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# UC High School Counselor Conference

2023



**Conference overview**

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## UC Office of the President (UCOP) and UC campus updates

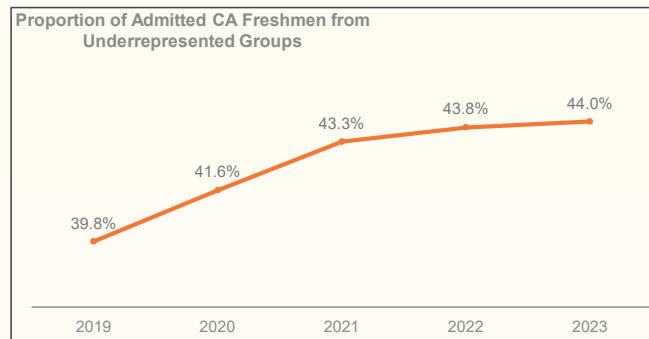
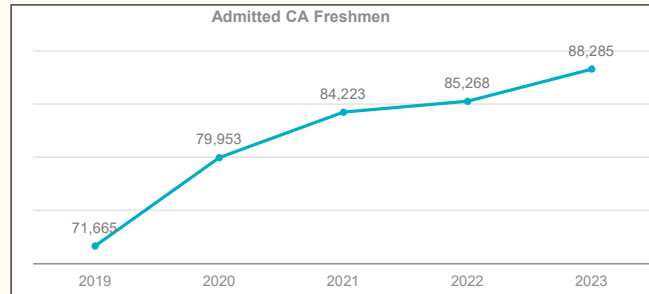


**UC admissions & enrollment update from UCOP**

## Fall 2023 admission highlights

### ADMISSION FOR FALL 2023

- State support for enrollment growth resulting in more admission spots for CA residents
- All-time high number of admitted CA freshmen (over 88,000; 3.5 percent increase over fall 2022)
- Proportion of underrepresented students at record levels — up slightly from last year



UC admitted a record 88,285 California first-year students for fall 2023, a 3.5% increase from this past year's 85,268 total, also a record-breaking year. This growth is made possible by a large and highly qualified pool of California students and critical state funding for enrollment growth.

California students offered freshman admission are more diverse this year as well. Students from underrepresented groups increased to 44.0% of admitted California freshmen (38,871), up about 1,500 students from last year's (37,388). This year, Latino and Latina students again make up the largest ethnic group among California admitted freshmen at 37.6%, up a bit from last year's 37.3%. African American students decreased from 5.7% of admitted students in 2022 to 5.5% this year. We continue to see progress in the number of Native American admits, who make up a small but increasing proportion (0.7%) of admitted students, with admission offers increasing by 11.6% over 2022. There is more work to be done.

## Equity and inclusion at UC

- K-12 and community college programs
- Educational Opportunity Programs
- UC Hispanic-Serving Institutions Initiative
- Native American Opportunity Plan
- Anti-racism resources



The University of California was founded with the purpose of making higher education available to all California citizens — and fulfilling that purpose requires that we cultivate a community reflective of the richness and diversity of the state. Everyone in the university community has the right to work and study in an inclusive environment, one that respects the diversity of all its members. Moreover, the academic excellence of UC is fed by a plurality of ideas and perspectives.

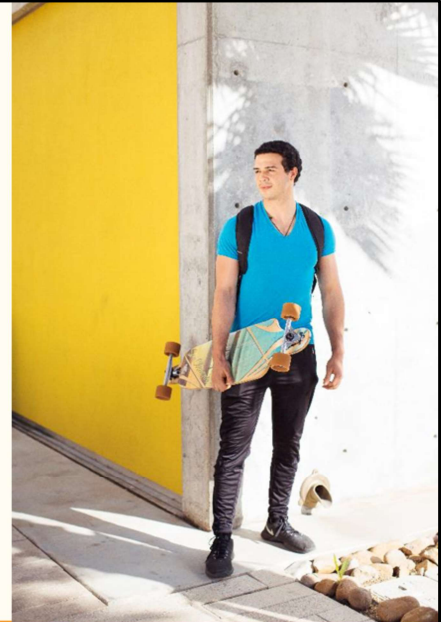
- K-12 and community college programs - UC offers programs and services for K–12 and community college students to help as many Californians as possible pursue a top-tier education. UC also prepares educators for California’s classrooms and helps students stay on track and get ready to succeed in college and career.
- Educational Opportunity Programs - All campuses have programs to help students from traditionally underrepresented backgrounds succeed at the University of California. Please note at some campuses these programs have different names such as the Academic Advancement Program at UCLA and Fiat Lux Scholars Program at UC Merced.
- UC Hispanic-Serving Institutions Initiative – Launched in 2018, UC is committed to creating a learning community whose makeup reflects California’s population. This commitment is part of UC’s original charter as a land-grant university. Now, five of the nine undergraduate UC campuses are federally designated HSIs, one campus is pending designation, and the remaining campuses are expected to follow suit very soon.
- Native American Opportunity Plan - The University of California will ensure that in-state systemwide Tuition and Student Service Fees for California students from federally recognized Native American tribes are fully covered by grants or scholarships.
- Anti-racism resources - The University of California is committed to eradicating systemic racism in university life and operations. Campus leaders have gathered anti-racism resources to share, including links to articles, books, podcasts and films; and listings of anti-racism trainings and webinars.



## Area C/Mathematics

### DATA SCIENCE

- No changes to approved coursework or validation rules for fall 2024 applicants
- Data science courses approved under the Statistics or Other Advanced Math disciplines will continue to validate:
  - Omission of Algebra I and II (or their integrated math equivalents)
  - Deficient grades in Algebra I, Geometry and Algebra II, or Math I/II/III
- Students interested in STEM or social science majors are encouraged to take a math sequence that prepares them for calculus.



