

UCSC Silicon Valley @extension

Where Thought Leaders Learn



**PROFESSIONAL
CERTIFICATE COURSES
FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS**

TAILORED FOR THE INTERNATIONAL STUDENT EXPERIENCE

Certificates

Specializations

Bioscience	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Biotechnology• Clinical Trials Design and Management• Regulatory Affairs	
Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Business Administration• Human Resource Management• Marketing Management• Project and Program Management• Procurement and Supply Chain Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Administrative Professionals• DEI Leadership• Social Media Marketing• Lean-Agile Project Management• Workplace Cultural Competency
Design	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• User Experience and Web Design	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Web Development
Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Early Childhood Education• TESOL	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• DEI for Early Childhood Success• DEI For Educators
Technology	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Computer Programming• Database and Data Analytics• Embedded Systems• Linux Programming and Administration• Software Engineering and Quality• VLSI Engineering	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• AI Application Development• AI for Business• DevOps and Data Virtualization• Enterprise AI Implementation• Mobile Application Development• Python





HOME OF THE GLOBAL TECH PROFESSIONAL

Welcome to UCSC Silicon Valley Professional Education, a division of University of California, Santa Cruz.

We are an accredited,* nonprofit educator based in the heart of Silicon Valley and focused on training top professionals throughout their careers.

- [350+ Professional Development Courses](#)
- [26 Professional Certificates](#)
- [17 Specializations](#)
- Complete Your Program in One Year or Less
- Internships and OPT

We ensure that each student emerges from the university with real-world skills.

*Accredited by the WASC Senior College and University Commission

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE COURSES

CRACKING THE CODE TO A DREAM CAREER

Practical, High-Quality Programs

Our programs are created by industry professionals and reviewed by university panels and industry advisory boards to support careers in high demand. Each course provides students with practical skills, theory, and current business practices that can significantly increase their earning potential. Our curriculum aligns with many professional licenses and master's degree programs.

Certificates

The traditional certificate program duration is 9-12 months. Some students complete two certificates in a year or less or they earn one certificate and one specialization.

Specializations

Many students choose to complete a specialization in conjunction with a certificate. Usually about six units, a specialization is perfect for people wanting to target specific career skill sets. For example, you can earn a [Database and Data Analytics](#) certificate and also take courses to earn a specialization in [AI for Business](#), [Lean-Agile Project Management](#), or [Workplace Cultural Competency](#).

You will study with industry professionals from some of the biggest companies in the world, gain insight into personnel requirements, and learn how to stay ahead of the curve.





SILICON VALLEY

THE LAUNCH PAD FOR INDUSTRY LEADERS

Located in the heart of Silicon Valley, UCSC SV embraces talent with open arms, innovative learning modes, and instructional excellence. We are surrounded by global leaders—Nvidia, Yahoo, Cisco, Erickson, Google, numerous biopharma and research companies, and uncountable startups.

Industry Leading Instructors

Silicon Valley professionals bring industry experience and practical, best practices into the classroom to support the student experience.

Networking & Connections

Instructors and frequent guest speakers are working professionals with an eye on the regional economy. Our students work in neighboring companies that are changing the world.

Embracing Diversity

Residing in a multicultural community, UCSC SV embraces talent with open arms, innovative learning modes, and instructional excellence.

WORK EXPERIENCE: OPT AND INTERNSHIPS

ON-THE-JOB TRAINING



Once you complete a professional certificate program you qualify for an unpaid internship and a temporary paid work experience through the [Optional Practical Training \(OPT\) program](#). OPT requires that student placements reflect their study. Our students are pursuing diverse interests.

- **44 percent are working in technology jobs.**
- **20 percent are working in business-related jobs.**
- **10 percent are working in bioscience jobs.**
- **4 percent are working in education and nonprofit jobs.**

Our students have amazing experiences in local startups and global companies. More than 80 percent of our students find positions within Silicon Valley and the rest land positions in other U.S. locations or abroad.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Education

You must have a college degree. This could be an associate's, bachelor's, master's, doctorate, or another equivalent higher degree.

COVID Vaccine Mandatory

All campus visitors must be vaccinated.

English Proficiency

You must have an English proficiency score of iBT TOEFL 70, IELTS 6.0, or equivalent.

Program Costs: International students pay \$4,500 plus a per course tuition fee for their program of choice.



Note: You'll need a minimum of 12 units per quarter to meet visa requirements. Costs are subject to change.

[Annual Calendar](#)

Fall • August 19–December 31

Winter • January 1–March 31

Spring • March 18–June 15

Summer • June 3–August 31

[Housing in Silicon Valley](#)

The Silicon Valley housing market is hot these days. Prices vary widely, from about \$800/month for a room in a house to more than \$3,000 for a house with multiple rooms. You have numerous options for finding an apartment! Be sure to check our website for our top housing referrals.



