UC Santa Barbara
As one of only 62 institutions elected to the Association of American Universities, UCSB stands among the top 1.5 percent of all universities in the U.S. and Canada.

Among UCSB faculty there are five Nobel Laureates, Emmy and Academy Award winners, and a Millennium Technology Prize recipient.

The campus is home to 100-plus research units, including 11 national centers funded by federal agencies and departments such as the National Science Foundation.

UCSB ranked among the nation’s top 10 public universities in U.S. News & World Report’s “America’s Best Colleges” guidebook for 2013.

Paradise. The word is nearly synonymous with the University of California, Santa Barbara, a picturesque campus atop a gorgeous stretch of coastline. Such is the breathtaking backdrop for the intellectual vitality that makes UC Santa Barbara an academic wonderland as well.

As an institution, we pride ourselves on the traits we share with our undergraduates: energy, diversity, curiosity, and the drive to succeed now — and thrive forever. Devoted to expanding our knowledge and finding new solutions, we are committed to making a difference and improving the quality of life for the people of California, our nation, and the world.

A campus of the University of California, the country’s premier public university, Santa Barbara is internationally distinguished for its outstanding teaching.
Across the disciplines, the campus attracts distinguished international researchers. The renowned faculty includes five winners of Nobel Prizes and scores of elected members of national and international academies and societies.

More than 200 majors, degrees, and credentials are offered in a wide range of disciplines through UCSB’s three colleges and two professional schools. With groundbreaking research, and meaningful public service. Our reputation for innovation is well-known, highly regarded, and growing. With unparalleled access to our esteemed faculty, and interdisciplinary engagement the norm, opportunities for undergraduates abound at UCSB.

At UC Santa Barbara, we educate and challenge bright students to ask questions, explore possibilities, push boundaries and achieve dreams. Join us on this intellectual adventure!

Anna Everett, a professor in the Department of Film and Media Studies, meets with an undergraduate. At the Carsey-Wolf Center for Film, Television, and New Media, humanists and social scientists teach and conduct research on film, television, and mass media from a variety of perspectives.

A globally renowned large university with a small-town feel, UCSB’s serene setting, residential character, and unbeatable balance of work and wellness together foster a rich environment where living and learning are intertwined. Here, more than 18,000 undergraduates and 1,000 professors interact closely. Here, eminent artists, scientists, engineers, and other scholars not only share their experiences and discoveries with undergraduates every day — they invite their students to share in them.

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Arenis Lemus
SERNOR
PHYSICS
MCNAR SCHOLAR
MESA
LOS INGENIEROS
SOCIETY OF PHYSICS STUDENTS

Since my first quarter here I’ve been doing research in biophysics with one of my professors, and I’ve enjoyed it a lot. It’s quite an experience. I really like lab work, and I’ve gained many skills — such as using machinery and analysis techniques — that are going to be extremely valuable to me in the next step in my career. Through school, I’m part of the MESA Program, Los Ingenieros, and the Society of Physics Students. Off campus I’m a mentor for a program that helps at-risk youth. The atmosphere at UCSB is great and balanced. You can study for hours on end and have the greatest social life ever. It’s the best of both worlds.
A Climate of Inquiry

UC Santa Barbara is a place of exceptional promise and boundless potential. Drawn here from across the country and the globe, our scholars and scientists are forming new research alliances and creating new fields of study that will shape our future understanding of ourselves, our world, and the universe around us. Students are an essential factor in this equation.

Teaching and research go hand in hand at UCSB, where easy access to faculty — and myriad opportunities for research — are points of great pride. Our professors believe that engaging students in the hunt for new knowledge is key to their academic development. In fact, our philosophy of education holds that research, scholarship, and apprenticeship are all central to learning and vital to creating a climate of inquiry that benefits professors and students alike.

The UCSB undergraduate student-faculty ratio is 17 to 1. Lower-division classes average 52 students, though 69 percent of undergraduate classes enroll fewer than 30 students.

More than half of all UCSB undergraduates are engaged in original research with graduate students and faculty members.

UCSB undergraduates study abroad at more than 120 top-ranked institutions in 39 countries worldwide.

The UCSB Washington Center Program offers students a front-row seat to see policymaking in action with internship, study, and research opportunities in our nation’s capital.

Science, engineering, and new media intersect at the AaltoSphere, above, a large-scale, immersive laboratory that can simulate virtually real sensorial perception.

