



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 (typically equivalent to 20 ECTS, based on 30 hours per ECTS credit).

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 & Fees

University Immersion Program (UIP) – \$6,970/Quarter

The UIP offers flexibility for students to select **three academic or professional coursework courses**. 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. To request a PaCE Official transcript, students will need to follow the instructions in [How to order a Transcript](#).

UCSB Pace will not issue a transcript on the student's behalf.

International Diploma Program (IDP) – \$5,950/Quarter

In the IDP, students complete three courses from UCSB PaCE professional courses, receiving a diploma upon completion. The professional courses are equal to 36 hours per course.

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)

Tuition Fees Include

- 3 academic/ professional courses
- 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, 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.

[Tropicana Gardens Housing](#)

Find More Housing Resources:

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

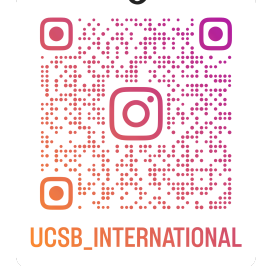
Discover More About UCSB

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

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

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Contact Us:

Have questions? We're here to help!

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