

## Completing Courses Through Open University

The College of Engineering wants to make sure you are well informed about the implications of choosing to take courses to complete your degree by enrolling as an Open University student instead of a UCSB student. (PaCE/Open University was formerly known as UCSB Extension.)

### Advantages

- Potential cost savings. Fees are assessed on a per unit basis.
- Take only as many units as you need (vs. regular students who must take a minimum of 12 units every quarter)

### Disadvantages

Reduction in or loss of the following:

- Priority for registering for classes
- Student visa status
- Financial Aid
- University Housing
- Student Health
- Bus passes
- Athletics
- Club and intramural sports
- Student discounts for Recreation Center, Arts and Lectures, etc.
- Scholarships (private and campus-based)
- University and College awards and honors

Please seek additional information from staff in the offices affiliated with these programs or representatives from private companies if you have concerns regarding your status. Some benefits listed above may be available for an additional fee.

Courses taken through Open University do not apply toward the Academic Residence requirements. Consult an academic advisor if you have concerns about your Academic Residence requirement.

If you decide to finish your coursework through Open University, please come by our office to complete: **The Petition to Enroll in and Receive Credit for UC Open University Courses**. For additional information about Open University please visit the UCSB Professional and Continuing Education (PaCE) website: <https://ucsantabarbaraextension.zendesk.com/hc/en-us/sections/203900318-Open-University-for-UCSB-Seniors>.