At left, undergraduates and researchers at UCSB tackle real-world problems. Here, students sample fish and invertebrates at the Carpinteria Salt Marsh, part of the UC Natural Reserve System, for a study of marine population dynamics.

UCSB is home to 11 national research centers and institutes, including eight that are sponsored by the National Science Foundation. The Materials Research Laboratory, top, offers specialized research opportunities for study at the undergraduate, graduate, and postdoctoral levels.
C. Patrick Yue (right), a professor of electrical and computer engineering, engages students in his research on high-speed wireless and wireline circuit design.

Undergraduates traveled with faculty to the Galapagos Islands on a pioneering research expedition to explore hydrothermal systems along the global Mid-Ocean Ridge. The National Science Foundation and NOAA's Ocean Exploration Program funded the project.

TaiSonya Tidwell
SENIOR
ANTHROPOLOGY
BLACK STUDIES (MINOR)
CO-CHAIR, BLACK STUDENT UNION
GUARDIAN SCHOLARS

UCSB is a really good community. You’ll find so many support groups, there is no way you won’t fit in. I’m co-chair of the Black Student Union, and I’ve been involved with that since my first year. I’m part of Guardian Scholars, a support group for kids in foster care, which I used to be. UCSB is a research university, which provides great opportunities that you may not get at other schools.

And I feel like I have access to faculty as well. They’re all friendly and accessible, and they really reach out to students.

To that end, undergraduates are encouraged to seek campus research grants to work closely with scholars and artists of international stature on subjects as diverse as quantitative biology, evolutionary psychology, international terrorism, and 18th century literature. More than half of all UCSB undergraduates today are engaged in original research with graduate students and faculty members.

Such hands-on scholarship, conducted with professors who are eminent in their fields, fosters critical thinking skills and helps prepare our students for advanced study and future careers.

At UC Santa Barbara, we urge you to forge your own academic path by pursuing your passions.

Our professors will be there every step of the way, involving you in their quest for discovery, meeting you mind-to-mind to teach from experience — with an eye toward the future.

As a student at UC Santa Barbara, you’ll be part of a thriving community of scholars, for whom the pursuit of knowledge and the experience of growth — both personal and intellectual — are the hallmarks of daily life.

Undergraduate Jacob Poletti traveled to the Nepalese Himalayas for a project led by earth science professor and department chair Douglas Burbank.

Education Abroad Program participants outside the Royal Pavilion in Sussex, U.K. UCSB undergraduates study abroad at more than 120 top-ranked institutions in 39 countries worldwide.

Davidson Library boasts 3 million printed volumes, about 1 million digitized items, and many thousands of electronic journals and e-books, plus an excellent collection of maps, sound recordings, satellite imagery, and multicultural archives.
A Community of Scholars

In addition to five Nobel Prize winners, UCSB’s faculty includes three MacArthur Fellows and many elected members or fellows of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, the National Academy of Sciences, the National Academy of Engineering, and the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Several UCSB physics faculty and students were among an international team of scientists credited in 2012 with observing the Higgs Boson, the discovery of which is considered the ‘Holy Grail’ of particle physics.

UCSB is the editorial headquarters for The Writings of Henry D. Thoreau, a National Endowment for the Humanities project that is publishing definitive scholarly editions of the complete works of naturalist and literary artist Henry David Thoreau.

Curiosity. Courage. Drive. Such characteristics are crucial to long-term success. They’re also among the core attributes of UC Santa Barbara’s many distinguished professors, whose inspiring achievements provide our undergraduates an invaluable foundation on which to build their own aspirations. Example is a powerful teacher.

Imparting essential lessons through wisdom of experience, UC Santa Barbara’s renowned faculty serves students as a vibrant backdrop for opportunity and accomplishment. Their distinction also facilitates your ability to make key, career-enhancing contacts with decision-makers in graduate and professional schools, as well as in the world at large.

Nobel Prizes in chemistry, economics, and physics, won by five distinguished UC Santa Barbara professors for their groundbreaking interdisciplinary re-

UCSB encourages students to develop novel ways of thinking, learning, and conducting research. At top, the physical sciences building.

UCSB Chancellor Henry T. Yang, an aerospace engineer, believes that undergraduates help to generate some of the university’s best ideas. A faculty member and a member of the National Academy of Engineering, he regularly teaches structural analysis courses to undergraduates.