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- You may have read about UC faculty concern regarding some high school data science courses in recent media stories.
- Conversations are ongoing, but for now, there are no changes to Area C courses or validation
- BOARS recently published an updated version of their statement on math preparation which can be found here:  
<https://senate.universityofcalifornia.edu/files/committees/boars/documents/statement-on-mathematics-preparation-for-uc.pdf>
  - Revised statement encourages students interested in pursuing a major or career in STEM or social sciences to take a math sequence that prepares them for calculus, either during high school or in their first year at UC



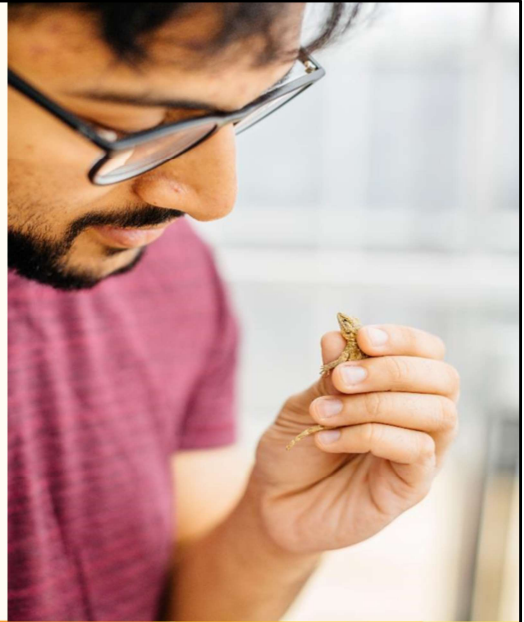
## Test score section — Update

### ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

- TOEFL, IELTS, DET
  - Multiple exams allowed
  - No super-scoring (i.e., MyBest TOEFL, etc.)
  - Digital SAT scores will not clear English language proficiency

### SAT SUBJECT TESTS

- Discontinued in January 2021
- No longer listed in Test Score section
  - Scores may only be reported post-submission.



## Cradle-to-Career — Implementation

### APPLYUC AND CALIFORNIACOLLEGES.EDU

- CCGI's technical assistance aligning A-G transcript course data with UC's Course Management Portal (CMP) has begun
- Preparing for course data import between applyUC and [CaliforniaColleges.edu](https://CaliforniaColleges.edu) for applicants to the fall 2025 term
- Districts should start the process of partnering with CCGI as soon as possible

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CCGI's technical assistance with CMP and transcript course alignment is being offered now in preparation for the course data import between the University of California Undergraduate Application for Admission and [CaliforniaColleges.edu](https://CaliforniaColleges.edu) coming for admission to the fall 2025 term.

In order for your students to benefit from the [CaliforniaColleges.edu](https://CaliforniaColleges.edu) high school course data import to the UC Application for the Fall 2025 term, your district should start the process of partnering with CCGI as soon as possible. We encourage all districts that serve high school students, and who have not yet partnered with CCGI, to have your district-level college and career, counseling and/or secondary school(s) administrator reach out to the following individuals:

*For districts from the Bay Area and Northern California please contact Darice Ingram:*  
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You can learn more about how CCGI has already helped K-12 educators with this process in this [3 minute video](#).

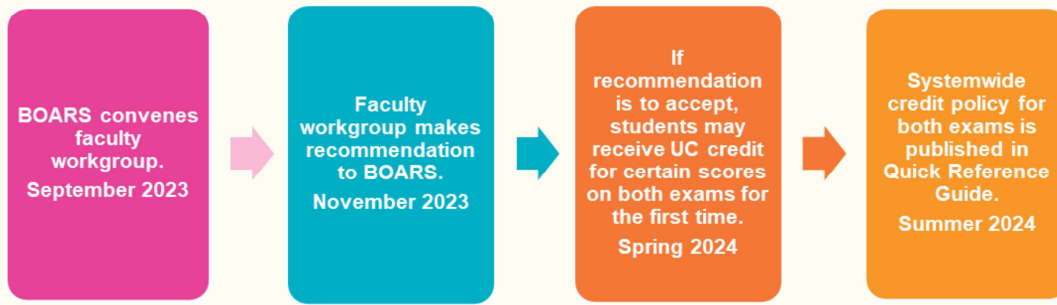
## Application fee

### APPLICATION FEES FOR FALL 2024

- Domestic: \$80 per campus
- International: \$95 per campus
- Fee waiver: up to four campuses



## AP African American Studies and AP Precalculus



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Shared on this slide is a timeline for how and when UC's systemwide credit and placement policy will be established and shared regarding the two newest AP exams, AP Precalculus and AP African American Studies. While you review this, I'll begin by addressing the two most common questions we've been receiving.

### a) Are the courses approved for A-G?

AP classes are distinct from AP exams. AP Precalculus has been approved as a qualifying Area C course, beginning in academic year 23-24. AP African American Studies will be submitted by the College Board for review and retroactive A-G approval in February 2024 (for academic year 23-24 lists). High schools who have been participating in the AP African American Studies pilot (academic years 22-23 and 23-24) may already have versions of this course on their A-G list. However, these will be replaced by the official College Board course once it is submitted and approved.

### b) (How) do students get UC credit for the AP exams?

UC faculty with appropriate discipline expertise will review the AP African American Studies exam and the AP Precalculus exam materials provided by College Board in fall 2023. They will determine whether granting college credit is appropriate. A systemwide credit and placement policy reflecting their decision for each exam will be established in early spring 2024.

Students will sit for these two AP exams for the first time beginning May 2024. For the 2024 AP Exam administration, only schools that are participating in the 2023-24 AP African American Studies Exam

Pilot can order and administer the exam.

**College Board Course Development Timeline – AP African American Studies**

- **2022-23** First pilot at 60 schools across the country.
- **2023-24** Pilot expands to hundreds of additional high schools. Pilot students take the first AP African American Studies Exams in spring of 2024. AP African American Studies will officially be included on A-G lists for the first time.
- **2024-25** All schools can begin offering AP African American Studies.
- **Spring 2025** AP African American Studies Exams available to all students.

