

The University of California



Life whilst
studying at
the University
of California

Topics

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- Healthcare & Insurance
- Housing
- Student Life
- Student Support
- Finances

UC System

Length of California: 800 miles
Length of Great Britain: 600 miles





UC Santa B



- UCSB's campus has its own beach
- Many students live in Isla Vista, the town right next to campus
- Biking is a common form of transport on and around campus
- Known for its active social scene and relaxed campus

Transportation & Parking Services
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SANTA BARBARA
MAP & DIRECTORY

UCSB parking permit must be displayed on vehicle at all times. Permit dispensers throughout campus sell short-term permits. The Parking Sales Office in building 381 off Stadium Road sells permits during business hours. Payment by credit card (Visa, MasterCard, or American Express), cash or campus Access card is accepted. A dormers permit enables you to visit parking. Please ensure that you park in a space or lot allowed by your permit type as parking violations are subject to citation. Do not park in spaces marked "Restricted," "Restricted at All Times," or "Reserved" without an appropriate permit.

What do the lot colors mean?

- Yellow** Visitor and student parking allowed at all times.
- Green** No visitor or student parking Monday to Friday between 7:30 AM and 5:00 PM. Visitor and student parking allowed at other times. Individual spaces within lots may have restrictions.
- Blue** No visitor or student parking in 15 Parking Monday to Friday between 7:30 AM and 5:00 PM.
- White** No visitor or student parking (except Doublets) at any time.
- Orange** Residence Hall student parking. Each location requires its own ID permit.

TPS Office Hours: Mon-Fri 7:30 am - 5:00 pm
 Permit Sales & Information: 805-893-2346
 Visit our website at www.tps.ucsb.edu

PARKING DESIGNATIONS
 Permit required at all times

- C Conveying Student & Visitor
- BS2 Residential Student
- 2285 Residential Student
- BS29 Residential Student
- BS28 Residential Student

Emergency

- For fire, police or medical emergency assistance call 9-111 or use emergency phones (in red boxes).
- UCSB Police Department, Public Safety Building, non-emergency (805) 893-3444 (24 hours).
- CSU Escort Service is available by calling (805) 893-2899.

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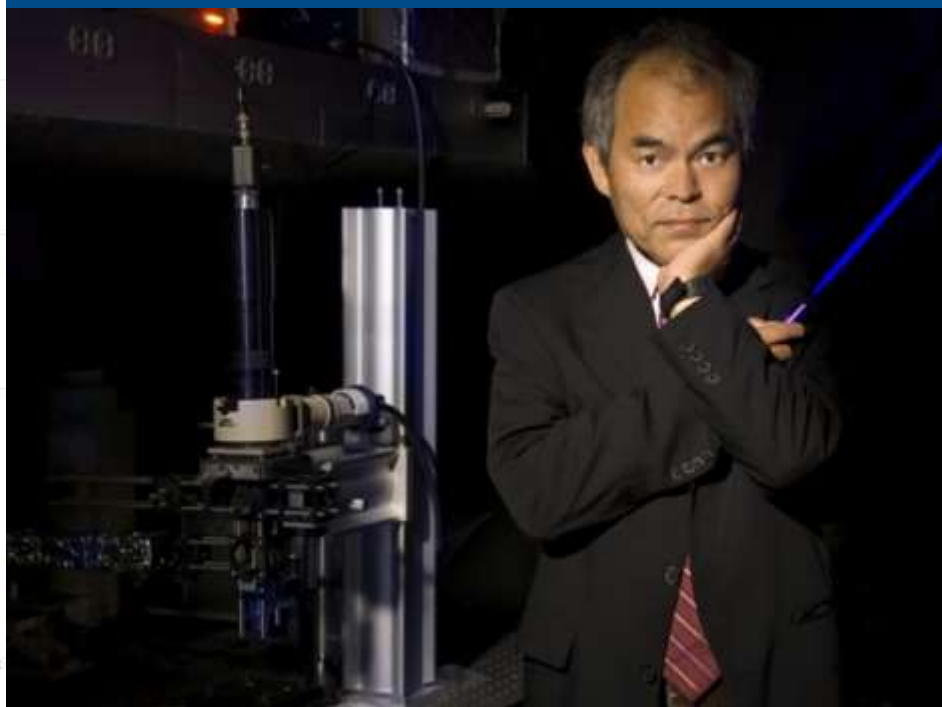