At left, the Department of Theater and Dance provides a thriving forum for students to develop and nurture their capacity for self-expression and critical thinking, as well as for the study of dance, theater, and other types of performance.
search, have brought the campus international recognition. A professor of engineering won the world’s most-prestigious technology award — the Millennium Technology Prize — for his invention of revolutionary new energy-saving light sources. Our faculty ranks include an Academy Award winner, an Emmy winner, a recipient of the Fields Medal in Mathematics, and scores of elected members of top national and international academies and societies. Across the disciplines, and among them, UC Santa Barbara scholars are contributing to the sum of human knowledge, and enriching lives in turn. You’ll come face to face with these world-class professors as early as your freshman year. Available to meet with you in classrooms, laboratories, studios, offices, and informal settings across campus, they are infectiously passionate, and eager to share their insights.

Grant Draper
Sophomore
MECHANICAL ENGINEERING
GUIDE, GAUCHO TOUR ASSOCIATION
INTERNAL VIC E PRESIDENT, AMERICAN SOCIETY OF MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

Being in the American Society of Mechanical Engineering has been great. I get to meet people I wouldn’t meet otherwise, and get to know upperclassmen. Our faculty advisors show up to our meetings, and they’re all very nice too. I work as a campus tour guide because I want kids to know it’s a really good school. Because I love it so much, I want other kids to love it too. When I first visited here I didn’t know much about it, but I really liked the atmosphere. When I did the research and found out this is also a super good engineer-

The Colleges

UC Santa Barbara offers a comprehensive array of undergraduate majors and graduate programs through three colleges: Letters and Science, Engineering, and Creative Studies.

The College of Letters and Science is UCSB’s largest college, offering some 80 majors and nearly 40 minors, including interdisciplinary programs. An honors program provides enrichment opportunities for high-achieving students. The Office of Undergraduate Research and Creative Activities provides support and funding for under-

The College of Engineering offers undergraduate degrees in chemi-

cal, computer, electrical, and mechanical engineering, and in com-

puter science. For students aspiring to graduate school, there are several five-year combined bachelor’s/master’s degree programs, including one that culminates with an M.S. in materials science. In addition to its 1,400 undergraduate students, the college enrolls 750 graduate students in M.S.- and Ph.D.-level programs.

The College of Creative Studies is singular in the UC system. Talented undergraduates committed to advanced and independent work are provided access to both instruction in the college in small groups, and to the intellectual, instructional, and physical resources of UCSB. Many make original contributions to their fields before graduatıng. Offering eight majors, enrollment totals 150.

UCSB PROFESSIONAL SCHOOLS

Preparing the next generation of scholars is one of the primary purposes of a research university. UC Santa Barbara offers an array of graduate programs and is home to two professional schools.

The Gevirtz Graduate School of Education offers advanced degrees in education and in counseling, clinical, and school psychology. Credential programs in teacher education, school psychology, special education, and school administration are also available. A minor in education and applied psychology is available to undergraduates. A number of centers and outreach programs partner with local schools and provide experiences for graduate students as well as undergraduates interested in education careers.

The Donald Bren School of Environmental Science and Management provides an unusual blend of graduate training designed to equip environmental scientists and managers with the skills needed to tackle complex and interdependent environmental problems.

Neema Rashidee
Sophomore
GEOGRAPHY
ORIENTATION STAFF
UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH TUTOR, CLAS (CAMPU S LEARNING ASSISTANCE SERVICES)

UCSB was my top choice so I was excited when I got in. It’s been the best experience and has totally surpassed my expectations. It’s nice to go to a research university. You feel like you’re learning things that other people don’t know, and you’re always on the cutting edge of what’s happening. I’m a research assistant for the Climate Hazards Group within the Geography Department, which works to promote the application of physical sciences to human problems such as food shortages. It’s been a great ex-

Each year, UCSB offers some 100 freshman seminars — small group courses taught by distinguished faculty. Above, Inés Talamantez, an associate professor of religious studies, conducts a seminar exploring religious diversity in the United States.
The Spirit of Place

The climate at UC Santa Barbara, both literally and figuratively, nourishes the mind, body, and soul. The natural beauty of our location—and the balanced nature of our campus culture—make this an ideal place to live and learn.

• World-class art exhibitions, exceptional performances, and special lectures featuring leading artists, writers, and scientists inspire creativity and enrich campus life. A robust artist-in-residence program offers master classes taught by visiting luminaries.

• UCSB’s Student Resource Building, home to a host of educational services that promote both physical and emotional well-being, encourages interaction.

• Living-Learning Communities in UCSB’s residence halls and apartments offer students customized, interest-based programs to enhance their campus experience and academic success.

