

# UC Santa Barbara

## Graduate Division Admission Guide 2014







## Academic Excellence

UC Santa Barbara has a total enrollment of approximately 21,000 students, of which 3,000 are pursuing master's and doctoral degrees in more than 50 programs offered through the College of Engineering, the College of Letters and Science, the Gevirtz Graduate School of Education and the Bren School of Environmental Science and Management. UCSB's faculty is renowned for landmark research in chemistry, physics, and economics, and includes five Nobel Prize winners in addition to scores of elected members of national and international academies and societies.

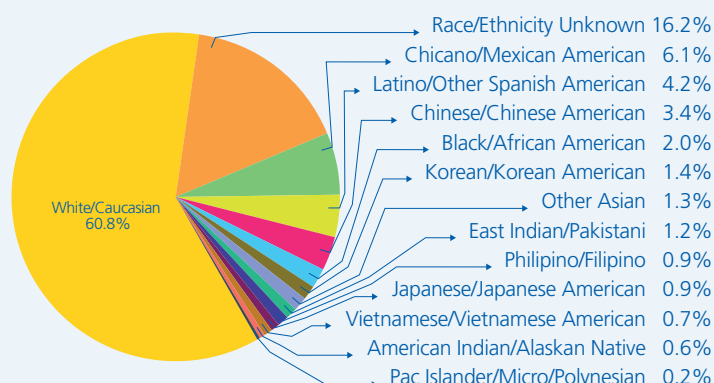
UC Santa Barbara is one of only 61 research-intensive institutions elected to membership in the prestigious Association of American Universities. Ranked among the top 2% of all public universities in the United States, UC Santa Barbara provides its students with easy access to interdisciplinary classes, teaching opportunities and research experience in preparation for varied career interests. Our graduate students are trained to assume leadership positions in academia, private industry and public service.

The campus' innovative and interdisciplinary graduate programs are among the finest in the world. The strength of UC Santa Barbara's graduate programs is reflected in the National Research Council (NRC) Assessment of Research Doctoral Programs, released in fall 2010. Among the 31 doctoral programs at UCSB assessed by the NRC, 10 programs have a range of rankings reaching into the top five in the country; 14, or 45 percent, are in the range of the top 10; and 20, or nearly two-thirds, are in the range of the top 20. These rankings reflect UC Santa Barbara's rapid rise in world-class stature, and serve as a resounding affirmation of the quality and diversity of our doctoral programs, which form the fundamental basis of a strong research university. <http://graddiv.ucsb.edu/facts-figures/nrc.aspx>

## Commitment to Diversity

Our graduate programs welcome students from top institutions in the United States and abroad, students who form a diverse research cohort and in turn become colleagues. In creating a campus alive with an invigorating mix of talents and experiences, UCSB sets a primary goal of seeking a student population of women and men reflective of the population at large. Our top priority is to assemble a population inclusive of those traditionally underrepresented in various academic fields and of all socioeconomic levels, physical abilities, ages, religions, national origins, sexual orientations, and other attributes. UCSB encourages applications from students who have excelled academically despite economic or social disadvantages, as well as those who bring perspectives, research topics, and/or career interests that advance the university's goals of excellence and diversity.

Ethnic Diversity of Grad Students (Fall 2012)





## **Funding Your Graduate Education**

UCSB offers a wide range of centrally administered fellowships for both new and continuing graduate students. Awards are made to students on the basis of academic merit and promise of productive scholarship. Fellowships are intended to advance the goals of increased excellence and diversity of the graduate programs at UCSB. A complete description of fellowships for both new and continuing students can be found at [www.graddiv.ucsb.edu/financial](http://www.graddiv.ucsb.edu/financial)

### **Fellowships for New Students**

Applicants indicate in the online application for admission what sources of university funding they wish to be considered for, including fellowships and non-resident supplemental tuition fellowships. Academic departments may nominate their most promising applicants for central merit fellowships. Multidisciplinary faculty committees select award recipients. In addition, academic departments offer awards to new students. Incoming students are advised to contact their academic department for details and assistance. <http://www.graddiv.ucsb.edu/financial/central-campus-fellowships.aspx>

### **Fellowships for Continuing Students**

UCSB offers a variety of fellowships to continuing students in an effort to provide support at the various stages of a graduate education. Students may apply directly for some of these awards, while departments nominate their students for others. <http://www.graddiv.ucsb.edu/financial/central-campus-fellowships.aspx>

