



ACADEMIC AND ADMINISTRATIVE CALENDAR 2025–26

University of California, Santa Cruz



Key Dates

QUARTER BEGINS	Sept 20 Sat	Jan 5 Mon	Mar 30 Mon	June 22 Mon
ORIENTATION	See orientation schedule for details (<i>orientation.ucsc.edu</i>).			
INSTRUCTION BEGINS	Sept 25 Thur	Jan 5 Mon	Mar 30 Mon	June 22 Mon
INSTRUCTION ENDS	Dec 5 Fri	Mar 13 Fri	June 5 Fri	Aug 28 Fri
FINAL EXAMINATIONS	Dec 8-12 Mon–Fri	Mar 16–20 Mon–Fri	June 8–11 Mon–Thur	varies
QUARTER ENDS	Dec 12 Fri	Mar 20 Fri	June 11 Thur	Aug 28 Fri
NUMBER OF DAYS OF INSTRUCTION	M-10, T-10, W- 9, Th-10, F-10	M-8, T-10, W- 10, Th-10, F-10	M-9, T-10, W- 10, Th-10, F-10	
TOTAL DAYS OF INSTRUCTION	49	48	49	
COMMENCEMENTS	June 12–15* Fri–Mon*			
*Pending Confirmation				
HOLIDAYS OBSERVED				
Sept. 1–Labor Day Nov. 11–Veterans Day Nov. 27-28–Thanksgiving Holidays Jan. 19–Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Feb. 16–Presidents’ Day		March 27–César Chávez Day May 25–Memorial Day June 19–Juneteenth Day July 3–Independence Day Sept. 7–Labor Day		
WINTER HOLIDAYS Dec. 24, 25, 31, Jan 1				
CAMPUS CLOSURE DATES Dec. 22-Jan. 4				

Advising and Advance Enrollment

Fall '25 Winter '26 Spring '26 Summer 26				
Continuing and Readmitted Students (includes visitors)				
ENROLLMENT PREP WEEK	May 12-16	Nov 6-12	Feb 18-24	Mar 15
Continuing and readmitted undergraduates. Class search available.	Mon-Fri	Thur-Wed	Wed-Tues	Sun
PRIORITY ENROLLMENT BEGINS	May 19	Nov 13	Feb. 26	May 1
Continuing and readmitted graduate and undergraduate students, by appointment.	Mon	Thur	Thur	Fri
Priority Enrollment for Fall 2026				
ENROLLMENT PREP WEEK	May 11-15			
	Mon-Fri			
PRIORITY ENROLLMENT BEGINS	May 18			
Enrollment continues following priority enrollment. For more information, see the online Schedule of Classes . For more dates for first and second pass, and waitlist appointments, see Schedule of Classes.				

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New Students		
PRIORITY ENROLLMENT		
New graduate students.	June 26 Thur	Dec 11 Thur
New undergraduates by appointment	Aug 8-21 Fri-Thur	Nov 13 Thur
Enrollment continues following priority enrollment. For more information, see the online Schedule of Classes .		

