



UC **SANTA BARBARA**
International
Programs

Rankings

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

Top 10

Public University in the U.S. for the last 15 years

6

Faculty Nobel Prizes in chemistry, economics and physics

10

National institutes and centers, several of which are funded by the National Science Foundation, including the Kavli Institute for Theoretical Physics

200+

Majors, degrees and credentials, a number that includes 90+ undergraduate majors and more than 50 graduate programs

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UC Santa Barbara is simply amazing! The weather in California is warm and perfect, and transitioning to UCSB was quite smooth for me. The university’s large, green, and clean campus, along with its own beach and lagoon, are truly impressive. There are events of all kinds happening all over the campus, making it a vibrant place to be. In addition to the unique environment that makes studying here enjoyable (it’s scientifically proven that we get mental and physical restoration from nature), it’s the students who make the experience exceptional, positive, and fulfilling.

- Carolin Hohmann



About Us

Welcome to UCSB PaCE International Programs! We offer exciting opportunities for international students to study at UC Santa Barbara, one of the top public universities in the U.S. Our programs help you grow academically, explore career paths, and experience life in California while connecting with students from around the world.



Why UCSB International Programs?

When you enroll in our programs, you will have access to UCSB facilities and many other things:

- Student Services & Immigration Advising
- Student Health Insurance (excluding Dental & Vision)
- Access to UCSB Facilities (Library, Recreation Center, etc.)
- UCSB Student ID & Email
- Free public transportation
- Campus Wi-Fi
- UCSB Handshake platform
- Eligibility to apply for Optional Practical Training (OPT) if enrolled in three quarters

Application Process

To apply, visit our website or scan the QR code and submit the following documents:

- Copy of your passport
- Proof of English proficiency
- Official academic transcripts (minimum GPA of 2.8)
- Financial statement (must cover tuition and estimated living expenses)
- Non-refundable application fee



UCSB International Programs

University Immersion Program

We open the entire UCSB campus to you! Experience US academic life, and earn credits to transfer to your home university, or pursue professional development for your career. Spend as little as one quarter or as much as a full year at UCSB.

Highlights

- Enroll in world-class UCSB classes without formal admission and learn alongside degree-seeking students at one of the most prestigious universities in the U.S.
- Customize your academic experience by choosing courses that align with your goals, from STEM to business, while gaining skills highly valued by global employers.
- Enhance your résumé with UC credits, build connections with renowned faculty, and take advantage of what the UCSB campus has to offer



In this program, students can take three courses in either:

- UCSB undergraduate courses
- UCSB graduate courses or
- UCSB PaCE professional courses



UCSB International Programs

International Certificate Program

Earn a specialized certificate at UCSB PaCE and unlock your potential! Explore diverse fields while working towards your academic and professional goals. Enjoy the beautiful UCSB campus and the vibrant offerings of Santa Barbara as you enhance your skills and knowledge. Elevate your skills and stand out in your field—let's embark on this rewarding educational journey together!

Certificates

- International Business Development (12 units)
- Global Marketing (12 units)
- Leadership (12 units)
- Strategy and Decision Making (12 units)
- General Business Studies (12 units)
- Advanced Business Studies (24 units)
- Entrepreneurship (available in Winter 2026)
- Agile Project Management (24 units)
- New! AI in Business (12 units)
- New! Sport Management (Launching in Spring 2026)



Highlights

- Enhance your business acumen and stand out in your field with a prestigious UCSB Certificate. Seize this opportunity to elevate your professional profile and gain the recognition you deserve!
- Achieve three-quarters of academic study and seamlessly transition into one year of impactful work through Optional Practical Training (OPT).
- Transform your future in just one quarter at UCSB by earning a valuable Certificate, or take advantage of an incredible opportunity to complete three distinct certificates in three quarters!



STEP UP Program

Undergraduate Pathway Program

This step-by-step pathway program is designed to prepare high school graduates to seek admission to a US research university. As a defined pathway, it provides students with the preparation for succeeding in top U.S. universities.

This year-long program includes:

6 weeks of summer Intensive English Language Training at UCSB that prepares you for academic success

3 quarters of General Education courses & academic preparation courses

33 minimum transferable quarter units from UCSB must be included for your UC admission application

Guaranteed

university admission after successfully completing the remaining TAG requirements.



Transfer Guaranteed Admission*

After the 1st year at UCSB, students will transfer to Santa Barbara City College (SBCC) and complete the remaining transferable quarter units required for admission into a University of California campus via the TAG (Transfer Admission Guaranteed) program.

*Transfer is dependent on the student's major and successful completion of the courses.



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Three + One

This program is for international college students who have completed three years of undergraduate study in their home country. They spend their final year at UCSB to experience studying abroad and prepare for U.S. graduate school applications. Students earn UC units that count toward their degree back home, and some may transfer to a UC graduate program. Participants may take up to 8 graduate-level units and apply for OPT after completing the program.



International Customized Programs

We offer flexible short- and long-term academic programs tailored for cohorts from our global partner institutions. These programs combine focused academic content with cultural immersion and professional development.

Highlights

- Customized curriculum aligned with institutional goals
- Access to UCSB faculty, labs, and resources
- Cultural and career-focused enrichment
- Year-round options for varying schedules
- Summer programs also available for high school students

Programs can be credit or non-credit and are available for both students and professionals.





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