



UC SANTA BARBARA International Programs



UC SB International Programs – Fact Sheet – 2024-25

➤ Academic Structure and Calendar

- **Structure of the Academic Year:**

The academic year structure consists of three *quarters* (i.e. 12-week)¹ and students must take 12 US Credits (typically equivalent to 30 ECTS) per quarter to be considered a full-time student.

- **Academic Calendar 2024-25:**

- Fall 2024: September 22nd to December 13th 2024 (orientation: 15 September 2024)
- Winter 2025: January 6th to March 21st 2025 (orientation to be confirmed)
- Spring 2025: March 31st to June 14th 2025 (orientation March 17th 2025)

Application deadlines are typically two months before program start dates but a certain amount of flexibility for late application is possible.

Students starting International Diploma Programs (IDP; see below) for 3 quarters from January 2025 will be finishing on September 1st 2025.

Completing a period of 9 months of study – i.e. a full academic year - and obtaining a diploma at the end, enables students to apply for the **Optional Practical Training (OPT)**. OPT is a US government program enabling graduates to work in paid employment for up to one year after graduating whilst still being on a F1 visa.

¹ There is also a Summer quarter from late June to mid-September but its catalogue of classes is much more limited.

➤ Programs, Credits and Overall Program Fees

UCSB offers three main international programs for international students not seeking a UCSB degree:

1. **University Immersion Program (UIP) – \$6,768/quarter (12 credits)**

Students can take one or two classes (4 credits) at the UCSB Extension + two classes (8 credits) at the Colleges, with classes available at both Undergraduate and Graduate level. Classes available can be found at <https://my.sa.ucsb.edu/catalog/Current/Index.aspx>

For details of which classes can be offered during which quarter(s) please look at the *Quarterly Class Search* engine at <https://my.sa.ucsb.edu/public/curriculum/coursesearch.aspx>

2. **International Diploma Programs (IDP) – \$5,468/quarter (12 credits)**

Students take all the classes at the UCSB Extension and can opt for (Professional) Diplomas or individual classes to obtain the 12 credits per quarter.

At the end of the program, you can receive a Certificate of Completion for individual classes or a **Diploma** (regardless of the duration of the program). The following Diploma programs are on offer (see also <https://extension.ucsb.edu/professional-certificates-programs>)

- a. **Diploma Fundamentals** (12 credits)
 - i. Business Administration, Digital Marketing, Human Resources Management, Accounting, Project Management
- b. **Diploma Essentials** (24 credits)
 - i. Business Administration, Digital Marketing, Human Resources Management, Accounting, Project Management
- c. **Professional Diploma** (36 credits)
 - i. Business Administration, Digital Marketing, Human Resources Management, Accounting

3. **Academic Integrated Programs – \$6,468/quarter (12 credits)**

We currently offer two programs:

- a. **Technology Management Program (TMP)** (18 credits, and it can now be completed in two quarters) and the **Strategic Investment Program** (11/12 credits).

Application Deadlines - Ideally two months before programs start (i.e. November 1st 2023 for Winter quarter (January 2024 start); February 1st 2024 for Spring quarter (March 31st 2024 start) but we can have some flexibility up to one month before quarter starts.

➤ No Hidden Fees

The prices already include all the services and fees that are typically added to tuition fees at other University of California campuses; these are detailed below:

1. Medical insurance (typically \$950/quarter)
2. Unlimited access to the *Recreation Center* (Sports Center);
3. Student services fees and housing fees, access to the library and all student building services on campus.
4. Free public transportation in Santa Barbara

With all above fees included in the overall fee, UCSB remains the least expensive of all 10 University of California campuses.

➤ Admission Criteria

○ Academic Criteria

- *University Immersion Program (UIP)* and *Academic Integrated Program*: GPA 2.8 minimum (equivalent to 12/20 in the French System and GPA 2.2 and above in the German system)
- International Diploma Program (IDP) – No GPA

○ Language Proficiency Criteria

- IELTS 6.0, TOEFL 550 ou 79 iBT, TOEIC 760 (2 skills), ELLT 6, DAAD 3 or above B2, Cambridge English Qualifications C1 Advanced or C2 Proficiency, or equivalent tests.

○ Other documents needed for the online application

- Passport valid 6 months after the end of the academic program; passport photo; proof of English (less than 2 years old); financial or bank statement; academic transcript.

➤ Student Experience – the True US Campus Experience at UCSB

At UCSB, students doing their full degree and those on Extension classes study on the main campus, and not outside of campus as can often be the case at other University of California Campuses.

As the campus is 'all-in-one-place', students enjoy the true US campus experience regardless of which programs they take.

➤ Housing Options

Students can receive help and guidance from the UCSB Community Housing Office (see <https://www.housing.ucsb.edu/apply/housing-resources>). They have two main options (as a general rule everything is included and in some cases the residences have their own gym/fitness center, swimming pool, cinema room, etc; see for instance <https://www.tropicanagardens.com/>):

- Campus housing (subject to availability): Monthly tariffs range from **\$829 for double occupancy** (room shared with another student, this is the most common trend in the US; for instance they can pay as

little as **\$729 with triple occupancy**) and **\$1,330 for an individual studio apartment** (it can be a little less for graduate students (prices from 2023-24); see <https://www.housing.ucsb.edu/apply/rates>

- **Off-Campus Options - (Housing fees may apply):** there are options at Isla Vista near campus (free bus pass), or at Goleta, Mesa, Turnpike, San Roque and other areas of Santa Barbara. Prices vary based on comfort levels and whether students want *meal plans*, etc (see <https://www.tropicanadelnorte.com/>); other search engines for housing solutions include Craigslist, SBCC Housing List, UCSB Housing and IV UCSB Facebook Groups, and the UCSB Housing and Community Services.
- **Unlike in many European countries and cities, many Santa Barbara students keep their rooms and houses until late in the summer to enjoy life by the Ocean so that many incoming students find housing solutions in the 3 to 4 weeks before the Fall quarter programmes start and a good number in the last two weeks before programme start dates.**

➤ **Jobs on Campus with your F1 Study Visa**

- As an international student on a F1 visa, you are allowed to work up to 20 hours/week, on campus only, etc.
- Average hourly wages are around \$15/hour.
- It is the student's responsibility to identify opportunities and secure them.

➤ **Safety and Security**

- Santa Barbara is one of the safest cities in the US and in California with a *Very High* Safety Index (and one of the lowest crime index in the US); **Santa Barbara Safety Index in 2022 is 84.47%**. (Source: <https://www.numbeo.com/crime/comparison.jsp>).
- **Compare with safety index of 70.09% for Madrid, 43.59% for Paris, 46.63% in London, 47.43% in Los Angeles, 60.63% for Riverside California, and 50.72% for New York City**, in 2022 according to comparison site Numbeo (accessed May 2023).

➤ **Overview of Campus Life and Student Life in Santa Barbara**

You can find many videos on Youtube.com. A good overview can be found at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=krBJ-FIVJf8&t=6s>

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