First Year Edge (Remote) Student & Parent Checklist

Open to UC Santa Cruz incoming students, First Year Edge is a remote learning program that takes place during Summer Session 2 and the week preceding it. Supported online, you will not only make great connections with faculty, peer mentors, and classmates but also learn how to navigate campus life. This checklist will help guide you. Please email our office with questions or concerns.

GETTING STARTED

- Submit your admissions SIR (Statement of Intent to Register)

- Register at [https://summer.ucsc.edu/summer-edge/firstyear-edge/firstyear-registration.html](https://summer.ucsc.edu/summer-edge/firstyear-edge/firstyear-registration.html), indicate you will be participating in First Year Edge (offered remotely this summer).

- Pay the non-refundable $100 registration fee. It can take 3-5 days to set up your accounts and activate your portal, enrollment, billing, and more for this summer.

ENROLL IN CLASS

Once your registration process is complete, you can enroll.

[https://summer.ucsc.edu/summer-edge/firstyear-edge/firstyear-enrollment.html](https://summer.ucsc.edu/summer-edge/firstyear-edge/firstyear-enrollment.html)

- Enroll in the required 2-credit *Navigating the Research University* (Stevenson 26 - there are lots of sections to choose from). This course enables your 25% summer tuition discount.

- Enroll in a Session 2, 5-credit class of your choice. See our website for recommendations from academic advisers.

- During Session 2, you take a minimum of two courses for a total of 7 credits. You can also add additional credits by taking a Session 1, 8-week, or 10-week course. As long as you remain enrolled in STEV 26, you will receive 25% off tuition.

- Keep in mind that these are condensed, five-week classes with demanding schedules, so prioritize your time wisely. Note, tuition is charged per credit, so additional classes mean additional tuition (and, if eligible, additional financial aid).

- Tuition does not appear immediately, it can take a few days to post in your portal.
FINANCIAL AID

To assist with costs, the Financial Aid Office offers up to $2,800 in grant funding for 7-credits based on need as determined by the FAFSA (or Dream Application if applicable). Additional aid may be available if you take an optional third course. International students are not eligible for aid.

In order to receive financial aid for the Summer Edge, you must:

- Complete a 2019-2020 FAFSA or Dream Application by June 27. This is in addition to the 2020-2021 FAFSA or Dream Application you must file for the upcoming school year.
- If you applied for financial aid at a prior institution for 2019-2020, make a correction to this FAFSA or Dream Application and include UC Santa Cruz School Code 001321.
- Students selected for verification must submit the required documents to receive financial aid.
- Summer Edge is a 7 credit minimum program. You must enroll and complete all courses to maintain aid eligibility. [https://financialaid.ucsc.edu/cost-to-attend/summer-edge.html](https://financialaid.ucsc.edu/cost-to-attend/summer-edge.html)
- Receiving Edge funding does not decrease your four-year aid eligibility.

FINANCIAL AID ESTIMATES FOR SUMMER EDGE

- The Summer Edge Grant Calculator tool is a fast and easy way to receive your grant aid estimate. The Financial Aid Office encourages you to complete your 2019-20 financial aid application first and use the expected family contribution (EFC) from this application to get an estimate. You can also use the EFC determined by your 2020-21 financial aid application. This calculator generates an estimate based on the information you provide. If the information you provide is incorrect, your estimate may differ significantly from the final awards offered. All estimates are subject to the availability of funding.

ACCEPT OR WAIVE UC STUDENT HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN (UC SHIP)

The University of California Regents mandate that all students be covered by a health insurance plan. Because having an insurance plan is required, all full- and part-time undergraduate and graduate students are automatically enrolled in and charged for the University of California Student Health Insurance Plan (UC SHIP) unless they submit an online insurance waiver confirming they have acceptable health insurance coverage.

- The deadline to waive UC SHIP for summer is July 20.
- Visit the UCSC Student Health Insurance website or email insure@ucsc.edu for waiver information and expanded rates.
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PAYMENT

- You can pay via credit card or eCheck in your portal or by mail to the SBS Service Center. Details at https://summer.ucsc.edu/tuition-aid/payment-refund.html

- To authorize a Parent/Other payers who can then view a student eBill/make payments, invite an "other payer/create parent pin" at My UCSC > UCSC eBill/ePay.

- You can start paying any time after charges post to your MyUCSC account. If your account says "Future," it is likely because you enrolled between billing statements, and will have to wait until the next billing statement to pay (there is no penalty for this). Final payments are due by August 13.

ACADEMIC DEADLINES

- Make note of the academic deadlines on our calendar to add, drop, request a W in one course, withdraw from the quarter, or change a grade option. Don't miss a deadline! https://summer.ucsc.edu/studentlife/index.html

CANCELLATION

- If you register and then decide you won't be coming, email your request to firstyearedge@ucsc.edu, and we will cancel your registration (the $100 registration fee is non-refundable).

- If you have enrolled in any summer courses, you must drop them yourself in your student portal. Instructors do not drop you for not attending or not paying. If you stay enrolled, you will be responsible for the tuition and academic consequences, i.e., you will receive an F.

- Financial Aid: If you received Financial Aid, once you cancel, that aid will no longer be available to you.