## Competency-based assessments — Reminder

### NONTRADITIONAL, NARRATIVE AND 'MASTERY' TRANSCRIPTS

- Students can only be considered for admission by exception.
- GPA is a minimum requirement for admission.
- Info can be found on Admissions and Counselors websites.
  - **Admissions site:** [GPA requirement page](#)
  - **Counselors site:** [Resource Library memo](#)

### Competency-based learning and assessments

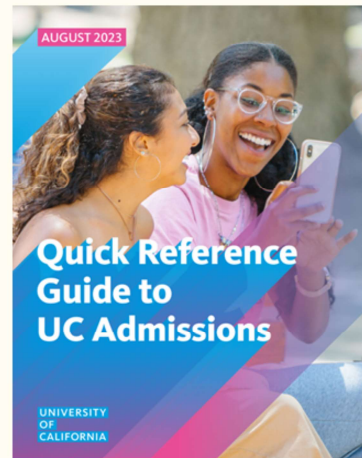
Students attending a school exclusively using a non-traditional, narrative or 'mastery' transcript for assessment can only be considered for admission by exception. If your school assigns grades in addition to the competency-based assessment, UC will use the grades from your GPA-based transcript to calculate a GPA for admission.

GPA requirement page: <https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/admission-requirements/freshman-requirements/gpa-requirement.html>

Counselors site: <https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/counselors/connect-to-resources/resource-library.html>

## Quick Reference Guide

The Quick Reference Guide to UC Admissions is now available on our website!



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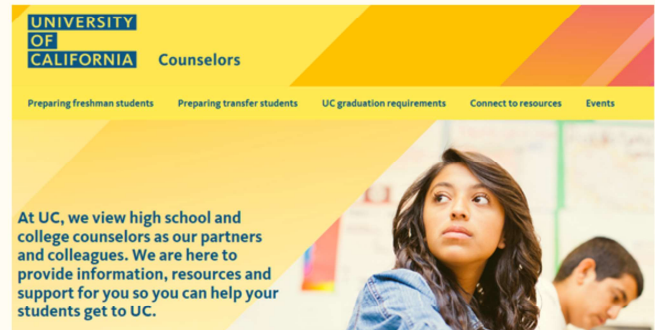
The Quick Reference Guide (2023) has been posted and is available for your access.

The *Quick Reference Guide* is a comprehensive publication covering freshman, transfer, and international admission policies, requirements and selection practices in one place – please bookmark it!

[https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/counselors/\\_files/documents/quick-reference-guide-to-uc-admissions.pdf](https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/counselors/_files/documents/quick-reference-guide-to-uc-admissions.pdf)

## Additional resources for counselors

- Counselors website
  - Resource library
- Counselors and Advisors Bulletin
- CCC webinar series
  - Monthly or bimonthly on select Wednesdays at noon
- We're here to help!
  - [AskUC@ucop.edu](mailto:AskUC@ucop.edu) for systemwide admission policy questions



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Counselor site: <https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/counselors/>

Sign up for the CAB or view archived newsletters:

<https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/counselors/connect-to-resources/counselors-and-advisers-bulletin.html>

HS webinars: <https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/counselors/events/high-school-webinars.html>



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# DISCOVER BERKELEY

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Director of Undergraduate Admissions



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# BERKELEY AT A GLANCE



**125,922** first-year applicants

**14,772**  
admits

**11.7%**  
admit rate

**4,821**  
waitlist opt-ins

**1,192**  
waitlist admits

**1,418**  
appeals received

**30**  
appeals granted

**3.89 - 4.00**  
middle 50%  
GPA (unweighted)

**4.28 - 4.62**  
middle 50%  
GPA (weighted)

**~6,700** expected fall enrollment

- First-Gen (31%)
- Public school (79%)
- Rural (4.5%)

## Academic program updates

- ▶ **New college:** Computing, Data Science, and Society (CDSS)
  - ▶ Computer Science, Data Science, Statistics
- ▶ **New major:** Educational Sciences
- ▶ **Expansion:** Spieker Undergraduate Business Program
- ▶ **High demand policy for 11 L&S majors**
- ▶ **Alternate majors**



## Campus highlights

- ▶ Thriving initiatives
  - ▶ Received AANAPSI designation
  - ▶ Latinx Thriving Initiative
  - ▶ African American Initiative
  - ▶ Pell Thriving Initiative
- ▶ Student Discovery Hub
- ▶ L&S Pathways



## Housing

- ▶ **Guaranteed for first-year students** who apply by the May 2 priority date
- ▶ **Anchor House - 750 additional beds reserved for transfer students** - opening fall 2024



## Stay connected

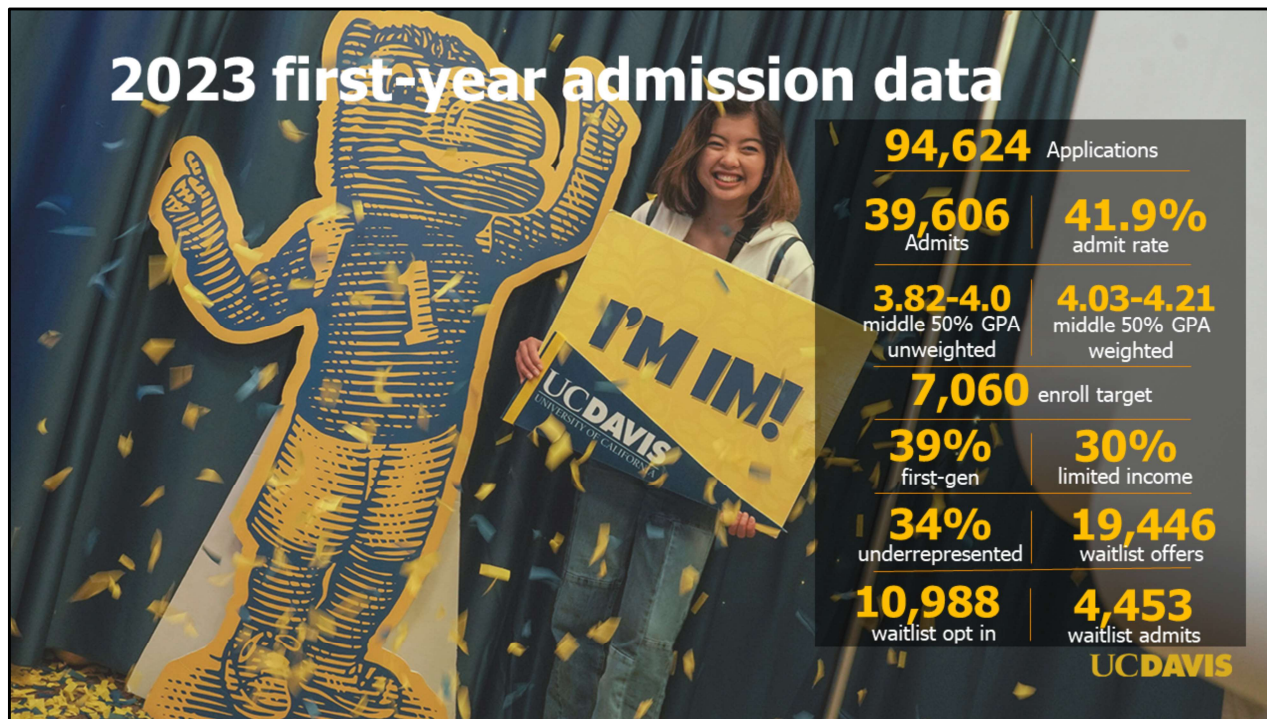
- ▶ Visit us:
  - ▶ Berkeley Showcase - 10/21
  - ▶ Group tours
- ▶ Connect with us:
  - ▶ Find your admissions officer
  - ▶ Sign up for the counselor bulletin
  - ▶ [admissions.berkeley.edu/contact-us](https://admissions.berkeley.edu/contact-us)
  - ▶ \*Coming soon\* Slate counselor portal



