Start Strong with the Freshman Summer Start Program

Designed to help freshmen make a successful transition to campus life, this innovative six-week program offers admitted first-year students a unique opportunity to take UC Santa Barbara courses for full academic credit and access a wide range of customized academic and social activities.

Dive into your UC Santa Barbara experience by exploring a rich selection of courses that will broaden your horizons and help you immediately advance toward achieving your educational goals. Live alongside your peers to immerse yourself in your new community, participate in social activities ranging from community lunches to game nights and competitions, and foster lasting connections with others.

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Freshman Summer Start Program
Benefits
FOR FRESHMAN STUDENTS

Get a head start on academics with the opportunity to register in 7 to 12 units that meet your general education or pre-major requirements.

Choose from a rich selection of over 70 undergraduate courses.

Get to know faculty in a small classroom setting and supportive atmosphere, through first-year discovery seminars, honors sections, and fireside chats.

Explore campus opportunities from undergraduate research, to student clubs and organizations, to on-campus jobs. Learn about the many ways you can make the most of your time at UCSB.

Connect with hundreds of other incoming freshmen to build a social foundation of friends you will rely on throughout your undergraduate career.

Gain a comprehensive introduction to campus resources, facilities, and services, so that you have everything you need to make a smooth transition to college life and be successful at UCSB!
The most rewarding part of FSSP was being able to gain the confidence that I will succeed at UCSB. I was able to become quickly acquainted to the resources and layout of the campus, which would have been hard in the Fall when more students come.

— Kyra Maeda, FSSP 2022 Alum

I chose to participate in FSSP because I wanted to get a head start for college so I would not feel uncomfortable when I moved in the fall. The most rewarding aspect of the program was the friends I made and the memories that came with them.

—William Kjenner-Love, FSSP 2022 Alum
ESTIMATED COSTS

- $279.00 Per-unit course fee (7 unit min.)
- $2.50 Per-unit technology fee
- $535.04 Campus-based fee
- $50.00 Programming and Activity Fee
- $25.00 Application fee (non-refundable)
- $3,403.00 Housing & meals

* Estimated fees based on triple occupancy. Cost is higher with single or double occupancy.

FINANCIAL AID & SAVINGS

Financial aid is available for eligible students, and thanks to FSSP-specific grants and scholarships, the average aid award for FSSP students is nearly twice as much as for other students studying in Summer. In fact, over $1 million in aid is typically distributed to FSSP participants each year! Students who may not be eligible for federal aid, but are still concerned about affordability, can take advantage of the 10-unit Summer fee cap, or enroll in a course offering a course scholarship. Visit the Financial Aid & Savings page to learn about these and other summer savings opportunities.

DID YOU KNOW?

All students pay the same tuition and fees as a California Resident during Summer months, allowing international and out-of-state students to benefit from cost savings!

TWO EASY STEPS TO ENROLL

1. Submit your Statement of Intent to Register (SIR) for Fall 2023 with the UCSB Office of Admissions by May 1st, 2023.

2. Visit summer.ucsb.edu/fssp and complete the Freshman Summer Start Program online enrollment form starting April 17th, 2023.
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Webinar dates
Wednesday, April 12th @ 6:00pm
Tuesday, April 25th @ 6:00pm