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GRADUATE LEAVE OF ABSENCE	Aug 7 Thur	Nov. 6 Thur	Feb 11 Wed	
Deadline to petition for a Leave of Absence except for emergencies.				
E-BILLS AVAILABLE ON UCSC eBILL/ePAY	Aug 29 Fri	Nov 26 Wed	Feb 27 Fri	Varies*
Including registration and housing fees.				
STUDENT HEALTH INSURANCE WAIVER	Sept 19 Fri	Dec 19 Fri	Mar 13 Fri	July 1 Wed
Deadline to apply for waiver. Cowell Student Health Center.				
MINIMUM CREDIT LIMIT ENFORCED	Sept 16 Tues	Dec 29 Mon	Mar 23 Mon	
Twelve credits for undergraduates and five credits for graduates.				
FINANCIAL AID DISBURSED TO STUDENT ACCOUNTS	Sept 16 Tues	Dec 29 Mon	Mar 23 Mon	Varies*
HOUSING AND DINING FEES DUE	Sept 17 Wed	Dec 17 Wed	Mar 24 Tues	Varies*
Fees are paid at the Financial Service Center.				
UNDERGRADUATE REGISTRATION FEES DUE	Sept 17 Wed	Dec 17 Wed	Mar 24 Tues	Varies*
Fees are paid at the Financial Service Center.				
GRADUATE LATE LEAVE OF ABSENCE DEADLINE	Sept 25 Thur	Jan 5 Mon	Mar 30 Mon	
Deadline to petition for LOA; receive full registraion refund. Division of Grad. Studies.				
WITHDRAW FROM THE UNIVERSITY	Sept 25 Thur	Jan 5 Mon	Mar 30 Mon	N/A
Deadline to file to withdraw during quarter and receive full registration fees refund. College/Division of Graduate Studies.				
CLASS PERMISSION NUMBERS REQUIRED	Oct 4 Sat	Jan 14 Wed	Apr 8 Wed	N/A
GRADUATE STUDENT ENROLLMENT AND FEE PAYMENT DEADLINE	Oct 9 Thur	Jan 15 Thur	Apr 9 Thur	N/A
Fees are paid at the Financial Service Center.				
GRADUATE STUDENT PART-TIME/IN ABSENTIA	Oct 9 Thur	Jan 15 Thur	Apr 9 Thur	N/A
Deadline to apply for a reduced class load and fees. Department.				
ADD/DROP/SWAP CLASSES ENDS	Oct 15 Wed	Jan 26 Mon	Apr 17 Fri	Varies*
Deadline to process enrollment transactions. Students should be fully enrolled by this date.				
OPT OUT OF UCSA AND UCGPC FEES	Oct 15 Wed	Jan 26 Mon	Apr 17 Fri	N/A
Opt-out deadline for UC Student Association and Graduate Student Association fees.				
UNDERGRADUATE PART-TIME PROGRAM	Oct 15 Wed	Jan 26 Mon	Apr 17 Fri	N/A
Deadline to apply for a reduced class load and fees. Office of the Registrar.				
LATE ADD/ADD BY PERMISSION BEGINS	Oct 16 Thur	Jan 27 Tues	Apr 18 Sat	N/A
First day to add a class by permission. MyUCSC.				
UNDERGRADUATE WITHDRAW FROM A CLASS BEGINS	Oct 16 Thur	Jan 27 Tues	Apr 18 Sat	Varies*
First day to drop with a W (Withdraw) notation. MyUCSC.				
DECLARATION/CHANGE OF MAJOR/MINOR	Oct 24 Fri	Feb 6 Fri	Apr 24 Fri	N/A
Deadline to file petition. Contact your department for major/minor declaration information.				
*See summer.ucsc.edu for session dates and deadlines.				

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UNDERGRADUATE WITHDRAW FROM A CLASS ENDS	Nov 5 Wed	Feb 17 Tues	May 8 Fri	Varies*
Deadline to petition for a W (Withdraw) grade notation, except for emergency reasons. MyUCSC.				
UNDERGRADUATE CREDIT BY PETITION ENDS	Nov 5 Wed	Feb 17 Tues	May 8 Fri	N/A
Deadline to file petition to challenge a class. Office of the Registrar.				
WITHDRAW FROM UCSC/ LEAVE OF ABSENCE	Nov 5 Wed	Feb 17 Tues	May 8 Fri	N/A
Undergraduates: deadline to petition to withdraw or to request a leave of absence, except for emergency reasons. College. Graduates: deadline to withdraw during the quarter, except for emergency reasons; for Leave of Absence, see below. Division of Graduate Studies.				
CHANGE OF COLLEGE	Nov 21 Fri	Feb 27 Fri	May 22 Fri	N/A
Deadline to file petition to be effective the following quarter. College.				
UNDERGRAD/GRAD GRADE CHANGE OPTION	Nov 30 Sun	Mar 6 Fri	May 29 Fri	Varies*
Deadline to change grade option. MyUCSC.				
UNDERGRADUATE NO PASS FROM A CLASS ENDS	Nov 30 Sun	Mar 6 Fri	May 29 Fri	Varies*
Deadline to drop with a NP (No Pass) grade except for emergency reasons. MyUCSC.				
UNDERGRAD/GRAD LATE ADD PERMISSION ENDS	Nov 30 Sun	Mar 6 Fri	May 29 Fri	N/A
Deadline to add a class by permission or petition. MyUCSC.				
UNDERGRAD/GRAD STUDENT REMOVAL OF INCOMPLETE	Dec 12 Fri	Mar 20 Fri	June 11 Thur	Dec 11 Fri
Deadline to file petition and submit class work. Undergraduate Incomplete grade from preceding quarter. Graduate Incomplete grade within the last three quarters. Office of the Registrar.				
GRADES DUE	Dec 17 Wed	Mar 24 Tues	June 16 Tues	TBD*
From instructors.				

