY COUNTRY

| COUNTRY | MINIMUM UC ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS |
|----------------------------------|--|
| 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) |
| Chile | Completion of Licencia Secundaria (Secondary Education License) or Licencia de Educación Media with a minimum average of at least 5.5 |
| 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) or completion of Bachillerato (Baccalaureate) with a minimum average of at least 80 |
| Ecuador | Completion of Bachillerato with a minimum average of at least 7.5 |
| India | Completion of All India Senior School Certificate or Higher Secondary School Certificate with a minimum average of at least 70 or 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 |

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|--------------------------------|---|
| Jordan | Completion of Tawjihi or 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 |
| Oman | Completion of General Secondary School Certificate |
| 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 Học (Secondary School Graduation Certificate) with a minimum average of at least 8 |

TESTING

REQUIRED TESTS

Exams must be taken by December prior to enrollment.

SAT Reasoning Test with Essay OR **ACT plus Writing**

For students whose language of instruction was not English:

TOEFL – Minimum score of 80 OR **IELTS – Minimum score of 6.5**

RECOMMENDED TESTS

- College of Engineering: SAT Math Level 2 subject test
- College of Creative Studies: SAT subject test related to major choice



MESSAGE ABOUT AGENTS & CONSULTANTS

UCSB does not partner with agents to represent the university or to administer any part of the undergraduate admission application process. The engagement of agents or private organizations for the purpose of recruiting or enrolling international students is not endorsed by UCSB. Agents who may be retained

by students to help with the application process are not recognized as representatives of the university and do not have a contractual agreement or partnership to represent UCSB.

UCSB expects all applicants to complete their own application materials. The use of agent services is not aligned with UC's Statement on Integrity, expectations that are explained as a part of applying for admission to the university.

UCSB expects an application to be the work of the applicant and that all information on the application is complete, accurate and truthful.

DATES & DEADLINES

The table below contains important dates and deadlines to help guide you in the process of applying to UC Santa Barbara and preparing to attend.

| | |
|---|----------------------|
| 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 |
| Submit Statement of Intent to Register (SIR) | May 1 |
| Submit Housing contract | May 15 |
| Submit transcripts | July 1 |
| Submit official test scores | July 15 |
| Attend CALI (Cultural Awareness, Laws & Immigration) training | September |
| Instruction begins | Late September |





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Adobe Creative Cloud
Adobe Social Media
Adobe Analytics
Adobe Experience Cloud
Adobe Document Cloud
Adobe Commerce Cloud
Adobe Campaign

OUTCOMES

400+

top companies
visit UCSB for
recruiting events
each year

200,000

alumni network
worldwide

86%

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

JOBS & INTERSHIPS

Career Services (<http://career.sa.ucsb.edu>) connects UCSB 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 www.ucdc.edu.

RETENTION & GRADUATION

4 years median time to graduate for freshmen

68% of freshmen graduate in four years

80% of freshmen graduate in five years



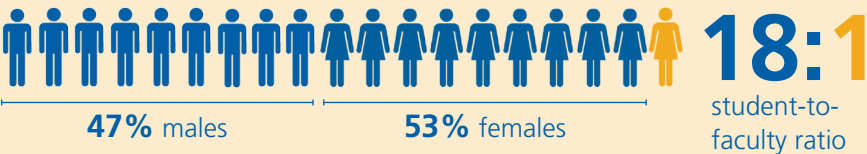
Freshmen returning after their first year at UCSB



Transfers returning after their first year at UCSB



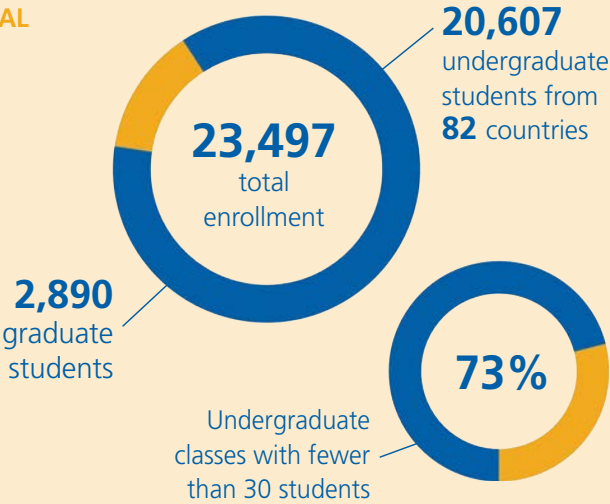
UCSB FACTS & FIGURES



1,455 international undergraduates (7% of the undergraduate student body)

TOP 10 INTERNATIONAL STUDENT COUNTRIES

- People's Republic of China (65%)
- India (6%)
- South Korea (3%)
- Taiwan (3%)
- Mexico (2%)
- Hong Kong (2%)
- Iran (2%)
- Brazil (1%)
- Canada (1%)
- Turkey (1%)



| FALL 2016 CLASS | APPLICANTS | ADMITTED | ENROLLED* |
|------------------------|------------|----------|-----------|
| Freshman Domestic | 64,126 | 23,493 | 4,450 |
| Freshman International | 12,983 | 4,156 | 550 |
| Transfer Domestic | 14,122 | 7,187 | 1,725 |
| Transfer International | 2,822 | 1,574 | 275 |

**Estimated fall 2016 figures.*

CONNECT WITH ADMISSIONS



UC SANTA BARBARA OFFICE OF ADMISSIONS
1210 Cheadle Hall, Santa Barbara, CA 93106-2014
www.admissions.ucsb.edu/applying/international