### **Extramural Funding**

The Source, created specifically for UCSB graduate students, provides links to financial support information, regularly updated listings of UCSB and UC competitions and deadlines, national fellowship announcements, and various funding sources and databases. Begin your extramural funding search at [www.graddiv.ucsb.edu/Source](http://www.graddiv.ucsb.edu/Source) or learn about other funding search engines at <http://www.graddiv.ucsb.edu/financial/extramural-funding.aspx>

## **Graduate Student Academic Appointments**

UCSB graduate students are also supported through academic appointments, which provide teaching or research experience, a salary, and often (depending on the appointment), full or partial payment of tuition expenses. Further information can be found at <http://graddiv.ucsb.edu/financial/employment/index.aspx>

### **Financial Aid**

Graduate students who are U.S. citizens or eligible non-citizens apply for federal financial aid by submitting the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). This application can be submitted online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). Educational loans and work-study are available through this process. While students may submit this application throughout the year for loan eligibility with the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships, graduate students who wish to be considered for work-study must submit their FAFSAs each year by the priority filing deadline of March 2 for the upcoming academic year. Note that Graduate Division policy at UCSB requires that all domestic graduate students expecting campus support file the FAFSA on time annually. <http://www.graddiv.ucsb.edu/financial/financial-information.aspx>

### **Costs**

You will find complete information regarding UCSB's graduate student fees through the Office of the Registrar at <http://registrar.sa.ucsb.edu/feeinfo.aspx>. The cost of attendance or cost budget (an estimation of expenses you will incur as a student at UCSB) is available at <http://www.finaid.ucsb.edu/costofattendance.aspx>





## Applying for Graduate Study

UC Santa Barbara is committed to the recruitment, admission and matriculation of a highly qualified and diverse graduate student population. The University of California offers admission to those applicants who have the highest potential for success in graduate study and who, with the benefit of graduate education, are most likely to contribute substantially to their academic or professional fields.

All applicants for graduate study at UCSB must use the Online Application ([www.graddiv.ucsb.edu/eapp](http://www.graddiv.ucsb.edu/eapp)). This online system provides students with the most convenient and efficient means of completing, submitting and reviewing the status of their graduate applications.

### Application Requirements:

1. *Transcripts reflecting completion of a bachelor's degree or its equivalent from an accredited university prior to the quarter for which admission is sought;*
2. *At least a B/3.0 grade-point average or equivalent in undergraduate coursework;*
3. *Official Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores, with these exceptions:*
  - GRE scores are not required for applicants to the Department of Art
  - Miller Analogies Test (MAT) scores may substitute for GRE scores for Teacher Education Program applicants;
4. *Official TOEFL or IELTS scores, if applicable;*
5. *Statement of Purpose, Statement of Personal Achievements / Contributions, and Résumé or Curriculum Vitae (submitted in the online graduate application);*
6. *Three Letters of Recommendation (submitted online); and*
7. *Any additional departmental requirements.*

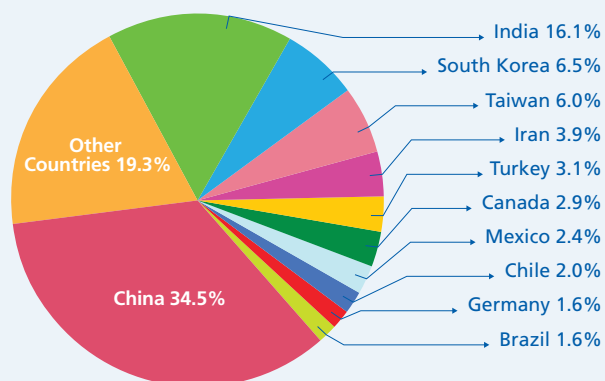
Admissions recommendations made by departments and programs are based on intellectual potential and promise, academic records, and program fit. Satisfaction of minimal standards does not guarantee admission since the number of qualified applicants far exceeds the number of spaces available. Applicants must refer to individual departments for additional admissions criteria.

Please note that only one application may be considered per applicant per quarter. Simultaneous applications to multiple departments are not allowed.

