



The Metro Bus System / Cowell College

This summarizes the main bus routes between Santa Cruz and the UCSC campus.

It'll help you get to/from off-campus destinations. *Revised: September 2016.*



When to choose the campus shuttle system and when to use the Metro bus system

Choose UCSC's TAPS Transit buses (shuttles) to get from one place to another ON CAMPUS when walking isn't an option. This makes good use of your Student Transit Fee dollars and saves space on crowded Metro buses for students headed off-campus. No need to show your UCSC ID on campus shuttles. (More shuttle info at end of document.)

Choose Metro (SCMTD) buses to go to OFF-CAMPUS destinations only. Riding Metro buses displaces individuals who rely on them to get off campus. Additionally, Metro charges UCSC each time a student ID is used to board a bus, thereby increasing student fees. Have your UCSC ID card with a current quarter sticker (or a Temporary Bus Pass) ready to show the driver. (The fare is \$2 with no ID.) Note: Metro policy prevents drivers from allowing items over 5 feet in length, including surfboards.

Metro Buses Travel Bi-Directionally Through Campus

Even-numbered routes – 10, 16, and 20 – enter campus through the main (east) entrance and pass by the east colleges first (including Cowell!), traveling across campus in the counterclockwise direction. (Note: Please limit your use of Route 20 - UCSC Via Westside; refer to the route description below for more information.)

Odd-numbered routes – 15 and 19 – enter campus through the west gate and pass the west colleges first, traveling across campus in the clockwise direction.

Where to Catch Metro Buses Near Cowell College

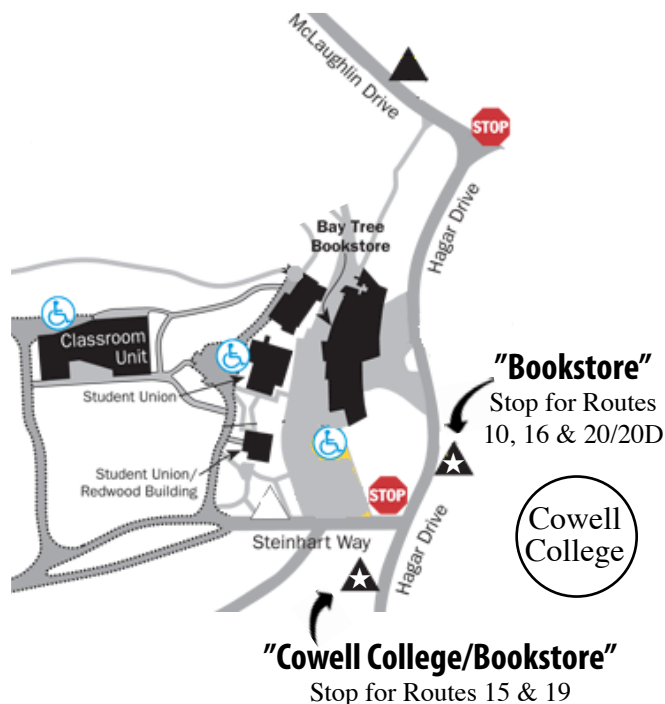
Note: Campus bus stop names are posted on signs attached to the front of each shelter.

Even-numbered routes – 10-UCSC via High, 16-UCSC via Laurel East, and 20-UCSC via Westside – arrive at the “Bookstore” bus stop on the east side (Cowell side) of Hagar Drive; this metro stop is at the bottom of the Prescott stairs.

Odd-numbered routes – 15-UCSC via Laurel West and 19-UCSC via Lower Bay – arrive at the “Cowell College/Bookstore” bus stop on the west side of Hagar Drive; the bus stop is across the street from Apartment Bldg 2.

Summary of Metro “University” Bus Routes

Leaving campus? Consult these route descriptions and explore Santa Cruz, the beach, or downtown. Details online at <http://scmtd.com/en/routes>.



Route 10 – UCSC via High

Route 10 is the fastest, most direct route to downtown Santa Cruz. Catch Route 10 buses at the “Bookstore” stop on the Cowell side of Hagar Drive. Route 10 travels to downtown using High Street, Mission Street, and Front Street.

Destinations along Route 10 include: 7/11 market (High St. & Cardiff Terrace), many local churches, The Abbey Lounge, Trader Joe's (Front Street), CVS (Front Street), and all downtown businesses.

Monday through Friday hours: 7:22 am to 8:00 pm

Arrives at the “Bookstore” stop at approximately :33 and :03 past the hour, from 7:33 am to 7:33 pm. Departs from the downtown Pacific Street Station (Metro Center) at :50 past the hour from 7:50am to 7:20 pm + also :20 past from 12:20-7:20pm. Detailed schedule is posted at the bus stop.

Saturday and Sunday hours: 9:50 am to 5:35 pm

Arrives at the “Bookstore” stop at approximately :03 past the hour, from 10:03 am to 5:03 pm. Departs the downtown Pacific Street Station (Metro Center) at :50 past the hour, from 9:50 am to 4:50 pm.

Route 15 – UCSC via Laurel West

Route 15 runs on weekdays going to destinations on Mission St. (near Bay St.) or to downtown. Catch Route 15 buses at the “Cowell College/Bookstore” bus stop on the west side of Hagar Drive (on the bookstore side of Hagar, below Steinhart Way). Route 15 travels to downtown using Bay Street, Mission Street, and Laurel Street.

