

UC Highlights & Fun Facts

UC Berkeley

- The Free Speech Movement started in 1964 at UC Berkeley and led to a college campus phenomenon that was first inspired by the struggle for civil rights and fueled by opposition to the Vietnam War.
- The Haas School of Business is the nation's second oldest business school, and the first at a public university. It is consistently ranked among the top 10 business schools worldwide.
- Standing at 307 feet tall, the Campanile (also referred to as Sather Tower) is the third tallest bell and clock tower in the world.
- Berkeley Engineering is consistently ranked among the top engineering schools by many measures, including U.S. News & World Report, which ranks it as third nationally and seventh globally. Many individual disciplines also maintain top rankings among all engineering programs.

UC Davis

- UC Davis is the second largest UC campus, encompassing over 5,300 acres of land! No wonder students get around by bike.
- Davis is one of the state's few remaining college towns which includes an abundance of bookstores, coffeehouses, and restaurants in the downtown area.
- U.S. News & World Report has ranked the school #1 among North America's 28 veterinary schools, and the only UC school with a doctorate program in Veterinary Medicine.

UC Irvine

- As the only academic health system in Orange County, their multifaceted organization is dedicated to the discovery of new medical frontiers, to the teaching of future healers and to the delivery of the finest evidence-based care.
- #1 in the nation in Sierra magazine's ranking of the most environmentally sustainable schools.
- UCI athletics teams have earned 28 national titles in nine sports, and 64 Anteaters have won individual national titles; 56 have competed in the Olympics.

UCLA

- UCLA was founded in 1919. It is the only leading research institution in the U.S. that was started in the 20th century.
- UCLA has a proud history in many sports, and was the first university to reach the 100-championship mark. As of July 2019, UCLA has won 129 national championships,

including 118 team championships, more than any other university except Stanford University.

- UCLA has one of the finest academic reputations in the country, and is considered one of the “Public Ivies,” providing an “Ivy League” college experience at public university prices. Other Public Ivies include the University of Texas at Austin, University of Virginia, and University of Michigan.

UC Merced

- It is the newest campus in the UC system
- UC Merced partners with Yosemite National Park through the Yosemite Leadership Program which offers students the opportunity to work, live, and learn in Yosemite, and Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks.

UC Riverside

- Sustainability is a way of life at UCR, from the compostable utensils used in campus dining to the solar panels found across campus that are sending 100% renewable energy into our grid. UCR was included on The Princeton Review’s 2019 listing of the Top 50 Green Colleges.
- UCR boasts the largest undergraduate business program in the entire UC system, along with a full-time Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.), Professional M.B.A., Master of Professional Accountancy (M.P.Ac.), Master of Finance (M.Fin.), and a Ph.D. program.
- There is a great tradition at UC Riverside of hiking the infamous 132 feet high, 70 feet wide letter “C” that is located in the heart of the Box Spring mountains. It has been rumored that if you kiss the “C” the beginning of fall quarter your first-year, you’ll get a 4.0.

UC San Diego

- Geisel Library is a futuristic building named after Theodor Seuss Geisel (better known as Dr. Seuss).
- Scripps Institution of Oceanography operates four research vessels and an innovative Floating Instrument Platform (FLIP), enabling faculty, students and researchers to address our planet’s most pressing environmental challenges within a cutting-edge mobile laboratory. In 2019, the oceanographic research vessel Bob and Betty Beyster became the newest addition to the Scripps Fleet.
- There’s direct beach access from the UCSD campus to Blacks Beach.

UC Santa Barbara

- UC Santa Barbara ranks among higher-education leaders in the U.S and Canada as one of only 62 research-intensive institutions elected to membership in the prestigious Association of American Universities.

- UCSB marine scientists played a key role in developing Ocean in Google Earth, which enables users to dive beneath the sea in Marine Protected Areas worldwide.
- Some famous UCSB alumni include Michael Douglas (actor), Bob Ballard (chief scientist on the team that discovered the Titanic), Benjamin Bratt (actor), Jack Johnson (musician), Jason Lezak (Gold Medalist, swimming, 2008 Olympics) and Todd Rodgers (Gold Medalist, Volleyball, 2008 Olympics).

UC Santa Cruz

- Ever heard of a banana slug? It's the mascot for UC Santa Cruz! The mascot was actually changed in 1980 to a sea lion as it was considered more "dignified". An overwhelming proslug straw vote by students in 1986 persuaded the chancellor to make the lowly but beloved Banana Slug UCSC's official mascot.
- UC Santa Cruz has a big focus on water conservation. Over a 20-year period in which enrollment increased 67%, water consumption increased by less than 5%
- In 2015, Best Value Schools ranked UCSC 5th among the most beautiful coastal college campuses in the U.S.