## International Applicants

UCSB boasts a vibrant community of scholars and students from more than 75 countries. International applicants whose post-secondary education occurred outside of the United States must have completed a degree program equivalent to that of a University of California degree program (usually a minimum of four years of university work) with evidence of above-average scholarship. Some departments require the submission of a pre-application by international applicants before the official Graduate Application is submitted. Please check with the department for additional requirements. Additional information for international applicants can be obtained by the Office of International Students and Scholars (<http://oiss.sa.ucsb.edu>).

Top 10 Countries of Origin of International Graduate Students (Fall 2012)





## GRADUATE PROGRAMS

College of Letters & Science	Degrees Offered
Anthropology	M.A., M.A./Ph.D.
Applied Mathematics	M.A.
Art	M.F.A.
Asian Studies	M.A.
Biochemistry & Molecular Biology	Ph.D.
Chemistry & Biochemistry	M.A./Ph.D., M.S./Ph.D., Ph.D.
Chicana & Chicano Studies	M.A./Ph.D.
Classics	M.A., M.A./Ph.D., Ph.D.
Communication	M.A./Ph.D., Ph.D.
Comparative Literature	M.A./Ph.D., Ph.D.
Dynamical Neuroscience	Ph.D.
Earth Science	M.S., Ph.D.
East Asian Languages & Cultural Studies	Ph.D.
Ecology, Evolution & Marine Biology	M.A., M.A./Ph.D., Ph.D.
Economics	M.A., M.A./Ph.D., Ph.D.
English	M.A./Ph.D., Ph.D.
Feminist Studies	M.A., M.A./Ph.D., Ph.D.
Film & Media Studies	M.A./Ph.D., Ph.D.
Geography	M.A., M.A./Ph.D., Ph.D.
Geography, Joint Program SDSU	Ph.D.
Global & International Studies	M.A.
Hispanic Languages & Literatures	M.A./Ph.D., Ph.D.
History	M.A./Ph.D., Ph.D.
History, Joint Program CSUS	Ph.D.
History of Art & Architecture	M.A./Ph.D., Ph.D.
Latin American & Iberian Studies	M.A.
Linguistics	M.A./Ph.D., Ph.D.
Marine Science	M.S., Ph.D.
Mathematics	M.A., M.A./Ph.D., Ph.D.
Media Arts & Technology	M.S., Ph.D.
Molecular, Cellular & Developmental Biology	M.A., M.A./Ph.D., Ph.D.
Music	M.A., M.A./Ph.D., Ph.D., M.M., M.M./D.M.A., D.M.A.
Philosophy	M.A./Ph.D., Ph.D.
Physics	Ph.D.
Political Science	M.A./Ph.D., Ph.D.

College of Letters & Science	Degrees Offered
Psychological & Brain Sciences	Ph.D.
Religious Studies	M.A., M.A./Ph.D., Ph.D.
Sociology	M.A./Ph.D.
Statistics & Applied Probability	M.A./Ph.D., Ph.D.
Statistics	M.A.
Theater Studies	M.A., M.A./Ph.D., Ph.D.

College of Engineering	Degrees Offered
Chemical Engineering	Ph.D.
Computer Science	M.S., Ph.D.
Electrical & Computer Engineering	M.S., M.S./Ph.D., Ph.D.
Materials	M.S., M.S./Ph.D., Ph.D.
Mechanical Engineering	M.S., M.S./Ph.D., Ph.D.

Bren School of Environmental Science & Management	Degrees Offered
Environmental Science & Management	M.E.S.M., Ph.D.

Gevirtz Graduate School of Education	Degrees Offered
Counseling/Clinical/School Psychology	M.A./Ph.D.
School Psychology	M.Ed./PPS
Education	M.A., M.A./Ph.D., Ph.D.
<b>Teacher Education Program</b>	
Multiple Subject (Elementary)	Credential/M.Ed.
Single Subject (Secondary)	Credential/M.Ed.
Education Specialist, Moderate/Severe Level 1	Credential/M.Ed.

Certificate Programs	Certificates Offered
Offered in conjunction with degree programs.	
Certificate in College & University Teaching	✓
Graduate Program in Management Practice	✓





## Living in Santa Barbara

The UCSB campus sits on a bluff overlooking the Pacific Ocean, just west of Santa Barbara in an area that combines great natural beauty with the amenities of urban living. The Santa Barbara area fosters a sense of community, drawing students and residents together to enjoy the eclectic cultural and recreational activities, beautiful beaches, mountain trails and mild climate.

