



# UCSB Horizons

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### Greetings, Counselor:

Here at UCSB Admissions, we greatly admire the job you do. The amount of information you master to advise students is enormous. We hope this issue of Horizons will make it easier to tell students about our campus – what's happening in our admission cycle. Your input and questions are welcome at [ucsb4me@sa.ucsb.edu](mailto:ucsb4me@sa.ucsb.edu)

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## Q&A: Admission to Fall 2011

### ***What is the application picture for Fall 2011?***

UCSB received a record 63,000 freshman and transfer applications for Fall 2011, up 5,000 over Fall 2010.

### ***How many spaces will be available for Fall 2011?***

We expect to enroll approximately 3,900 freshmen and 1,500 transfer students, about the same as 2010.

### ***Are additional materials accepted?***

Letters of recommendation and other documents should **not** be sent at this time unless specifically requested by a UC campus. If a student receives and accepts an offer of admission from UCSB, then we will require official school documents.

### ***What if a student has a special situation that a counselor wants to bring to our attention?***

Usually a student will mention a special circumstance using the space for additional comments on the UC application, so that reviewers at all campuses will be aware of it. If, as the student's counselor, you feel there is additional information we should know, email us at [admissions@sa.ucsb.edu](mailto:admissions@sa.ucsb.edu). Include the student's UCSB Perm Number or Application ID in the subject line.

### ***How do students enter their UCSB Admissions "application status" web page?***

Students who submitted an application for UCSB receive a confirmation email and a UCSB Perm Number by the end of January. They can use their UCSB Perm Number or their UC Application ID number to create a password to enter our site where decisions will be announced. [www.admissions.ucsb.edu](http://www.admissions.ucsb.edu)

## INFORMATION FOR FRESHMEN

### ***When will freshmen decisions be communicated?***

We expect to post freshman decisions on the UCSB Admissions website during the week of March 21, 2011. ([www.admissions.ucsb.edu](http://www.admissions.ucsb.edu)). Official letters will be mailed to students who are admitted.

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## **Q&A (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)**

### ***How are applications reviewed?***

A team of more than 80 professionals is reading freshmen applications, evaluating academic records and personal statements. UCSB recruits readers from across the campus and among teachers and counselors at local high schools. Readers are trained to ensure consistency in evaluations. Personal statements are read at least twice, and a third time if there isn't agreement on the first two readings.

### ***How are decisions made?***

Applicants receive an "academic preparation" review, looking for excellence in grades, coursework and test scores, and an "academic promise" review of extra-curricular activities, leadership, athletics, awards and honors. Applicants are then ranked, and the top applicants are selected according to space available at the campus.

### ***What's changed this year?***

The University ensures that when a student's official SAT scores are sent to one UC campus, they will be passed on to each campus that a student has applied to.

### ***Will UCSB have a waitlist for Fall 2011?***

UCSB will offer a selection of freshman applicants the opportunity to be on a waitlist when decisions are first announced in mid-March. Students will need to formally "opt-in" to the waitlist. If spaces become available, students on the waitlist will be notified after May 1. More information will be available on the Admissions website in early 2011.

## **INFORMATION FOR TRANSFERS**

### ***When will transfer student decisions be communicated?***

We expect to start posting transfer decisions by mid-March on our website, [www.admissions.ucsb.edu](http://www.admissions.ucsb.edu) and continue on into April. Official letters will be mailed to students who are admitted.

### ***When should transfer applicants update their academic information?***

UC requires transfer applicants to update their application information with fall grades and courses planned for spring. Students will log in to the UC Application Update website starting about January 12, using the email address and password they used to apply. Go to <http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions/appupdate>

## **VIRTUAL UCSB**

### **Students Can Talk with UCSB Advisors Online**

UCSB Admissions has established "Virtual UCSB," providing live webinar events and counselor chats online. Review the schedule, and sign up for Virtual UCSB online events at [www.admissions.ucsb.edu/VirtualUCSB.asp](http://www.admissions.ucsb.edu/VirtualUCSB.asp)

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **Admission Information Webinars**

For prospective freshman and transfer students interested in admissions and student life information.

#### **Every Thursday afternoon:**

January 6 to March 24, 2011

4 to 5 p.m. Pacific Standard Time

### **Open House events through [www.collegeweeklive.com](http://www.collegeweeklive.com)**

#### **Financial Aid Day**

Thursday, January 13, 2011

11 a.m. – 6 p.m. PST

#### **UCSB Transfer Day**

Thursday, February 3, 2011

9 a.m. – 7 p.m. PST

#### **UCSB Virtual Open House**

Spring Session

Wednesday, March 30, 2011

9 a.m. – 7 p.m. PST



## SPOTLIGHT ON A MAJOR

### Dance, the Bachelor of Fine Arts

The UCSB Dance program offers students a vibrant learning environment for artistic growth as dance artists. The curriculum places a strong emphasis on developing each student's artistic voice and encouraging the development of this creative force through performance, improvisation and choreography. Daily graded levels of technique in ballet and modern dance provide the foundation of each student's training.