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UC Davis received just under 95,000 applications for first-year admission this year, just shy of our record set last year. We had some plans for some growth this year, which meant a little bit higher admission rate for first-years this year compared to last year (about 4.5 points higher), which is true for both CA residents and non-residents. In total, we admitted just under 40,000 students for the fall 2023 term and expect to enroll about 7,000 in just a few weeks here.

Points of pride: the academic strength of the students who are applying to Davis remains very, very strong. We're also proud that we've been able to grow the socioeconomic and cultural diversity of our class this year as well. Of the students newly enrolling this fall, more than 40% will be the first in their families to receive a college degree, more than 30 percent will be low-income. And among California residents, more than 34% will be from historically underrepresented communities. In fact, this is one of the most diverse classes in UC Davis history, and something we've been working towards for quite some time.

The waitlist was very active this year—we changed some of our process for opting into the waitlist, dropping the requirement for a short statement, which really increased the number of students who opted in. We ultimately made good use of the waitlist as well, with more than 4,400 offers of admission among those who opted in. We also received a very large number of appeals.

Admission rate by college:

Agriculture & Environmental Sciences: 45%

Biological Sciences: 50%

Engineering: 30%

Letters & Science: 44%

536 appeals received, 2 granted.



## Selective majors

Design  
Computer Science and Engineering  
Computer Science  
Mechanical Engineering  
Psychology

The College of Engineering is our most selective college on campus, followed by Letters & Science, Agriculture and Environmental Sciences and Biological Sciences. Counselors often ask about our most selective majors, and so we've put them on the screen here. The three in the middle might not be surprising to you—CS and MechE are always some of the most selective majors on our campuses. But Design and Psychology both have a sub-25% admit rate. In fact, Design was our most selective major this year with an admission rate just above 14 percent—something to keep in mind as you're advising students. We certainly don't want students to base their decisions on whether or not a program is selective, but we do want them to consider the full range of opportunities on our campuses. For example, students might consider Math and Scientific Computation as an alternative to Data Science if their interests align.

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## Academic updates

Computer Science moves to College of Engineering

Gorman Museum of Native American Art reopens

UC DAVIS

Computer science has officially moved to the College of Engineering. The major has been operating in this fashion for some time, but students were receiving major advising in one space and college advising in another. That will no longer happen. There are virtually no changes from the academic perspective—student requirements have not changed, major requirements have not changed. The only difference is that students will get their advising from the same place now—which should improve the student experience quite a bit.

Additionally, the campus is re-opening an art museum this month in a new space. The Gorman Museum of Native American Art re-opens this September. The Admissions Staff was able to get a little bit of a sneak preview of the space during our training in August, and it's truly a remarkable venue on campus. What stood out to us is the mission of the museum. Unlike other museums of Native American history or art that feature artifacts or approach the content from an archeological or anthological perspective, the Gorman Museum instead features the artwork of contemporary Native American artists. The museum has existed on the UC Davis campus for more than 50 years and has moved into a beautiful new space, which has its grand opening September 22-23. More online: <https://gormanmuseum.ucdavis.edu/>

## Campus Highlights

Diane Bryant Engineering  
Student Design Center

6,500 new beds since 2017



The Engineering Student Design Center on campus underwent an expansion through the pandemic and reopened earlier this year with about three times the amount of space and a new name. The ESDC is co-located with the Student Startup Center—allowing our engineering students to have real-life experiences with manufacturing and prototyping, along with cutting edge additive and composites manufacturing capabilities.

The ESDC is also now named after Diane Bryant. Diane has quite an inspiring story. She is a first-generation college graduate who graduated from UC Davis in 1985 with a degree in electrical and computer engineering—overcoming all odds to graduate. She experienced homelessness at the age of 18, and was one of just a small group of women who graduated from the College of Engineering that year. After graduating from UC Davis, she went on to work at Intel for 32 years, becoming its most senior woman in a technical role, and developing technologies that led to the invention of the laptop and the ability to dock and undock a laptop computer while still active. She went on to become COO of Google Cloud and today is the CEO of a medical start-up that develops robotic ultrasound technologies to scan blood flow in the brain. We share this to emphasize that UC Davis is a place for trailblazers who come from unique backgrounds. Diane Bryant is an example of that spirit—a pioneer in so many ways. We're very happy to have her name on this newly expanded facility and hope that her story inspires young women everywhere to pursue opportunities in the field.

UC Davis recently opened new family and transfer housing on campus, bring us to a total of 6,500 new beds since 2017—the most aggressive housing project in UC Davis history. This increase in housing has really helped us to be able to accommodate demand in the City of Davis overall, as we're now about to house more than 15,000 students on campus. We still have a one year housing guarantee for new first-year students, though to our knowledge, students who want housing for a second year have been able to be accommodated without any issues. In fact, as of August 2023, there is still housing available for the coming year.



