

Freshman Summer Start Program

UC SANTA BARBARA
Summer Sessions

2025

START STRONG



This innovative, six-week program is designed to help first-year students make a **successful transition** to campus life. They will be able 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 local hikes to game nights and competitions, and **foster lasting connections with others**.

2025 Timeline

Application

April 14th

June 30th

**or until spots fill, apply early!*

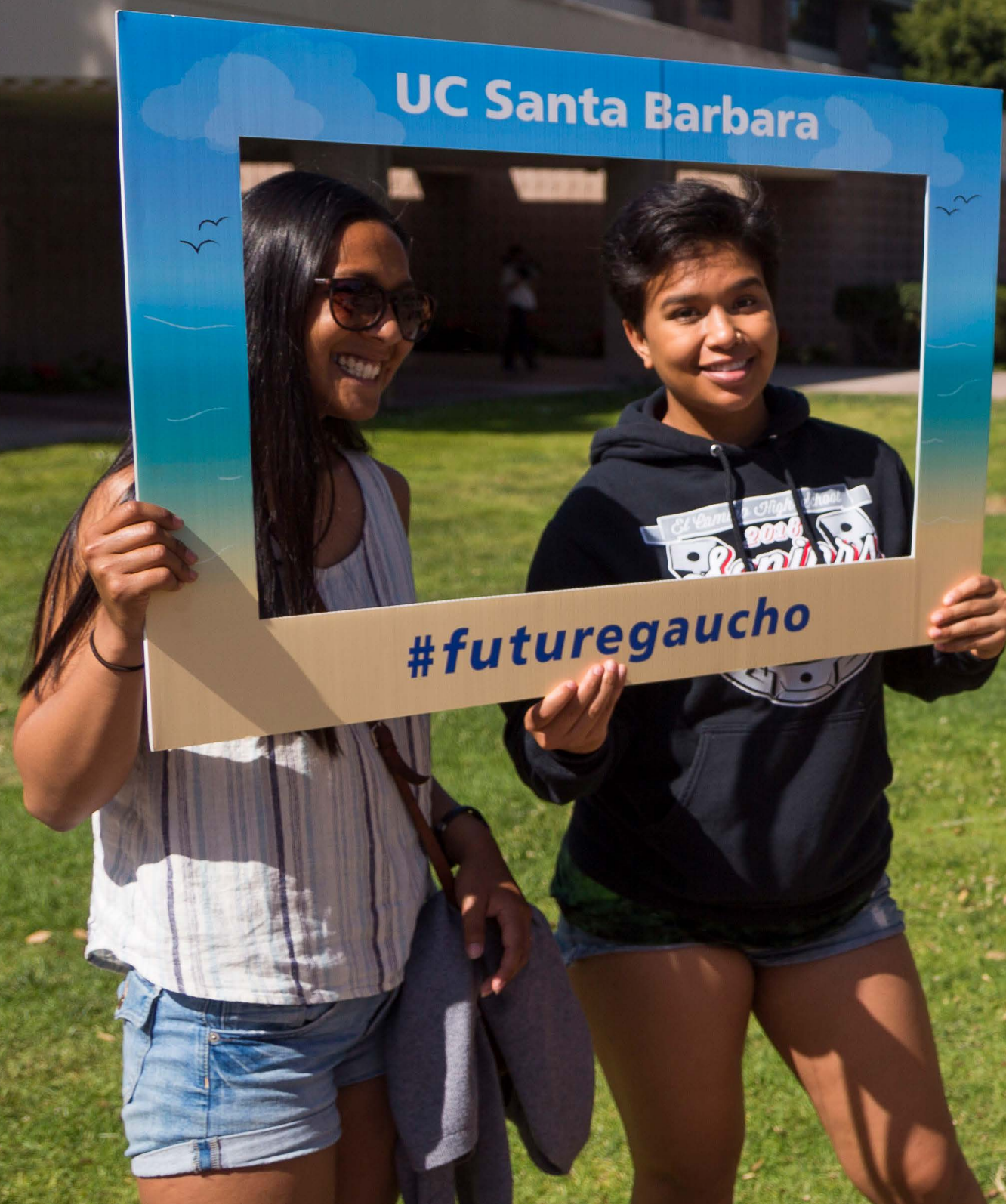
Program

August 2nd

September 13th

BENEFITS

For Freshman Students



Get a head start on academics with the opportunity to register in 7 to 13 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, faculty-led field trips, 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 intro 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!



ESTIMATED COSTS

- \$279.00** Per-unit Course Fee (7 unit min.)
- \$33.87** Student Technology Fee
- \$548.05** Campus-based Fee
- \$50.00** Programing and Activity Fee (non-refundable)
- \$25.00** Application Fee (non-refundable)
- \$3,802.00** Housing & Meals*

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

In Summer 2025, undergraduate unit fees are being capped at 12 units, so you can take up to 13 units, but won't pay for more than 12!

FINANCIAL AID AND 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 12-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.

**Note: Students will be considered for financial aid after submitting the 2024–2025 FAFSA. This should be done as soon as possible, but no later than June 30, 2025. The 2024–2025 FAFSA is in addition to the 2025–2026 FAFSA, which applies beginning in Fall 2025.*

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 2025 with the UCSB Office of Admissions by May 1st, 2025.
2. Visit summer.ucsb.edu/fssp and complete the Freshman Summer Start Program online enrollment form starting April 14th, 2025.

FSSP Voices



I chose to participate in FSSP to get ahead academically, but the most valuable thing I got out of it was community and friendship. It feels great going into the fall quarter with an established friend group and knowledge of all the campus resources.

— Jonah Brazier, 2024

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The most rewarding aspect of the program was the resources that I was able to explore while I [had] time and the office hours. FSSP definitely prepared me for life at UCSB by showing me resources I can use throughout these years.

— Aleccia-Betzabel Pérez Garrido, 2024





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