The BFA in dance is structured to serve those students focused on careers in performance and choreography, including three years of dance composition studies and an open number of dance performance opportunities. For their culminating project, BFA candidates create choreography for public performance on the Hatlen Theater stage.

Dance alumni have gone on to performing careers with internationally recognized companies including Shen Wei, Jennifer Muller, Pennington Dance Company, Momix and David Parsons.

The UCSB Dance Company (senior year dance majors) has received a prestigious American Masterpieces grant from the National Endowment for the Arts. This grant supports the student company taking on the seminal work "Speeds" by New York choreographer Jennifer Muller. The work will be performed in the Spring Dance Concert in April, 2011; a conference

*Derion Loman is pursuing a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Dance at UCSB.*



David Bazemore

examining Muller's career will be held on Friday, April 8.

"Speeds" will also be in the company's 2011 touring repertoire, to be performed widely on UC campuses and in New York City, with plans for a tour to Bologna, Italy. In past years, the company has performed at the Kennedy Center, in Mexico, and on a four-city tour of China.

The Department of Dance also offers a Bachelor of Arts degree in dance.

### Auditioning for Performance Majors at UCSB, for Fall 2011

#### DANCE BA/BFA

Admission to the Dance major requires an audition (either Sunday, January 23 or Saturday, February 5), and is contingent upon acceptance to UCSB. Some video auditions are accepted. Dance audition form: <http://www.theaterdance.ucsb.edu/pdfs/UCSBDanceAuditionRegForm.pdf>.

All incoming Dance students enter into the BA degree program. Students interested in the Dance BFA degree program must submit a written request to the dance faculty in the Winter quarter of their sophomore year for consideration to audition in the following quarter (Spring).

#### THEATER BFA, ACTING EMPHASIS

Incoming freshmen are first admitted to the Theater BA, then audition for the BFA Acting Emphasis at the end of freshman year. Incoming transfer students must audition and submit two letters of recommendation. Auditions are held in Spring and Fall.

For more information on the Dance and Theater majors, visit [www.theaterdance.ucsb.edu/](http://www.theaterdance.ucsb.edu/)

#### MUSIC BM

Acceptance into the Bachelor of Music program (performance or composition), or into performance classes within the Music BA major, requires an audition (this year on Saturday, January 22 or Sunday, January 30). For more information, visit [www.music.ucsb.edu](http://www.music.ucsb.edu).

**NEW OPPORTUNITY****Actuarial Science**

UCSB has introduced a new major in Actuarial Science (a bachelor of science degree). The degree is unique to the West Coast of the U.S. and is already in demand because actuarial science is one of the fastest-growing job categories. The major can lead to a number of jobs in the insurance or financial industries.

Actuarial Science is part of the Statistics Department at UCSB which also offers a BA and BS in Statistical Science. A BS in Financial Mathematics and Statistics is offered jointly with the department of Mathematics.

For more information visit <http://www.pstat.ucsb.edu/instruction/actuaryalumni.htm>

**A SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION****The College of Creative Studies**

The College of Creative Studies at UCSB is described as “a graduate school for undergraduates” and is unique in the 10-campus UC system. Applicants accepted into one of the college’s eight majors bring exceptional focus, talent and commitment to their discipline.

CCS majors include Art, Biology, Chemistry/Biochemistry, Computer Science, Literature, Mathematics, Music Composition and Physics. Students take small CCS classes, and also use University resources in departments across the campus.

Students interested in Creative Studies must submit a supplemental CCS application (in addition to the UC application), available at [www.ccs.ucsb.edu](http://www.ccs.ucsb.edu). CCS applications are reviewed by faculty. Admission to a CCS major is contingent upon admission to UCSB. The priority application date for Fall 2011 is January 10, 2011.

**UCSB OPEN HOUSE****SPRING INSIGHT**

***Saturday, April 9, 2011, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.***

For admitted and prospective students and their families, with tours, presentations, lectures, and department tabling.

[www.admissions.ucsb.edu/openhouse.asp](http://www.admissions.ucsb.edu/openhouse.asp)

**DATES and DEADLINES****January 23 and February 5**

Audition dates for Dance major at UCSB.

**January 22 and 30**

Audition dates for Bachelor of Music major at UCSB.

**January 31**

Transfer applicant priority deadline to update fall grades and spring course work.

**March 2**

Priority deadline to submit the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). Cal Grant GPA Verification form due.

**March 21 (estimated)**

Freshman admission decisions announced.

**March 21 – April 30 (estimated)**

Transfer admission decisions announced.

**May 1**

Freshman SIR Deadline.

**May 7**

UC Analytical Writing Placement Exam (locations statewide).

**June 1**

Transfer SIR Deadline.