*See [summer.ucsc.edu](#) for session dates and deadlines.

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Announcing Candidacy for Degree/Apply to Graduate				
UNDERGRADUATES				
Deadline for timely processing	Oct 24	Feb 6	Apr 24	TBD
Final deadline for the previous quarter	Jan 23	May 1	July 23	Oct 9
UNDERGRADUATES	Dec 12 Fri	Mar 20 Fri	June 11 Thur	Aug 28 Fri
Deadline to complete all requirements for degree. Documentation received after this deadline will delay graduation processing.				
GRADUATE STUDENTS	Oct 9 Thur	Jan 15 Thur	Apr 9 Thur	July 7 Mon
Deadline to announce for master's or Ph.D., or pay for filing fee, if applicable.				
GRADUATE STUDENTS	Dec 12 Fri	Mar 20 Fri	June 11* Thur	Aug 28 Fri
Deadline to complete all requirements for degree. Documentation received after this deadline will delay graduation processing.				
*Students participating in commencement need to complete all requirements by May 31 to be listed in the program.				

Intercampus Visitor/Exchange Programs

UNDERGRADUATES	Apr 30	Oct 31	Jan 1 (Oct 31, UC Berkeley, UC Merced)
Deadline to file application. Office of the Registrar.			
GRADUATE STUDENTS	Aug. 30, 2025 (Aug 1, 2025, UC Berkeley, Merced)	Dec. 1	March 1
Deadline to file application. Division of Graduate Studies.			

Financial Aid

FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION FOR UNDERGRADUATES

- Submit the free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at [fafsa.gov](#) (or Dream App at [dream.csac.ca.gov](#) if applicable) by March 2 prior to each academic year for enrollment in fall 2025, file by April 2, 2025 for enrollment in fall 2026 file by March 02, 2026

- Complete your financial aid application by providing all supporting documentation requested via MyAid Verify as accessed through your MyUCSC To Do List by June 2 prior to the year for which you are applying (July 1 for new transfers).

- For summer consideration, complete a financial aid application as indicated above. Enroll by June 1 to ensure summer aid disburses on time.

FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION FOR GRADUATES

- To apply for federal student loans, submit the Free Application for Federal Aid (FAFSA) each year at [fafsa.gov](#). Applications are accepted throughout the academic year in which you are enrolled.

- To apply for other types of graduate support, contact your academic department.

Readmission

UNDERGRADUATE READMISSION APPLICATION

Filing period for priority/first pass enrollment.

Fall '25	Winter '26	Spring '26	Summer '26
Jan. 01, 2025–March 31, 2025	July 01, 2025–Sept. 30, 2025	Oct. 01, 2025–Dec. 31, 2025	Jan. 01, 2026–March 31, 2026

SUMMER/FALL EXTENDED APPLICATION PERIOD

April 1, 2026-May 31, 2026
Late submission after April 1 may affect enrollment appointment.

GRADUATE STUDIES APPLICATION FOR READMISSION

Division of Graduate Studies.

July 31, 2025 Thur	Oct 31, 2025 Fri	Jan 31, 2026 Sat	Apr 30, 2026 Thur
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Summer Session 2026

Summer term active in class search–March 15, 2026
Enrollment opens–May 01, 2026
Session 1 dates–June 22–July 24, 2026
Session 2 dates–July 27–Aug 28, 2026
8-week dates–June 22-Aug 14, 2026
10-week dates–June 22-Aug 28, 2026

For additional information, see [summer.ucsc.edu](#).

Additional Resources

For more information on procedures and deadlines, go to the UCSC [General Catalog](#) and [The Navigator](#) undergraduate handbook, or visit [registrar.ucsc.edu](#).

Graduate students may also refer to the [Graduate Student Handbook](#).

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