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Fall 2023 UC Irvine First-Year Admissions Recap	
Applications	121,095
Admits	31,181
Admit Rate	25.7%
Projected Enrollment	7,100
Waitlist Offers	16,743
Waitlist Admits	3,031
Appeals	1,604
Appeal admits	23
Regent Scholarship Offers	482

as of 8/9/23

Admitted CA First-Year Profile	
Weighted Median GPA	4.2
Weighted 25-75% GPA	4.07 – 4.28
Unweighted Median GPA	3.95
Unweighted 25-75% GPA	3.86 – 4.00

### CA Resident Admit Highlights

- 1,493** California high schools represented
- 12.21%** increase in California resident admits
- 38%** of admits identify as first-gen
- 41%** of admits qualify as low-income

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Admitted first-year profile:

- Weighted GPA
  - **Median:** 4.2
  - Middle 25% - 75%:** 4.07-4.28
- Unweighted GPA
  - **Median:** 3.95
  - Middle 25% - 75%:** 3.86-4.00
- The fall 2023 admitted first-year class represented more than 1,400 high schools throughout California.
- UCI maintains its dedication to our standing as not just a federally designated Minority Serving Institution (MSI) but a minority *thriving* institution. Learn more about UCI as a minority thriving campus at [inclusion.uci.edu/msi](https://inclusion.uci.edu/msi)
- In 2021, UCI also became a First-gen Forward Institution as part of the Center for First-generation Student Success, the nation’s first recognition program acknowledging higher education institutions for their commitment to first-generation student success.

## TOP 10 APPLIED-TO MAJORS

- UCI admits to major
- **55% of first-year applicants applied to 10 majors:**
  - Biological Sciences
  - Business Administration
  - Computer Science
  - Nursing Science
  - Psychology, B.S.
  - Undergraduate/Undeclared
  - Mechanical Engineering
  - Criminology, Law & Society
  - Computer Science and Engineering
  - Political Science



- Applicants are admitted to UCI by major, and more than half of first-year applicants applied to only 10 of our more than 85 majors.
- Students applying to highly-competitive majors may be redirected to the Undergraduate/Undeclared major upon admission if they are a competitive applicant, regardless of whether they selected UU as an alternate major. Students admitted to Undergraduate/Undeclared can work with their advisor to determine a plan to reach their educational goals once enrolled. Students should *not* apply to less-competitive majors with the expectation of changing majors to a more competitive program or school as their change of major request is dependent upon space available and thus not guaranteed.



# ACADEMIC UPDATE

- **School of Art portfolios**
  - Art requires a portfolio submission
  - Drama applicants will have the option to submit a portfolio
- **Psychology refresher...**
  - **Psychological Science, B.A.** – foundation to pursue graduate work in the areas of public health, health services, human resources, social work, counseling, law, education and related fields
  - **Psychology, B.S.** – focuses on study of the mind and brain, incorporating biological sciences, chemistry, and physics
  - **Cognitive Science, B.S.** – preparation for research career, focusing on any of the current approaches of the field such as cognitive neuroscience, behavioral experiments, language science, or computational and mathematical modeling
- **3+3 Honors Collegium Law Program**
  - Partnership between undergraduate honors program (CHC) and UCI School of Law to create expedited pathway for high achieving students to receive undergraduate and J.D. degrees in six years

- School of Art portfolios and auditions:
  - Music and Dance applicants are required to complete auditions prior to admission
  - Art applicants are required to submit a digital portfolio prior to admission
  - Drama applicants will have the option to submit a portfolio showcasing their creative talent beginning with the Fall 2024 application cycle. The Drama portfolio is not required.
  - All applicants must first meet UCI's admission standards to be considered for admission to the university
- The 3+3 Honors Collegium Law Program is designed to significantly reduce the cost of education for qualified students and provide an expedited pathway for high-achieving CHC students to obtain both undergraduate and J.D. degrees within six years, rather than the traditional seven.
  - **To be eligible for the 3+3 Program, students must be CHC students who are on track to fulfill all their undergraduate degree requirements and CHC requirements by the end of their third year.** Throughout their tenure at UCI Law, students enrolled in the 3+3 Program will be recognized as Honors Collegium Law Scholars.
  - Successful applicants admitted to UCI Law through this program will benefit from scholarship assistance, including a \$30,000 scholarship to help cover tuition and fees at UCI Law. Additionally, participants will receive mentorship through a structured mentor program.

## CAMPUS NEWS

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- **Sue & Bill Gross Nursing & Health Sciences Hall**
  - 9-acre complex for patient care, training, and research
  - Nursing B.S. practicums transitioned to Irvine campus
- **School of Population & Public Health expected to be launched in 2024**
- **Two years of on-campus housing are guaranteed to students who meet housing deadlines**
  - New apartment-style housing completed for continuing students – Palo Verde II (managed by ACC) – to accommodate growing demand





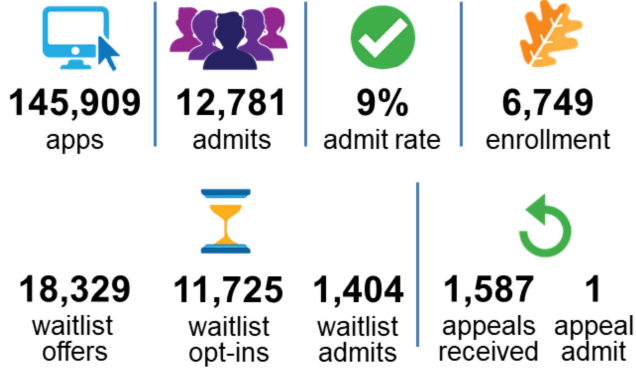
**Gary Clark** | *Interim Vice Provost, Enrollment Management*



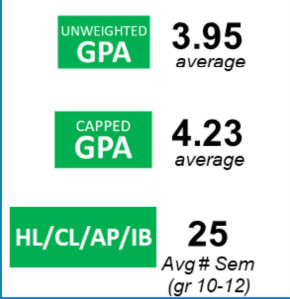


# FALL 2023 ADMISSION RECAP

## Freshman Admission Data



## Academic Statistics for Admits






(data as of 8/15/23)



## ADMISSION DECISIONS

### BY COLLEGE/SCHOOL

	 Apps	 Admits	 Admit Rate
<b>Total Freshmen</b>	145,909	12,781	9%
<b>Letters &amp; Science</b>	95,966	10,458	11%
<b>Engineering</b>	35,419	1,752	5%
<b>Theater, Film &amp; TV</b>	3,825	123	3%
<b>Arts &amp; Architecture</b>	3,739	181	5%
<b>Music</b>	1,054	219	21%
<b>Nursing</b>	5,906	48	1%



## REFLECTIONS ON FALL 2023

### AND A LOOK AHEAD...

- ✓ Increased enrollment of underrepresented students
- ✓ Increased CA Res targets, decreased Non-Res
- ✓ Admission contract and senior year performance
- ✓ Continue to offer a four-year housing guarantee for new freshmen
- ✓ LA is the place to be...NACAC Fall '24 and Olympics in Summer '28!