UC Santa Barbara

Faculty Size: 1,050
Enrollment: 23,051

Student Population:
California 89%
Other US States 7%
International 4%



Shuji Nakamura
2014 Nobel Prize
in Physics
6th Nobel
Laureate

- #1 **Harvard University**
United States Cambridge, Massachusetts
#1 – Best Global Universities
- #2 **Massachusetts Institute of Technology**
United States Cambridge, Massachusetts
#2 – Best Global Universities
- #3 **University of California--Berkeley**
United States Berkeley, California
#3 – Best Global Universities
- #4 **Stanford University**
United States Stanford, California
#4 – Best Global Universities
- #5 **University of Oxford**
United Kingdom Oxford
#5 – Best Global Universities
- #6 **University of Cambridge**
United Kingdom Cambridge
#6 – Best Global Universities
- #7 **California Institute of Technology**
United States Pasadena, California
#7 – Best Global Universities
- #8 **University of California--Los Angeles**
United States Los Angeles, California
#8 – Best Global Universities
- #28 **University of California--Santa Barbara**
United States Santa Barbara, California
#28 – Best Global Universities

Housing

You are not guaranteed housing as an exchange student.

On campus

- Shared Dorm
- Meal Plan
- Resident Advisor
- Freshman & Sophomores

Off campus - plan for this

- Campus-owned Housing
- Private Housing
 - Co-ops

Housing

Private Housing



All housing info here:

<http://eap.ucop.edu/ReciprocalExchanges/Pages/Campuses/Instructions/Fall2016/UCSB.aspx>

On-campus Housing



Off-campus Housing



HOUSING

Useful Facebook Groups

- UC Santa Barbara App

https://apps.facebook.com/ucsb_app/

- UCSB Housing Group, IV Housing for UCSB Students, Santa Barbara housing for rent!

https://www.facebook.com/UCSBCHO/info?tab=page_info

- SB Schedules (where you can discuss class swaps, trading textbooks, and more with other students)

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/183982701665517/>

Craigslist (last option – but can be useful for those looking at private housing)

<http://santabarbara.craigslist.org/search/apa>

<https://santabarbara.craigslist.org/search/roo>

Student Life – Campus Facilities

- Davidson Library at the center of campus (we've just got a brand new library!)
- RecCen- Multi-Activity Court: pools, rock climbing, gyms
- UCen, The Arbor (where to buy books/supplies, have coffee or food)
- Printing spaces - free print credits
- Student Resource Building (SRB) - study spaces, computers, student life offices





Student Life - Activities

- **Sport clubs, intramural sports**
- **Campus clubs and organizations: Academic, career, community service, cultural, environmental, political, arts, recreational** (join the Excursion Club for all year access to surfboards, wetsuits, and excursion adventures like hiking, camping, national parks and more!)
- **Student-run newspaper and radio**
- **Harder Stadium- soccer games, basketball games, etc.** (don't miss the soccer games! We throw tortillas around there, you know, your average activity)
- **Welcome Week, Undie Run, Extravaganza**
- **Isla Vista, Del Playa, The Hub**
- **Halloween, Deltopia, Chilla Vista** (annual art and music festival)



**TRAVELING!
YOU MUST
CHECK OUT
WHAT THE
REST OF
THE STATE
HAS TO
OFFER!**

- **The train is an ideal transportation throughout the state:** <https://www.amtrak.com/california-train-routes>
- **Buses from La – San Francisco – San Jose:** <http://www.cashuttlebus.com/>
- **Airport next to campus**
- **Car rentals for those 20 or older:** <https://www.hertz.com/rentacar/location/unitedstates/california/goleta/SBAW01>

STUDENT LIFE: CULTURE CLASHES

- People in the US tend to be more open and out-going.
 - Chances are the girl who bumped into you on the bus is just being friendly, not flirting.
 - Ladies, guys will be very forward.
- People sharing communal spaces tend to make conversation just because. Not responding is considered rude.
- Strangers will hold doors open for each other.
- If someone smiles to you on the street, smile back. This is a normal thing.
- We use the American style of eating (fork is held in the right hand), not the Continental.
- Pedestrians have the right of way.
- It's restroom (or bathroom), not toilet.
- "The customer is always right."
- Watch your language, please.
- We have a laid-back sense of style. Wearing sweats to class is perfectly acceptable.
- On the whole, we are big on manners.





