



UC **SANTA BARBARA** International Programs

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UCSB International Programs Fact Sheet 2025-26

Welcome to UCSB International Programs

Embark on an enriching academic journey at the University of California, Santa Barbara (UCSB), one of the world's premier research institutions, nestled on the California coastline. Our programs offer international students the opportunity to experience an authentic U.S. university environment, engage with leading academics, and explore the vibrant culture of Santa Barbara.



Campus Life at UCSB

Experience a true American campus lifestyle at UCSB. Study alongside U.S. students and interact with world-renowned faculty. From the stunning beachside location to the vibrant student community, UCSB offers an unforgettable immersion into U.S. campus life.

Safety in Santa Barbara:

Santa Barbara boasts one of the highest safety indices in the U.S. with a score of **80.68%** (2024).

Academic Year Structure

The UCSB academic year is divided into three quarters, each approximately 12 weeks long. To maintain full-time status for F1 visa purposes, students must enroll in 12 U.S. credits per quarter.

Academic Calendar 2025-26

Quarter	Program dates	Orientation	Application Deadline
Fall 2025	September 18 – December 12, 2025	September 18, 2025	May 1, 2025
Winter 2026	January 5 – March 20, 2026	January 2, 2026	November 1, 2025
Spring 2026	March 30 – June 12, 2026	March 26, 2026	February 1, 2026
Summer 2026	June 22 – September 12, 2026	June 18, 2026	May 1, 2026

Programs

University Immersion Program (UIP)

The UIP offers flexibility for students to select **three academic or professional coursework courses per quarter**. Students can enroll in UCSB PaCE professional classes and/or UCSB undergraduate and graduate classes (subject to prerequisites).

Explore Courses:

- Professional Courses available: [View Catalog](#)
- Academic Quarterly Class Search: [Search Courses](#)

At the end of the program, they can receive a Certificate of Completion and request a transcript. Transcript records for Open University coursework are not automatically sent to UCSB's Registrar and/or Office of Admissions.

International Diploma Program (IDP)

In the IDP, students complete three courses from UCSB PaCE professional courses, receiving a diploma upon completion in one quarter. Choose from specialized diplomas:

- Global Business Leadership (12 units)
- Advanced Digital Marketing (12 units)
- Strategic Influence & Project Management (12 units)
- Business Economics and Management Essentials (12 units)
- Professional Certificate in Management, Business, and Economic Principles (36 units)

Summer English Academy

This six-week immersive program will run in the Summer from August 4 to September 12, 2025. This will offer students an invaluable opportunity to strengthen their English proficiency while experiencing the UCSB Campus and summer in Santa Barbara. It's an ideal fit for students looking to improve their language skills before embarking on their academic journeys.

Students will take tailored courses from Monday to Thursday to provide a well-rounded approach to achieving fluency and confidence in English.

- American Culture
- Academic Writing
- Pronunciation and Speaking

Step UPP: Undergraduate Pathway Program

This is a STEP-by-step Undergraduate Preparation Program designed to prepare high school graduates to seek admission to a US research university. As a defined pathway, it allows students to receive an exceptional, progressive preparation for succeeding in the rigorous academic environment of top universities in the US. If you just graduated from high school and want to find a path to an American University. This is a 4-quarters program.

3+1 Program

This program is designed for international college students who have completed three years of undergraduate study in their home country. They will spend their fourth year here at UCSB to get study abroad experience and to prepare for the US graduate program application process. Students will earn UC units to transfer back to their home university to receive their bachelors' degree. Some of the units they earn may be transferable if they are accepted into a UC graduate school. This is a 3-quarters program.

Fees

Program	Tuition	App fee	Comission
Summer English Academy	\$2,750.00	\$210.00	\$250.00
University Immersion Program (UIP)	\$7,668.00	\$210.00	\$855.00
International Diploma Program (IDP)	\$5,950.00	\$210.00	\$600.00
STEP UPP: Undergraduate Pathway Program	\$39,980.00	\$210.00	\$3,960.00
3+1 Program	\$34,200.00	\$210.00	\$2,325.00
UIP for University Partners	\$6,900.00	\$210	-

Tuition Fees Include

- 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
- Handshake for academic year students

Additional Fees:

If students decide to enroll in a 4th course or more than 12 units, additional fees will apply:

- **Undergraduate Units:** \$281/unit
- **Graduate Units:** \$325/unit
- **Professional Courses:** \$685 per additional course
- **Technology fees:** 2.96/ unit

Optional Practical Training (OPT)

Completing a full academic year (9 months) allows F1 visa students to apply for Optional Practical Training (OPT). OPT permits students to work in the U.S. for up to one year in paid employment related to their field of study while maintaining their F1 visa.

Application Process

To apply students can visit our website or the scan QR Code:

<https://www.professional.ucsb.edu/international/apply-our-programs>



To apply, submit the following:

- Copy of your passport
- Proof of English proficiency
- Official academic transcripts (GPA 2.8 or higher)
- Financial statement (covering tuition and estimated living expenses)
- Non-refundable application fee of \$210

Housing Options

On-Campus Housing (subject to availability):

Rates range from **\$829/month** for shared rooms to **\$1,330/month** for private studios.

[Explore On-Campus Housing](#)

Off-Campus Options:

Explore housing in nearby Isla Vista or Santa Barbara. Many options include amenities like gyms, pools, and more.

Find More Housing Resources:

- [UCSB Housing Office](#)
- [UCSB PaCE International - Alternative Housing](#)
- Craigslist, SBCC Housing List, UCSB Housing Facebook Groups

Discover More About UCSB

Watch our videos to get a glimpse of life at UCSB:

- [UCSB Campus Overview](#)
- [Student Life at UCSB](#)

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Have questions? We're here to help!

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