• The campus has repeatedly ranked among the most bike-friendly in the U.S. by organizations including the League of American Bicyclists and Better Colleges Online.

• A national leader in sustainability, UCSB in 2012 was honored for its resource efficiency by the U.S. Green Building Council, and lauded with a Best Practice Award in Sustainable Innovation at the California Higher Education Sustainability Conference.

• The student-run Community Affairs Board at UCSB engages thousands of undergraduates in volunteer service both on and off campus.

• The UCSB Intercollegiate Athletics program has 20 teams that compete at the NCAA Division I level. Women’s basketball won the Big West Conference Championship in 2012. Men’s soccer is a past NCAA national champion.

• UCSB’s beachside setting inspires a laid-back, familial atmosphere in which to relax between classes and study sessions.

The University Center offers ample space for studying. It also houses multiple cafes, restaurants, and meeting rooms, as well as the UCSB Bookstore.

At left, few things exemplify UCSB’s culture better than a bicycle. We are a close-knit residential community, active and environmentally aware.
The majority of UCSB students live on campus or in the adjacent college community of Isla Vista. Undergraduates gather in the Student Resource Building, the heart of student life. It provides expanded services to support academic success as well as space for student activities.

Internationally acclaimed cellist Yo-Yo Ma conducts UCSB’s Young Artists String Quartet. Ma and the Silk Road Ensemble completed a campus residency consisting of performances, master classes, and open rehearsals.

UCSB’s sterling reputation for sustainability practices includes its status as one of the nation’s most bike-friendly campuses. More than seven miles of bike-ways snake across and around the UCSB campus, providing students easy access to their classrooms, lecture halls, and laboratories, as well as to an array of cultural, academic, athletic, and social events.

The Santa Barbara community offers diverse natural and cultural resources, including the Santa Barbara Symphony, Botanic Garden, Museum of Art, and Museum of Natural History. The courthouse is characteristic of the city’s distinctive architecture.

The Santa Barbara community offers students another amazing resource for exploration and engagement. Internationally renowned filmmaker Chris Witschy, a senior in Cinema and Media Studies with a minor in French, offers his perspective:

Being from a very urbanized place, Chicago, it was a little bit of a culture shock when I first came here. But I’ve been enormously pleased — especially in terms of the academic quality and instruction. I’ve engaged in honors work with professors. I’ve been pushed to develop myself more as a writer, a critical reader, and as a researcher. I did an internship through the Carney-Wolf Center, and worked for a local production company and local film crews. The access to nature at UCSB I’ve found enlightening. There is an intrinsic appreciation of the environment, and this great balance of class life and work with the spectacular beauty all around you.
UCSB’s Intercollegiate Athletics program includes 20 teams that compete at the NCAA Division 1 level, including men’s basketball, which draws a large crowd in the Thunderdome (above). The graduation rate for student athletes is the highest in the Big West Conference.

UCSB’s women’s volleyball program has advanced to the NCAA Tournament dozens of times. Its athletes have repeatedly earned Big West Player of the Year and All-American honors.

The Recreation Center helps keep students strong and fit with two swimming pools, weight rooms, squash and racquetball courts, a climbing wall, and more.

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for its setting and architecture, Santa Barbara is a vibrant mid-sized city with a global footprint. Bustling with arts, culture, and technology, it boasts a rich and storied history and a strong environmental ethos.

UC Santa Barbara students are driven to become global citizens by connecting with these surrounding communities. Many of our undergraduates serve in the larger Santa Barbara region as volunteers and interns at hundreds of nonprofit and public agencies, including local hospitals, homeless shelters, corporations, and environmental and governmental organizations. More than 6,000 UCSB students are engaged in public service.

Students have an opportunity to learn from leading artists and writers, such as former U.S. Poet Laureate Billy Collins (right), who has come to the campus numerous times to read his work and visit classes.

On and off campus, the UC Santa Barbara experience presents unlimited opportunities for students to learn, contribute, and grow in a setting of unmatched beauty, a supportive social atmosphere, and a collaborative intellectual climate.

UCSB’s men’s soccer team claimed the 2006 NCAA National Championship and is considered one of the top programs in the country.