Academic Life

- **Quarter system** (3 quarters, 11 weeks each)
- **10 weeks of teaching, 1 week of finals**
- **Grades A-F, averaged together for term GPA** (Grade Point Average)
- **Some classes marked on a curve** (these can go either way, hurt or help you – but usually helps)
- **Continuous assessment**
- **Attendance & contribution part of grade** (“iClickers”) (you are expected to participate in seminars for a portion of your grade)
- **Exam questions more structured** (usually multiple choice, with a few free response)
- **Mostly based around what is taught in class** (and readings!)

Academic Life

- More class time: 2-3 lectures per week per class plus a possible discussion or lab session (it is rare for a class not to have at least one seminar per week – these are usually taught by TA's)
- Bigger class sizes for lectures (200+)
- Class registration: sign up for classes every quarter in advance (on UCSB Gold)
- Lower division = introductory/basic classes
- Upper division = more specialised and intensive classes (these usually require specific classes to have been taken prior to enrolling)
- CCS Classes
- 'Course readers' & buying books (at the UCSB bookstore and Ucen)
- Study groups (CLAS tutoring services, use them! Very helpful and free)
- TA's & professor - student relationship (you usually interact with TA's more than your professors, but both are available for office hours)

Healthcare

As a Reciprocity student, you will need to purchase a **compulsory HEALTH INSURANCE** for Santa Barbara, even if you have your own health insurance. It is extremely difficult to waive.

The cost is \$924 per quarter(2015-16 figures).

This is “Aetna” insurance.

If you do not pay – you will not be enrolled.

There is a health clinic on campus.

All main services are offered, including general practice, sexual health, psychological and emergency services. You may sometimes have to pay a small fee for treatments.

Local Area

- Bike paths all throughout campus - Isla Vista, Goleta, and SB are all bike-friendly (7 miles throughout the campus!)
- Buses to Goleta and Downtown Santa Barbara from campus/IV (free for students)
- Campus/Isla Vista both located on the beach
- Downtown Santa Barbara for shopping, dining, entertainment, clubs (if you're 21!) (State St.)
- Goleta has a shopping center with grocery stores, cinemas and anything else you might need. It is much closer than SB and can be reached by bike or bus.

Day to Day living

- Open an American bank account - they do not have overdraft options (Union Bank, Wells Fargo, Bank of America)
- ATMs charge when not associated with your bank
- Still use swipe - so will have to sign!
- Sales Tax added on at till - in CA about 8.25-10%
- Tips: a 15-20% for service. Not leaving a tip is considered very rude.
- If you have a student loan, you may want to have a parent be able to talk to the student loan company on your behalf - phone before you leave
- Cell phones - best option pay as you go. Costs to receive texts & calls! (T-Mobile, Verizon...)

What do I need?

- Visa, passport & photocopies
- Cash for first few days
- Clothes for both hot and cold temperatures - can get chilly in winter!
- Electricals - lower voltage, don't bring hairdryers, speakers etc.
- House essentials like sheets can be picked up cheaply (Kmart is an ideal/cheap place to buy necessities in Goleta)
- There are places to find British goodies - but can be expensive so bring some with you (ESPECIALLY tea!)
- Really think about what you need to bring with you - things can be inexpensive (ex. don't bring your blankets or pillows)

USEFUL WEBSITES

<http://eap.ucop.edu/guides/reciprocity/Pages/default.aspx>

<http://eap.ucop.edu/ReciprocalExchanges/Pages/Discover-UC.aspx>

<http://eap.ucop.edu/ReciprocalExchanges/Pages/BeforeYouArrive.aspx>

<http://eap.ucop.edu/ReciprocalExchanges/Pages/resources.aspx>

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