TRANSPORTATION

BIKES:

There are at least 5 bike stores within approximately 5 miles of UCSB in Isla Vista and Goleta. These include: Bicycle Bob’s, Isla Vista Bicycle, Varsity Bike Shop, Velo Pro Cyclery, and JG Bike Shop. Additionally, there are more in downtown Santa Barbara (see yahoo yellow-pages).

Licensing

Under university rules, students are required to license their bike with a State of California State Bicycle License to operate their bike on campus. If you want to play it safe, you can get a license at the Community Service Organization (CSO). This is useful if your bike is stolen because CSO will know who it belongs to if it is recovered.

Riding on Sidewalks

Don’t do it! The CSO and UCSB police officers love to warn or ticket people for $125 who ride on sidewalks. It’s not worth it. There are plenty of bicycle paths throughout campus and greater Santa Barbara http://www.trafficsolutions.info/biking.htm

Parking Bicycles

You must park your bike in designated bike parking places on campus. Your bike could be impounded if you lock it to a tree, fence, signpost, etc. If this happens, you have to pay a fine to get it back. You can try parking your bike in your office or on a balcony in your building if it is allowed. Just look around to figure it out, or ask some of the students in your building. It is highly recommended that you use a U-lock. All other locks are easily broken.

BUSES:

Once your online-BARC/GOLD status as a student is registered and paid, you are eligible to request a registration sticker for your student ID. Present your ACCESS card (student ID) at the AS (Associated Students) ticket office or the Registrar’s Office to receive your sticker. No other picture ID can be accepted. With this sticker, riding the bus is free. This will be valid 7 days before classes begin, until the last day of final exams.

Regular bus fare is $1.75 each way. For routes and schedules, see (www.sbmtd.gov). Be advised—the buses are rather limited in scope and
frequency. They are certainly enough to provide daily transportation to and from school, but performing other necessary errands can be a hassle if the bus is your only means of transportation. Additionally, there is an Express bus between downtown and UCSB. The last Express bus from the Downtown Transit Center back to UCSB is at 8:45pm during the week and 11pm on Saturdays.

CAR RENTAL:

Please see the Santa Barbara Airport website for this information: www.flysba.com Check under Travel Information > Ground Transportation.

ZIPCAR and ZIMRIDE:

ZipCar is a hybrid between both car rentals and owning a car - it allows one to drive a car for around $9/hour or $45/day. You go online (http://www.zipcar.com/santabarbara) and “reserve” a car for a few hours, or the whole day. It does require a membership, but for some may be a perfect option.

ZimRide (http://www.zimride.com/ucsb) is GREAT for long drives (Los Angeles, San Francisco, San Diego, etc) if you do not have a car. It is a private ridesharing app that caters specifically to UCSB students and people in the area. It allows people to post to a “forum” saying where they are going, and when they are leaving and you often just have to pay a small fee (equivalent to gas money). This is a great option if you are going somewhere for a long weekend.

TRAINS:

There is an Amtrak station about 2 miles from campus. It is the Goleta stop, code: GTA. Unfortunately, there is no ticket office at this stop. You must either purchase a ticket leaving GTA at least 7 days in advance or buy your ticket upon boarding the train. There is also a station in Downtown Santa Barbara, code: SBA. This station does have a ticket office but you must purchase the ticket at least 7 days in advance, either online or at the ticket office during their operating hours. The SBA station does not allow you to buy your ticket upon boarding the train.

The Goleta station is at 25 S. La Patera Lane Goleta, CA 93117. This is off Hollister at the very end of La Patera Lane. There are small signs by the road but they are hidden behind other businesses.

The fares vary with season, but for example, during the school year it costs around $20-$25 one-way to/from Los Angeles. The trip takes about 3 hours and is a great option to avoid unpredictable LA traffic. The LA Union Station stop is not close to the LAX airport, but now there is the Flyaway bus that exclusively takes passengers to and from Union Station and LAX in 30 minutes to an hour. As an alternative,
Amtrak also has a stop right at Burbank Airport, which is a small airport 30 minutes north of LA. Another popular destination is San Diego. The one-way fare is $30-$40 and the trip takes about 6 hours. Be aware that fares go up during holidays and other select times of the year.
For more information see www.amtrak.com or call 1-800-USA-RAIL.

**SANTA BARBARA AIRBUS:**

The Santa Barbara Airbus is a great way to get to and from Los Angeles International Airport (LAX). The Santa Barbara Airbus takes 8 trips daily from Goleta to LAX and takes around 2 hours (depending on traffic and time of day). On their website, www.sbairbus.com/pages/display/laxshuttle, you can see the schedule not only for when the Airbus leaves Goleta towards LAX, but also when it leaves LAX to return back to Goleta. If you live outside of Goleta, the bus also stops in Santa Barbara and Carpinteria before stopping at LAX (www.sbairbus.com/pages/display/stops). The price of tickets range anywhere from $32-$50 one-way and $64-$95 round trip (see table below for details).

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**UBER AND LYFT:**

Both Uber and Lyft are available in Goleta and Santa Barbara, and can often be cheaper than Taxis.

