



University of California, Santa Cruz

Division of Humanities

The University of California, Santa Cruz (UC Santa Cruz) has an outstanding reputation for research and teaching, and is located in one of the most spectacular higher education settings in the country. The University provides unrivalled opportunities for undergraduate and postgraduate students across a wide range of academic programs.

A comprehensive, stimulating Humanities education

UC Santa Cruz's Humanities Division explores the human experience, examining humanity's most deeply held and widely valued beliefs and teachings about ourselves and the world in which we live. Graduates of Humanities at UC Santa Cruz pursue careers in areas such as banking, business, education, entertainment, healthcare, law and social entrepreneurship; their research has been known to inform the policies and plans of governments and global corporations.

Humanities programs for undergraduates and postgraduates include the study of History, Philosophy, Linguistics, Literature, History of Consciousness, Feminist Studies, and Languages and Applied Linguistics. The University offers unique language and cultural pathways, including Sikh and Punjabi Studies, Spanish Studies, and Critical Race and Ethnic Studies, and also has a renowned Writing Program.

Globally acclaimed Institute for Humanities Research

UC Santa Cruz is home to the Institute for Humanities Research (IHR), which conducts research into core subject areas – ethics, history, language, identity and religion – that follow the common elements of the human experience. Faculty and students alike use the IHR to develop individual and collaborative research projects at the University and at other sites around the world.

The IHR serves as an incubator for new ideas and provides crucial support to faculty and students at every stage of the research process. One of its key functions is to identify promising graduate students and to help them become productive researchers through mentorship programs, fellowships and internship opportunities.

A friendly, modern campus

Situated in the heart of the stunning Santa Cruz Mountains, the UC Santa Cruz campus is surrounded by redwoods, hiking and biking trails, with beaches, boardwalk and downtown Santa Cruz only minutes away.

Significant private funds have been donated to build or enhance academic, student life, as well as to fund programs, research, and scholarships. A number of state-of-the-art buildings have been completed on campus in recent years, including the Humanities and Social Sciences facility, the Digital Arts Research facility, and the McHenry Library addition. UC Santa Cruz also continues to move forward with its Silicon Valley Initiatives, building on an ever-expanding presence with business, industry, and other educational institutions in that key part of the San Francisco Bay Area.

The institution cultivates a thriving, welcoming campus community, with plenty of on-site resources including cafés and restaurants, computer labs, a health center, and recreational and athletic facilities. More than 150 student organizations also operate on-campus, covering a broad range of cultural, creative, sporting, religious and leisure interests; campus events include theatrical and musical performances, lecture series, film, dance and exhibitions throughout the year.

