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. Explore residential opportunities 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.
Benefits
FOR FRESHMAN STUDENTS

Get a head start on academics with the opportunity to enroll in 7 to 14 units that meet your general education and pre-major requirements.

Choose from a rich selection of over 70 undergraduate courses.

Receive personalized attention from UC Santa Barbara faculty in a small classroom setting and a supportive atmosphere.

Explore freshman seminars and honors section courses introducing undergraduate research opportunities, internships, and campus jobs.

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.
“Even though FSSP was online last year, it was a great way to spend summer. I feel more knowledgeable about UCSB’s professors, campus culture, and offerings.

—Emily Zomoroudi, FSSP ’20

“Not only did I have a great time talking the whole day with cool UCSB students and teachers, but I also was able to get farther ahead in GE’s making my fall quarter a lot less stressful.

—Amgad Hawari, FSSP ’20
ESTIMATED COSTS

$279.00 Per-unit course fee (7 units min.)
$2.50 Per-unit technology fee (only applicable to L&S courses)
$495.45 Campus-based fee
$25.00 Application fee
$3,570.00 Housing & meals (optional)*

*For the most up-to-date information on residential pricing and COVID restrictions, please visit our website.

FINANCIAL AID

Are you interested in FSSP but concerned about affordability? Summer financial aid packages are available for eligible students, with an additional aid pool specifically earmarked for FSSP participants — each year, our students receive more than $1 million in aid! Check our website to ensure you’ve completed the steps to apply for aid, and to learn about additional summer savings opportunities such as the housing incentive and unique courses that offer scholarships.

TWO EASY STEPS TO ENROLL

1. Submit your Statement of Intent to Register (SIR) for Fall 2021 with the UCSB Office of Admissions by May 1st, 2021.
2. Visit summer.ucsb.edu/fssp and complete the Freshman Summer Start Program online application.

Students will have the option to either live on campus for the duration of the program, or participate virtually from home this year. Please note that space in campus housing is limited and will be assigned to students on a first-come-first-served basis, so students hoping to live on campus should plan to apply early.
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summer.ucsb.edu/fssp

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Join a webinar
Register for April 19, 2021 @ 4PM
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