**TAXIS & SHUTTLES:**

The Santa Barbara Airbus Shuttle makes 7 round-trips a day between LAX and SB/Goleta from 4am to 11pm. Round-trip fares are from $70-$80 depending on how and when one buys tickets. For more information check the website: http://www.santabarbaraairbus.com/lax/index.php. The Airbus is a great way to enjoy the sometimes crazy and hectic trip into LA. If you are flying out of LAX, it might be your cheapest option--parking at the airport is exorbitantly expensive. Here (next page) is a list of a few of the taxi providers servicing the Goleta and Santa Barbara area (However, they can be very expensive):

- Gold Cab ................................................................. 1.805.685.9797
- SuperRide Airport Shuttle ........................................... 1.805.683.9636
- Yellow Cab of Santa Barbara ................................. 1.805.965.5111
- Checker Cab ................................................................. 1.805.560.8284
AIRPORTS:

Santa Barbara Airport (SBA) has recently been renovated and has numerous flights (especially to Phoenix and Denver) including some direct flights. LAX is always an option and Burbank (BUR) is on the Amtrak line and has Southwest flights available.

AUTOMOTIVE MATTERS:

Getting your car registered

The State of California requires out-of-state cars to be registered within 20 days of being brought into the state. Here are some things you will need:

1. Car title
2. Current Vehicle Registration
3. A smog certificate obtained within the 90 days prior to applying to DMV for new registration
4. Old license plates
5. Verification of Vehicle ID Form (a DMV employee will complete this form at the time you apply for registration)
6. Application for Registration Form (Form 343) filled out by you

You can pick up a package containing some of these forms at any of the DMV offices. The closest DMV office to the campus is in Goleta at 7127 Hollister Ave., Suite #24-26, (800) 777-0133. It is highly recommended to make an appointment online at www.dmv.ca.gov. Under “DMV Public Offices”, search for the “Goleta Field Office”. There is a link that provides more information and allows you to make an appointment.

The Smog Check

To register your car in California you will have to have a smog check performed. This does not apply to motorcycles. The check comprises of a visual inspection and an emissions check to verify that the hydrocarbon and monoxide output are acceptable for the model/year of your car. Many gas stations in the area offer smog checks between $30 and $40, with an additional $6 for the smog certificate.

Insurance

California law states that a car registered in California MUST be insured in California. Thus, if you have an out-of-state policy and/or you are under your parents’ coverage, contact your provider about adjusting your coverage accordingly.
UCSB PARKING

All vehicles parked on the Santa Barbara campus must display a valid UCSB parking permit Monday through Sunday, from 7:30am to 12:00am (midnight), except on designated university holidays. However, the following areas require display of a valid parking permit 24 hours a day, seven days a week:

- All spaces/areas marked "Enforced At All Times"
- Reserved
- Specifically marked Faculty/Staff parking spaces or parking lots
- Restricted Areas
- Residential B1 Parking
- West Campus Family Housing

Parking permits are issued solely by Parking Services based on eligibility criteria. Additional details on permits available to graduate students are at http://www.tps.ucsb.edu/. Note: permits cannot be issued until you are registered for Fall and are in the payroll system. You can also purchase parking permits daily for $8/day. If you do not have the appropriate permit, they WILL ticket you ($45).

NIGHT AND WEEKEND PARKING:

All graduate students are entitled to obtain a Night & Weekend parking permit at no cost, as allowed by the quarterly lock-in fee paid at the time of registration. Currently enrolled students can obtain a yearly permit online from Parking Services (http://www.tps.ucsb.edu/permStuNightWeekend.aspx). These permits are valid from 5:00PM – 7:30AM on weekdays, and all day Saturday and Sunday. Please watch for spaces or areas within these lots that may have additional restrictions. These permits are also valid in time zones for the time designated, and in loading zones for 20 minutes. You may apply online by visiting http://www.tps.ucsb.edu/ A window permit will be mailed to the address listed on your application.

“C” PERMITS:

For $432 per year, the Student/Commuter Parking Permits are available to all eligible commuters residing outside of a 2 mile radius from campus. A utility bill, lease agreement, or BARC statement is required as verification of off-campus residence. Students living within two miles of campus are not eligible to park on campus during regular business hours. “C” permits are issued on an annual basis (with the exception of summer quarter permits) and are valid in “C” parking areas and time zones for the time designated.

Note: A “C” permit is not valid in areas specifically designated “A”, “S/A”,
Restricted, Reserved, B1 or Vendor spaces.

“S” PERMITS:

Also at the price of $450 per year, “S” permits are available to graduate students with UCSB Teaching/Research Assistant employment status or fellowship status working 45 - 99% time. "S" parking is allowed in:

- Areas designated "C" and "S" except in Lots 1, 3, 9 West, 11, 15, 20 and 24.
- “S” parking is allowed in Lots 1, 11, 15 and 20 after 5:00pm and all day/evening on Saturdays and Sundays.

MOTORCYCLE PARKING:

Parking spaces designated for motorcycles, mopeds and scooters are only for motorcycles, mopeds and scooters. Motorcycles, mopeds and scooters parked on the UCSB campus are not required to purchase and/or display a parking permit if they are parked in these spaces.

BEACH PARKING:

Some people choose to risk fines for violation and park at Goleta beach. The ocean front walk from Goleta beach to the Biology buildings is about 5 minutes. Please see the Parking and Transportation Center website at http://www.tps.ucsb.edu/ for more details on parking restrictions.

TAP - Carpool Program:

UCSB Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) defines a carpool as two or more UCSB employees commuting together and sharing ONE Faculty or Staff Carpool parking permit. The cost of this permit is $225 for a year (half the cost of the regular permit).