

**UC SANTA BARBARA**  
**OUT OF STATE FAMILY GUIDE**



**2025-26**



## SANTA BARBARA AIRPORT

SBA is the closest option at only 5-10 minutes from UCSB and Isla Vista. MTD bus, taxis, car rental, and Lyft/Uber are all very active at the airport. SBA is extremely easy to fly in and out. Typically flights going out of SBA have layovers in LA, San Francisco, Seattle, Phoenix, Denver, Dallas or Atlanta. Airlines include Southwest, United, American Airlines, Alaska, and Delta.



## LOS ANGELES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

LAX is approximately 2 hours away from Santa Barbara and UCSB's campus. From LAX getting to UCSB is easy through the Santa Barbara Airbus, which picks up multiple times throughout the day. LAX offers a major airport hub with multiple direct flight options.



## BURBANK AIRPORT

Smaller than LAX, Burbank Airport is another great option with more direct flights than SBA. About 1.5 to 2 hours from UCSB's campus and is easily accessible through the Amtrak train from the airport to the Goleta station, which is about 3-5 minutes from campus.



[SBAIRBUS.COM](http://SBAIRBUS.COM)



[WWW.AMTRAK.COM](http://WWW.AMTRAK.COM)



[SBMTD.GOV](http://SBMTD.GOV)

**Uber**

**lyft**



## BIKING AT UCSB

### DID YOU KNOW?

UC Santa Barbara has seven miles of dedicated bike paths on campus and in the Isla Vista area, providing extensive infrastructure to support the university's well-known bicycle culture and the thousands of students that bike (and skateboard) daily! We are recognized as a platinum-level bike friendly university!

### BIKE REGISTRATION AND STORAGE

To register your student's bike on campus, use the UCSB Police Department's online or in-person system. Registration costs \$10. UCPD can also store bicycles over the summer for an additional \$30. For further information go to:

[www.police.ucsb.edu/cso/bicycle-program](http://www.police.ucsb.edu/cso/bicycle-program)

### BIKE REPAIR

For bike repairs or damages, your student can bring their bike to the Associated Students Bike Shop on campus. For affordable prices, you can learn more by calling (805) 893-3610, or by visiting <https://bikeshop.as.ucsb.edu/>

### SAFETY WHILE RIDING

We want your student to be safe on campus, especially when they are on the move! For safety tips and further information about UCSB's bike routes, Transportation and Parking Services has educational information on their website: [www.tps.ucsb.edu/commuter-options/bicycle-program/ucsb-bicycle-safety-education](http://www.tps.ucsb.edu/commuter-options/bicycle-program/ucsb-bicycle-safety-education)



## STORAGE SCHOLARS

Storage Scholars assists UCSB students with shipping, moving, and summer storage needs. They coordinate professional movers for move-in and move-out, and offer storage for furniture and other belongings. Pricing is based on item size with a minimum storage charge. The service is designed to make the process easier for both students and parents. To learn more, visit [www.storagescholars.com](http://www.storagescholars.com) or call (336) 815-0100.

## CAMPUS STORAGE

Campus Storage offers UCSB students summer storage, shipping, and long-term storage services. They provide free pickup and delivery, options for storing extra-large items (such as beds and desks), and a Premiere Package that provides priority scheduling and value protection. Minimum storage durations and fees apply, and delivery is usually on specific free delivery dates. To learn more, visit [www.campusstorage.com](http://www.campusstorage.com) or email [info@CampusStorage.com](mailto:info@CampusStorage.com)

## SUMMER BIKE STORAGE

Summer bike only storage is managed by the UC Santa Barbara Police Department. Summer Storage Information and Fee can be found here: <https://www.police.ucsb.edu/cso/bicycle-program>



# ACCOMODATIONS

## STAYING NEAR BY

To stay close to campus you are going to want to choose a hotel in Goleta, which surrounds the Santa Barbara Airport, UC Santa Barbara and Isla Vista. To be closer to town and the beach, you can choose hotels in Santa Barbara, which will be 6-10 miles from campus, but offer closer access to shops and dining in the downtown and funk zone areas.