## WHAT'S NEW AND NOTEWORTHY



### **New Majors:**

- Public Health
- Disability Studies
- Statistics & Data Science (prev Statistics)
- Music Industry (prev Music History & Industry)



### **UCLA Affordability Initiative**

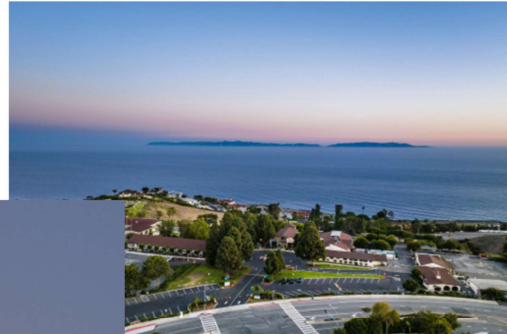
- Initial \$15 million gift from Peter Merlone
- Reduce and eventually eliminate need for student loans for California undergrads

**NEW UCLA PROPERTIES:**

**UCLA SOUTH BAY**



**UCLA DOWNTOWN**



**UCLA NIMOY THEATER**







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# Campus Update

UC High School Counselor Conference

## FIRST YEAR ADMISSIONS DATA

APPLICATION NUMBERS

**26,347**

ADMIT NUMBERS

**22,930**

ADMIT RATE

**87%**

PROJECTED NEW FIRST YEAR  
ENROLLMENT

**2,400**

REGENTS SCHOLARSHIP OFFERS

**104**

## FIRST YEAR ADMITTED STUDENT PROFILE

MIDDLE 50% GPA

**3.33–3.90**

% OF PELL  
ELIGIBLE

**49%**

% OF FIRST GENERATION

**36%**

% OF CA  
RESIDENTS

**87%**

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## SELECTION UPDATES – SJV PRIME+

APPLY AND SELECT ELIGIBLE  
MAJOR – NOV 30

+

BY DECEMBER 7  
SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION

BY DECEMBER 14  
TWO LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION



**Biological Sciences**  
(Tracks: Human Biology, Molecular and Cell Biology, and Developmental Biology)



**Bioengineering**  
(Tracks: Biotechnology, Biomedical Imaging and Bioinstrumentation)



**Chemistry**  
(Track: Biological Chemistry)



**Public Health**  
(Track: Pre-Med)

### Reminder:

Competitive applicants to this program must demonstrate **deep ties to the San Joaquin Valley**.



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*More information: [admissions.ucmerced.edu/SJVP-BStoMD](https://admissions.ucmerced.edu/SJVP-BStoMD)*



## NEW ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

- Chemical Engineering, B.S.
  - Emphases:
    - Materials Science and Engineering
    - Nanotechnology
- Data Science, B.A.
- Data Science, B.S.
  - Applied Mathematics
  - Biology
  - Environmental Systems
  - Materials Science and Engineering
  - Physics
- Environmental Humanities
- Environmental Science
  - Emphases:
    - Earth and Climate Science
    - Ecosystem Science
- Mechanical Engineering
  - Emphases:
    - Aerospace Engineering
- Political Science
  - Emphases:
    - American Politics
    - Comparative Politics
    - International Relations
    - Law and Policy



## MORE NEW ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

- Public Health, B.S.
  - Emphasis:
    - Pre-Med
- Sociology, B.A.
  - Emphases:
    - Community Studies
    - Health Medicine and Society
    - Justice, Law and Society
    - Race and Racial Justice

New Medical Education Building



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## CONNECT WITH US



**FALL PREVIEW DAY  
OCTOBER 21, 2023**



**HIGH SCHOOL  
EDUCATOR TOUR  
FEBRUARY 20-22, 2024**



**APPLICATION DEADLINE: DECEMBER 6**

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UCR is in the  
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public university

Forbes  
America's Best  
Value Colleges

UCR is in the  
**#1 in the  
Nation**

For Hispanic  
enrollment among  
selective universities.

UCR ranks  
**#1 in the  
Nation**

For social  
mobility for the  
fourth year.



**FALL 2023 FIRST-YEAR ADMISSIONS DATA FOR UCR (AS OF 08/16/2023)**

Applications	: 62,795
Admits	: 45,953
Admit Rate	: 73.18%
SIR Deposits	: 6,079
Waitlist opt-ins	: 3,891
Waitlist admits	: 1,151
Appeals	: 219
Appeals Granted	: 36
Middle 50% GPA	: 3.95

**Admit Rates by College/School (AS OF 08/16/2023)**

Marlan and Rosemary Bourns College of Engineering (BCOE)	: 53%
College of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences (CHASS)	: 80%
College of Natural & Agricultural Sciences (CNAS)	: 81%
Graduate School of Education (GSOE)	: 73%
School of Public Policy (SPP)	: 93%



**Guaranteed housing for first-year students for one year.**

**New member of the Association of American Universities, which is comprised of the country's leading research universities.**

**The new School of Business building is a brand new 63,400-square-foot building boasting a 350-seat auditorium, computer lab, studio to record podcasts, lectures, and other media, and a student lounge opening Fall 2023.**

**New Student Health and Counseling Center opens Fall 2023. The new 39,450 two-story building provides increased space for Student Health Services, The Well, and Counseling and Psychological Services.**

## Upcoming Events



Discover UCR: Preview Day  
Sat. Oct. 7, 2023  
Visit  
[admissions.ucr.edu/discoverucr](https://admissions.ucr.edu/discoverucr)