Destinations along Route 15 include: many restaurants near Mission and Bay Metro stop (burgers, breakfast, Greek, Thai, Mexican, sushi, frozen yogurt), CVS (at Mission/Olive), Food Bin/Herb Room, bakery, bike shops, plus all downtown businesses.

Monday through Friday hours: 7:07 am to 8:22 pm

Arrives at the “Cowell College/Bookstore” stop between 7:26 am and 7:56 pm. Frequent departures at various times from the downtown Pacific Street Station (Metro Center) until 7:37 pm. Detailed schedule is posted at the bus stop.

Route 16 – UCSC via Laurel East

For destinations along Mission St. (near Bay St.) or to go downtown, catch Route 16 buses at the “Bookstore” bus stop (Cowell side of Hagar Drive). Because Route 16 buses have to travel across campus after leaving Cowell, this route takes longer than Route 15 to reach Mission Street or downtown. Route 16 travels to downtown using Bay Street, Mission Street, and Laurel Street.

Destinations along Route 16 are the same as listed for Route 15.

Monday through Friday hours: 6:37 am to 12:47 am

Arrives frequently at the “Bookstore” stop between 6:50 am and 12:20 am. Departs frequently from the downtown Pacific Street Station (Metro Center) between 6:37 am and 12:07 am. Detailed schedule is posted at the bus stop.

Saturday and Sunday hours: 8:10 am to 11:47 pm

Arrives at the “Bookstore” stop between 8:23 am and 11:20 pm. Frequent departures from the downtown Pacific Street Station (Metro Center) from 8:10 am until 11:07 pm.

Route 19 – UCSC via Lower Bay

Catch Route 19 buses at the “Cowell College/Bookstore” stop on the bookstore side of Hagar Drive. Route 19 takes longer to reach downtown than Routes 10, 15 and 16. After leaving campus, Route 19 buses travel down Bay Street all the way to West Cliff Drive (they do not turn onto Mission St.). After passing the wharf, beach, and Boardwalk area, this route continues on to downtown Santa Cruz.

Destinations along Route 19 include West Cliff Drive (scenic walking/bike path), Santa Cruz Wharf, Cowell Beach, Santa Cruz Beach/Boardwalk

Monday through Friday hours: 7:25 am to 12:12 am

Arrives at the “Cowell College/Bookstore” stop beginning at approximately 7:44 am, then once or twice an hour through 11:44 pm. Departs from the downtown Pacific Station (Metro Center) beginning at 7:25 am, then once or twice an hour through 11:25 pm. Detailed schedule is posted at the bus stop.

Saturday and Sunday hours: 10 am to 7:41 pm

Arrives at the “Cowell College/Bookstore” stop at approximately :19 past the hour. Departs the downtown Pacific Station (Metro Center) every hour on the hour (:00) from 10 am to 7 pm.

Route 20 – UCSC via Westside

Catch Route 20 buses at the “Bookstore” bus stop (Cowell side of Hagar Drive). Route 20/20D buses primary purpose is to transport students who live along Western Drive and in westside neighborhoods to and from campus. It’s the only route that serves those areas and gets crowded. Route 20 also serves the Almar Shopping Center on Mission St., but only during certain evening trips (see <http://scmtd.com> for Route 20 schedule). As a courtesy to commuting students, don’t board Route 20 during peak commute hours just to get across campus or go downtown. ***IMPORTANT:** Never take a 20D bus from campus to get to downtown Santa Cruz; 20D buses turnaround at Bay & Delaware and don’t continue to downtown. Even Route 20 buses are not ideal for downtown as they take longer.

Destinations along Route 20 include: Western Drive, Natural Bridges State Beach, Long Marine Lab and Seymour Center (0.3 mile walk from Delaware Ave/Natural Bridges stop), 2300 Delaware (a UCSC facility), Almar Shopping Center (certain evening trips only).

Monday through Friday hours: 7:15 am to 11:14 pm

Arrives at the “Bookstore” stop at approximately :40 past the hour between 7:40 am and 10:40pm. Departs the downtown Pacific Street Station (Metro Center) at :15 past the hour between 7:15 am and 10:15 pm. Detailed schedule is posted at the bus stop.

Saturday and Sunday hours: 11:20 am to 9:19 pm

Arrives at the “Bookstore” stop at approximately :45 past the hour between 11:45 am and 8:45 pm. Departs the downtown Pacific Station (Metro Center) at :20 past the hour from 11:20 am to 8:20 pm.

The preceding information describes the Santa Cruz Metro bus system. UCSC also has a campus transit system that provides on-campus shuttles, and late-night buses between campus and downtown Santa Cruz. Here is a little info about the Campus Transit system (operated by TAPS — UCSC Transportation and Parking Services).

- Real-time UCSC shuttle tracking is on the web at slugroute.com (for campus shuttles only, not the Metro buses described above.)
- Campus Transit operates two daytime shuttle routes (The Loop and Upper Campus) and three nighttime routes (The Loop, East Night Core, and West Night Core).
- Friday & Saturday Night Owl, the late-night bus service between campus and downtown Santa Cruz, is exclusively for UCSC students. A current UCSC Student ID card must be presented to ride. Night Owl buses pick up and drop off passengers at all on-campus Loop bus stops, at off-campus Metro bus stops (along the routes they travel on), and at the corner of Cathcart Street and Pacific Avenue, across from University Town Center in downtown Santa Cruz.
- Campus Transit also provides a UCSC Bike Shuttle and Disability Van Service. The Student Transit Fee supports these services; no fare is required to ride. Learn more at <http://taps.ucsc.edu/buses-shuttles/campus-shuttles.html>