### UCSB'S VERY OWN CLUB AND GUEST HOUSE

Located right on UCSB's campus on the edge of the Lagoon, the Club & Guest House welcomes guests to dine, stay and gather. We have a 34-room boutique style hotel with modernized design and a view like no other. To book visit [theclub.ucsb.edu/Stay](http://theclub.ucsb.edu/Stay).

### HOTELS WITH DISCOUNTS FOR UCSB ALUMNI, FAMILIES AND FRIENDS

The Steward - about a mile and a half off of campus, recently renovated hotel with charm. Visit <https://www.alumni.ucsb.edu/vacation/visiting-santa-barbara>, for link to book.

The Leta - Only two miles from UCSB near Goleta restaurants and shops. Visit <https://www.alumni.ucsb.edu/vacation/visiting-santa-barbara>, for link to book.

The Ritz-Carlton Bacara - Nestled just west of campus is this waterfront resort with all the amenities. To book the UCSB rate, call (805) 968-0100 ext. 6 and ask for the UCSB rate or use code ERS to book "corporate rate" for 15% off available rates.

Best Western Plus South Coast Inn - Located close to UCSB and the SB Airport, includes pool, spa, gym and hot breakfast. For 20% off Best Available Rate, call (805) 967-3200 and ask for the Gaucho rate.

Ramada Inn - About 4 miles from campus near Starbuck's and In n Out, call directly (805) 964-3511 and ask for the UCSB Alumni Rate with will give up to a 20% discount for members.

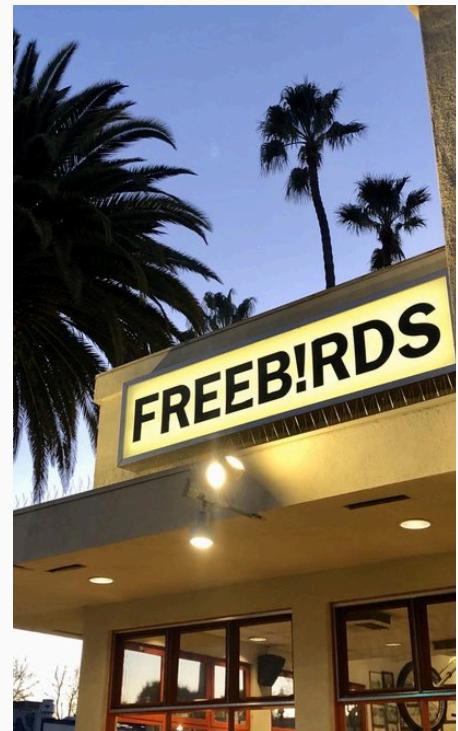
Hotel Milo - Located downtown on Cabrillo across from the incredible Pacific Ocean, UCSB Alumni and Family receive up to a 10% off accommodations. Visit <https://www.alumni.ucsb.edu/vacation/visiting-santa-barbara>, for link to book.



# RESTAURANT RECOMENDATIONS FROM A CURRENT GAUCHO

## ISLA VISTA

- Cajé Coffee Roasters (popular Gaucho owned coffee spot)
- Freebirds (iconic IV spot)
- IV Bagel Cafe (been around forever)
- IV Deli Mart (late-night eats)
- IV Pizza Pub (good for dinner)
- Kaju (Ramen and Curry)
- Lao Wangs (Asian cuisine and drinks)
- Sam's To Go (best price subs and sandwiches)
- Woodstock's Pizza (student hangout)
- Yetz's Bagels & Deli (amazing lox and bagels)
- Zocalo (Mexican cuisine)