Upcoming Info Sessions  
Visit [admissions.ucr.edu/events](https://admissions.ucr.edu/events)

Campus Tours and Group Tours  
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Blia Yang, Executive Director of Admissions



## FALL 2023 BY THE

### First-Year Admission Summary

<b>Applications</b>	<b>130,844</b>
<b>Admits</b>	<b>32,316</b>
<b>Admit Rate</b>	<b>24.7%</b>
<b>Middle 50% GPA</b>	<b>4.11 - 4.29</b>
<b>Expect to Enroll</b> <small>(Fall quarter begins September 28)</small>	<b>7,100</b>

### First-Year Waitlist

<b>Opt-Ins to the Waitlist</b>	<b>19,372</b>
<b>Admitted from Waitlist</b>	<b>2,634</b>

### Appeals

<b>Appeals Received</b>	<b>720</b>
<b>Appeal Admits</b>	<b>0</b>

# FIRST-YEAR FACTS

## MOST APPLIED TO SCHOOLS AND MAJORS

### Academic Schools

- Social Sciences
- Engineering
- Biological Sciences
- Physical Sciences
- Arts & Humanities

### Academic Majors

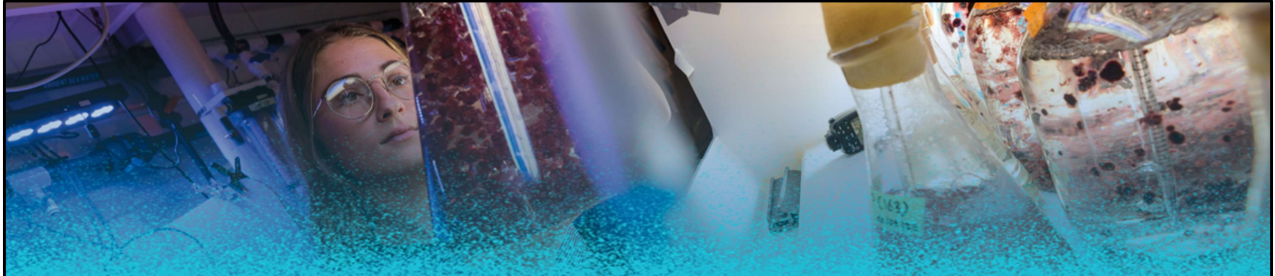
- Computer Science
- Business Economics
- Human Biology
- Psychology
- General Biology

## PORTFOLIO REVIEW *(optional)*

Music | Theatre and Dance | Visual Arts

[artsandhumanities.ucsd.edu/students/undergraduate.html](https://artsandhumanities.ucsd.edu/students/undergraduate.html)





# 150+ MAJORS, 8 ACADEMIC SCHOOLS

## SELECTIVE MAJORS

- Biological Sciences
- Data Science
- Engineering – all majors
- Public Health

*Select an alternate major if first choice is listed above.*

[admissions.ucsd.edu/majors](https://admissions.ucsd.edu/majors)

## NEW MAJORS

- Aerospace Engineering with Specialization in Aerothermodynamics
- Aerospace Engineering with Specialization in Astrodynamics and Space Applications
- Aerospace Engineering with Specialization in Flight Dynamics and Controls
- Astronomy and Astrophysics
- Mathematical Biology





# CAMPUS HOUSING UPDATE

## RESIDENCE HALLS

- 3rd in the nation for student housing inventory
- Two-year housing guarantee
- Inclusive living-learning communities

## DINING OPTIONS

- Dozens of restaurants and dining halls
- Halal, kosher, vegan, and more
- Triton2Go App for quick-service meals

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## CAMPUS TRANSFORMATION HIGHLIGHTS

- Café Ventanas
- Price Center Plaza
- Theatre District Living and Learning Neighborhood opens Fall 2023
- Pepper Canyon West Living and Learning Neighborhood scheduled to open Fall 2024
- Ridge Walk North Living and Learning Neighborhood
- Triton Center

FALL SHOWCASE  
October 7, 2023  
[admissions.ucsd.edu/events](https://admissions.ucsd.edu/events)

COUNSELOR SITE  
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[admissions.ucsd.edu/counselors](https://admissions.ucsd.edu/counselors)




# UC SANTA BARBARA

Lisa Przekop, Director of Admissions

UC Counselor Conference 2023





## Fall 2023: Admission By The Numbers

Freshman Outcomes					UC GPA Avg.	
College	Apps	Admit Rate	Admit UC GPA mid 50% - 75%	Est. Enroll	3.92	applicant
Letters & Science	86,491	32%	4.23 - 4.29	4,750	4.20	admit
Engineering	22,152	13%	4.26 - 4.30	451	4.14	enroll
Creative Studies	2,234	10%	4.25 - 4.29	89	<b>Waitlist</b>	
<b>Total</b>	<b>110,877</b>	<b>28%</b>	<b>4.22 - 4.28</b>	<b>5,290</b>		
					9,670	opt-in
					5,506	admit
					1,056	enroll

**78%**  
Enrolled CA Res.

**32%**  
Enrolled First Gen.

**32%**  
Enrolled URM

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Total apps slightly down overall  
 Applications up for CA but slightly down for non-residents over last year.

Appeals received 1188 (65 admits + 29 who were also waitlisted) = 5%  
 admit rate on appeal



## Academics

### UCSB does not admit by major except for:

- College of Engineering
- College of Creative Studies
- Audition majors: Dance BFA and Music BM

### Engineering remains highly competitive

- Alternate major should be non-engineering
- 10% applications are Computer Sci. – competitive!!

### Double major vs. minor

- 51 minors available to add depth to major
- 80+ majors offering 138 bachelor's degrees
- Single major with minor leaves more time for research and internships

52% Applications  
are for 6 majors:

- Biology
- Computer Sci
- Psychology
- Economics
- Mech. Engr.
- Political Sci.