UCSB Housing and Residential Services, [www.housing.ucsb.edu](http://www.housing.ucsb.edu), offers a wealth of housing selections to match graduate students' individual or family needs.

### Housing highlights

- New graduate students enjoy two years of guaranteed housing in the single student apartment complex, San Clemente Villages, which is adjacent to the main campus.
- There is a limited number of bedrooms, single-family units, located about one mile from the main campus. Interested students are advised to sign the waiting list for Family Student Housing as early as possible.
- The Community Housing Office also maintains detailed listings of additional housing options for students who wish to live outside of University housing, or within the larger Santa Barbara community. Please contact the Community Housing Office for more information.

## Graduate Student Resource Center (GSRC)

Collaboratively supported by the Graduate Division and the Division of Student Affairs, the Graduate Student Resource Center serves as an information and resource hub for all graduate students. The GSRC hosts workshops and events to help students develop their academic and professional skills, in addition to building community with faculty, staff and fellow graduate students. Further information can be found: <http://www.graddiv.ucsb.edu/profdev/index.aspx>

The GSRC is home to UCSB's Graduate Peer Advisors. These current graduate students help their fellow students navigate all aspects of graduate life through one-one-one meetings, open office hours, small workshops, and other activities. More resources can be found at <http://www.graddiv.ucsb.edu/resources/index.aspx>

The GSRC also serves as the headquarters for the UCSB Graduate Post, [www.gradpost.ucsb.edu](http://www.gradpost.ucsb.edu), an essential online resource for our graduate students. The blog is updated daily with campus news, events, funding opportunities, student profiles, professional development tips, and other resources. For more information, email [peers@graddiv.ucsb.edu](mailto:peers@graddiv.ucsb.edu) or call 805.893.8994.

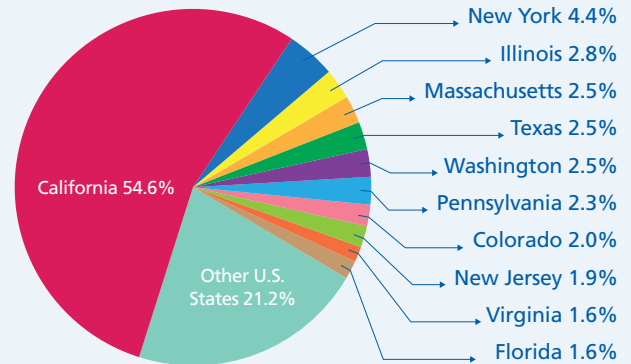
# Graduate Student Statistics

Graduate Students Enrolled by Discipline*		
Discipline	Students	
	%	Total
<b>Education</b>	11%	339
<b>Engineering/Computer Science</b>		
Computer & Information Sciences	5%	143
Engineering	19%	567
<b>Humanities/Fine Arts</b>		
English Language & Literature/Letters	3%	84
Foreign Languages & Literature	2%	72
Philosophy & Religion	3%	104
History	3%	100
Visual & Performing Arts	6%	170
<b>Math/Life/Physical Sciences</b>		
Biological Sciences/Life Sciences	5%	150
Conservation/Renewable Natural Resources	7%	225
Mathematics	3%	102
Physical Sciences	11%	334
Psychological & Brain Sciences	2%	65
<b>Social Sciences</b>		
Area, Ethnic & Cultural Studies	2%	63
Communication	1%	39
Social Sciences & History	14%	438
<b>Interdisciplinary/Unknown</b>		
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	2%	55
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>3,050</b>

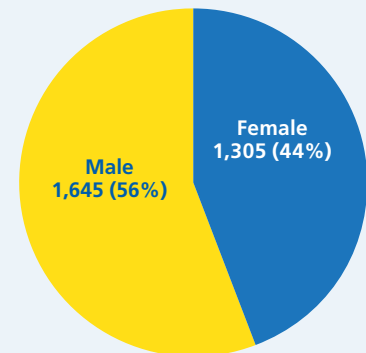
\*Data from UCSB Campus profile 2012-13, Office of Budget & Planning.

\*\* Figures may not add up to one hundred percent due to rounding.

Top 10 U.S. States of U.S. Graduate Students (Fall 2012)



Gender of Graduate Students (Fall 2012)





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