



EGYPTIAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION IN NORTH AMERICA (ESANA)

إتحاد الدارسين المصريين بأمريكا الشمالية

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Unit Location

- ✚ City: Santa Barbara
- ✚ State/Province: California
- ✚ Country: USA

University

1. University of California, Santa Barbara

Current Active Fields

1. Computer Science
2. History
3. Religious studies

Availability of Financial Aid and Grants

The grad division at our campus provides a number of very competitive fellowships for newly admitted students. The students must be nominated by their department. Please, refer to <http://www.graddiv.ucsb.edu/> for more information.

City Information

Santa Barbara is a gorgeous city, which is called the American Riviera, because of its Mediterranean like weather and beautiful beaches. It has been featured in many soap-operas and programs. It is also very safe area to live in. However, this gorgeous weather comes on the cost of the living expenses. It is expensive to live here in terms of housing and other daily expenses. However, the university provides some apartments at a competitive rent to help students with the housing cost. The international students and scholar office website is the best source for further information and links at <http://www.oiss.ucsb.edu/>

Weather conditions

Santa Barbara's Weather can be one of the best in the world. It is always Spring-like weather (summer days are about 30 degrees Celsius while winter days are 10-20 degrees Celsius). It is much similar to our beloved Alexandria city, in Egypt.

City Attractions

The school for graduate students is very good and competitive. The city is very safe. On the other hand, People who like to do outdoor activities will love it here. You can find many great hiking trails and great beaches. The weather is great too all year round. Therefore, you can work hard and have good time outdoors as well in Santa Barbara.



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City Drawbacks

The main drawback in Santa Barbara is the small number of Egyptians in specific and Arabs in general studying in here. There are no Middle Eastern groceries around here and very few restaurants. The Islamic community is very small too.

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