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## Finding Community

### Housing

- All new students who applied for Housing were accommodated
- Students self-assign buildings/roommates
- 14 Living/Learning Communities (special interest)

### Transition Courses and Website

- Introduction to the Freshman Experience
- Introduction to Research University
- Discovery Seminars



Transitions Website  
[transitions.ucsb.edu/resources/first-year](https://transitions.ucsb.edu/resources/first-year)

### Department & Cultural Resource Centers

- Office of Black Student Development
- Multicultural Center
- Guardian Scholar (foster youth)
- Gender/Sexual Diversity
- African diasporic Cultural Resource Ctr.
- Am. Indian/Indig Cultural Resource Ctr.
- Asian Resource Center
- Chicax/Latinx Cultural Resource Ctr.
- Mid. East., N. African, S. Asian Resource Ctr
- Monarch Lounge (undocumented students)
- Veterans Resource Center
- Hillel
- Non-Traditional/Re-entry Student Resource Ctr

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## We're Here to Assist You!

Counselor Mailing List

Monthly Newsletter

Counselor Chats (topical discussions)

Counselor Resource Videos

- 19 videos regarding majors, resources, transfer options

Application Playlist on YouTube

- 12 videos
- Now available in Spanish!

"Meet your Admission Counselor" liaison

School Group Visits



Counselor Website  
[admissions.ucsb.edu/counselor-resources](https://admissions.ucsb.edu/counselor-resources)

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## Campus Development:

**Interactive  
Learning  
Pavilion**



**Associated  
Students  
Bike Shop**



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# UC SANTA CRUZ

Timetra Hampton

*Director of Undergraduate Admissions*



# Admissions Data

FROSH Applications

68,901

FROSH Admits

43,258

FROSH Enrolls

4,519

FROSH Admit Rate

62.8%

FROSH Average GPA

3.76 unweighted  
4.01 weighted

FROSH Waitlist Admits

8,206

FROSH First Gen

32.1%

FROSH Low Income

49.6%

## Majors Updates

### NEW Majors

- Creative Technologies B.A.
- Latin American & Latino Studies/Education, Democracy & Justice B.A.
- Math Theory & Computation B.S.
- Microbiology



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Princeton Review ranked UCSC #2 in Public Universities for students making an impact which means our students have the ability to work on projects that tackle real world problems and create impactful solutions.

UCSC's engineering program is ranked #2 with data science and engineering software programs ranked #9 by WSJ for [top public colleges for high-paying jobs](#).

We pride in the flexibility & interdisciplinary nature of our majors.

#### **Creative Technologies B.A.**

- FIRST online major in the UC System
- What if you were a coder that's also an artist?
- Lives in the Arts Division and is a blend of arts and engineering
- Conceptualized to re-engage students that have had to leave campus for any number of reasons – personal, financial, housing, etc.
- Students are required to take classes on campus for one quarter
- 3 new faculty members are being hired – looking for those with excellent skills teaching online

#### **Latin American & Latino Studies/Education, Democracy & Justice B.A.**

- New combined major in the Social Sciences division
- A combined major is designed by faculty representatives from both disciplines. In general, fewer courses are required than for a double major, and students complete the comprehensive requirements as specified for each combined major.

**Mathematics Theory & Computation B.S.**

- Evolving from concentration in the Math B.S.
- Housed in the Physical & Biological Sciences division
- Students are trained in the art of problem-solving, an essential skill in all professions.
- UC Santa Cruz graduates with degrees in mathematics hold teaching posts at all levels, as well as positions in law, government, civil service, insurance, software development, business, banking, actuarial science, forensics, and other professions where skills in logic, numerical analysis, and computing are required.

**Microbiology B.S.**

- Designed for students interested in careers in biomedical, environmental, and basic science fields in both industry and academia
- As a unique feature of this program, students also take a microbiology course with a focus on evaluating relevant scientific articles.
- Due to the demanding nature of the major, students must begin their science coursework as early as possible.

## Campus Highlights: Undergraduate Research



Explore research opportunities:  
[ugr.ue.ucsc.edu](http://ugr.ue.ucsc.edu)



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U.S. News & World Report named UC Santa Cruz among the top 10 public universities in the U.S. for excellence in undergraduate teaching (UCSC is the only University of California on the list!)

75% of UCSC undergraduates participate in research prior to graduating. Due to the size of our undergrad and grad student populations (we have more than 8x as many undergrads as graduate students), and the amount of research taking place on our campus, there are more needs and opportunities for undergrads to join projects across all disciplines.

### **Pinniped Cognition and Sensory Systems Lab at Long Marine Laboratory (Coastal Campus)**

Observations and experiments conducted with trained animals in this lab examine the perceptual and cognitive mechanisms. Observations made in the field see how perception and cognition are translated into decisions and actions. Students are assigned to their own animal in the lab to observe and work with over the duration of multiple quarters.

### **Global Recognition**

Dr. Rita Mehta in our Ecology and Evolutionary Biology department recently published a high-impact paper on the unique anatomy of moray eels, which received wide coverage from the *New York Times*,

the *Journal for Experimental Biology*.

### **UCSC Center for Coastal Climate Resilience**

Newly established with a state budget allocation of \$20 million and core faculty supported by large grants from National Science Foundation, NOAA, US Department of Defense among others. Research conducted here will advance innovative solutions for building coastal resilience by engaging partners broadly and fostering leaders to address the challenges from climate change in California and beyond. Projects proposed by professors across all academic disciplines including astronomy, engineering, art, marine sciences, environmental studies, Latino & Latin American studies are currently being reviewed for funding.

### **Humanities Humanizing Technology**

An innovative fellowship program cosponsored by The Humanities Institute (THI) at UCSC and Reality Labs at Meta is providing unique opportunities for Humanities students. This fellowship builds a bridge between the analytical, socially conscious, and literary elements of the humanities and the data-driven realms of advanced technology.

## Campus Highlights – Housing

- UCSC houses about 50% of undergraduates. Higher than most other UC's.
- New students given priority
- Kresge Residence Halls are opening with 400 beds after being under construction for the past year. Apartments are due for completion next year.
- Rachel Carson/Oakes Dining Hall is back!



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Kresge Residence Hall pictured

Who has priority housing?

2023-24 New Frosh, New Transfers, and New Visiting Students

2022-23 Frosh (Rising Sophomores)

Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) affiliates

International Students (1st, 2nd, and 3rd year students)

K.S. Pister Leadership Opportunity Program

Military Veterans

Regents Scholars

Renaissance Scholars



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