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Talia Citron
FRESHMAN
SOCIAL SCIENCES
HILLEL
ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS BOARD
EXCURSION CLUB
I participated in the Freshman Summer Start Program. That was such a perfect choice for me because I made amazing friends and got a head start on school. I joined the Excursion Club and got really into surfing. I also really like the health and wellness program. I go to meditation classes twice per week, and I try to swim every morning before class. I’m always active here. UCSB for me is the perfect balance of school and everything else I wanted. Academically it’s an amazing place to be. But at same time, it’s such a laid back and fun place to be. And it’s the perfect size. It’s not too big that I feel like I don’t matter, but I also wanted to be at big school with a lot of spirit, and you see that here.
Your Pathway to Success

UC Santa Barbara will prepare you for success. Our students pursue four years of intense study in an integrated program that allows them to develop expansive knowledge in the sciences, humanities, fine arts, and social sciences. They also gain significant expertise in their chosen field. Many participate in academic research projects and in government and private-sector internships.

At UCSB, athletics, the arts, public service, independent research, and internships serve as vehicles to cultivate leaders in entrepreneurship, business, science, and government. We encourage students to step forward in leading their peers and the community in best practices and winning strategies.

UCSB's Career Services offers counseling, workshops, classes, internship and career fairs, and other programming aimed at assisting students in their post-graduate planning.

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Approximately one-third of UCSB students go on to pursue graduate work or professional degrees.

UCSB's law school admission rate consistently tops the national average.

Professor Mark Juergensmeyer, director of the Orfalea Center for Global and International Studies, teaches an undergraduate course on global conflict. UCSB's global studies program was one of the first interdisciplinary undergraduate majors in international studies in the country to focus on globalization.

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Casey Boome
ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY, OFFICE OF THE BRONX (NY) DISTRICT ATTORNEY
J.D., ’12, EMBRY UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW
B.A., GLOBAL STUDIES ’09, UCSB

I learned how to be a lawyer in law school, but I feel like I learned how to be a good person and a citizen of global society at UCSB. The dynamic at UCSB, the opportunities, I don’t think I would have gotten that at a larger school. I was getting in there with professors and learning directly from them. The understanding I gained about the history of our country and its policies, along with a global perspective, prepared me to approach my job as a prosecutor with knowledge of the mistakes made in the past, and how I can help try to shape the system now to be more fair to people in the long run. UCSB can be such a great window to the world. Take advantage.
The UCSB Washington Center Program supports undergraduate students who pursue internships, research, and creative activities in the nation’s capital.

Our students are achievers. Upon graduating, many are recruited by Fortune 500 companies, leading high-tech, accounting, and communications firms, and arts and public service organizations. Approximately one-third of today’s graduates pursue advanced study in graduate or professional school.

Career counselors work closely with our undergraduates to help identify career goals, explore academic majors, secure internships, connect with employers, and, later, to assist with the graduate application process.

UC Santa Barbara has an excellent reputation for preparing students for professional and graduate schools in the health sciences. These include medical, dental, veterinary, pharmacy and physical therapy schools, as well as graduate programs in public health, biochemistry, bioengineering, molecular biology, and other biological sciences.

Pre-law and health professions advisors in the College of Letters and Science assist with academic planning, arrange for research and volunteer opportunities, and guide students through the highly competitive application and interview process. The rate of UCSB alumni who are admitted to one or more accredited law schools consistently bests the national average, reaching as high as 76 percent.

Pre-professional student organizations also provide professional exposure and networking opportunities. Many pre-medical students participate in internship programs at local hospitals and in medical clinics.

The College of Creative Studies (CCS), unique in the University of California system, has been described as a “graduate school for undergraduates.” Talented students in eight majors perform advanced and independent work, and begin making original contributions to their fields. Approximately 80 percent of CCS science graduates pursue advanced degrees. Carol Greider, a 1983 CCS alum in biology, won the 2009 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine.

Students who are passionate about technology and interested in business receive advanced training in both from the Technology Management Program (TMP). Based at the College of Engineering but open to all students, TMP...
Being in pre-med was challenging, but I made sure I found a microbiology lab for undergraduate research. As Lambda Sigma Gamma multicultural sorority, my achievements at UCSB, and with various campus groups such as Lambda Sigma Gamma, fostered the business acumen and skills required of entrepreneurs and company leaders. It has served as a launch pad for many successful businesses.

Your experience at UC Santa Barbara will help you develop the confidence and flexibility to enrich your life and career in the challenging, rapidly changing environment of the 21st century.

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- Visit our admissions Web site: www.admissions.ucsb.edu
- Contact the Office of Admissions Visitor Center (805) 893-2487 regarding campus tours and special events.
- View the UCSB General Catalog: www.catalog.ucsb.edu
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