# RESTAURANT RECOMENDATIONS FROM A CURRENT GAUCHO

## GOLETA AND SANTA BARBARA

- Alessia Patisserie and Cafe (pastries and breakfast)
- Arnoldi's Café (higher-end Italian dinner)
- Boathouse (seafood on the water)
- Brophey Bros. (seafood on the wharf)
- Finney's Crafthouse (brews and eats)
- The Habit Burger Grill (founded in SB)
- Indian Tandoori Kingdom (fan favorite on State Street)
- Jeannine's - multiple locations (breakfast and lunch)
- Kin Bakeshop (viral matcha & mochinuts)
- The Lark (upscale dinner in Funk Zone)
- Los Agaves (local favorite Mexican spot)
- McConnell's Fine Ice Creams (local classic since 1949)
- Mesa Verde (vegetarian & vegan)
- Renaud's Patisserie (pastries & coffee)
- Renuion Kitchen (on the water)
- Sama Sama Kitchen (Southeast Asian fusion)
- The Blue Owl (sandwiches downtown)
- The Shop Kitchen (brunch downtown)
- Super Rica Taqueria (famous tacos)
- Renaud's Patisserie (pastries & coffee)



# THINGS TO DO AND SEE IN SANTA BARBARA

## GOLETA

<https://www.cityofgoleta.org/play/things-to-do-and-see-in-goleta>

## UCSB'S NORTH CAMPUS OPEN SPACE

<https://www.ncos.ccber.ucsb.edu/>

## HIKING IN SANTA BARBARA

<https://www.ncos.ccber.ucsb.edu/>

## ARTS & ATTRACTIONS

[https://santabarbaraca.com/plan-listings/?business\\_category\\_main=arts-attractions](https://santabarbaraca.com/plan-listings/?business_category_main=arts-attractions)

[https://www.campuscalendar.ucsb.edu/department/arts\\_and\\_lectures](https://www.campuscalendar.ucsb.edu/department/arts_and_lectures)

## DOWNTON PARKS AND BEACHES

[https://santabarbaraca.com/plan-listings/?business\\_category\\_main=beaches-parks](https://santabarbaraca.com/plan-listings/?business_category_main=beaches-parks)

# GOLETA AND SANTA BARBARA BEACHES





# UCSB ATHLETICS

## VISION STATEMENT

UC Santa Barbara athletics is committed to developing successful and resourceful people who lead, who inspire and innovate, who persevere through challenges to reach their full potential, who drive for excellence, and make a positive difference in the world. Our commitment extends further to serving and continuing to grow a deeply connected and engaged Gaucho community. We are student-centered, people-focused, and community engaged as we build upon a strong and sustainable foundation for extraordinary achievement in and out of the athletics arena.

## GO GAUCHOS!

Attend a game with your student while you are in town or cheer us on if you want to stream any games online. Information on both can be found here:

<https://ucsbgauchos.com/>

Fun fact: Our biggest athletic rival is Cal Poly, just a short 1.5-hour drive north in San Luis Obispo!



## **SELECT HELPFUL CONTACTS**

### **GAUCHO PARENTS AND FAMILIES**

For general inquiries, comments, and concerns contact Gaucho Parents and Family by emailing [ucsbparents@sa.ucsb.edu](mailto:ucsbparents@sa.ucsb.edu).

For Problem Response (student crisis and/or emergency): contact the Student and Parent Liaison; [studentparentliaison@sa.ucsb.edu](mailto:studentparentliaison@sa.ucsb.edu); (805) 893-4521.

### **PARENTS AND FAMILY WEEKEND**

For any questions for Parent and Family Weekend, which is taking place November 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025, contact (805) 893-7382 or email [Parent@ia.ucsb.edu](mailto:Parent@ia.ucsb.edu).

### **OFFICE OF FINANCIAL AID AND SCHOLARSHIPS**

To contact the office of Financial Aid and Scholarships, call 805-893-2432 or join the virtual queue at: [www.finaid.ucsb.edu/contact-us](http://www.finaid.ucsb.edu/contact-us)

### **BARC (BILLING) OFFICE**

For any questions or concerns for the UCSB Billing Accounts Receivable Collections (BARC) office, you can contact the office by phone at 805-893-3756 or via email at [barc.info@bfs.ucsb.edu](mailto:barc.info@bfs.ucsb.edu)

### **PARENT AND FAMILY GIVING**

To support UCSB and your students' academic success, consider donating to the Parents Fund. For all donation inquiries, contact Jennifer Biegert at [jenniferbiegert@ucsb.edu](mailto:jenniferbiegert@ucsb.edu) or Sophia Lozada at [sophialozada@ucsb.edu](mailto:sophialozada@ucsb.edu)