

# UC Santa Barbara

## Survey Instruments

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University of California at Santa Barbara Student Survey on Attitudes Toward University Police

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-3	-2	-1	0	+1	+2	+3
very <b>un</b> accommodating			neutral			very accommodating

9. In general, how **respectful** of students are the officer(s) of the UCSB Campus Police?

-3	-2	-1	0	+1	+2	+3
very <b>dis</b> respectful			neutral			very respectful

10. How **appropriate given the circumstances** is the behavior of UCSB Campus Police officer(s)?

-3	-2	-1	0	+1	+2	+3
very <b>in</b> appropriate			neutral			very appropriate

11. How **polite** are UCSB Campus Police Officers?

-3	-2	-1	0	+1	+2	+3
very <b>im</b> polite			neutral			very polite

12. How **hostile** are UCSB Campus Police Officers?

-3	-2	-1	0	+1	+2	+3
very <b>un</b> -hostile			neutral			very hostile

13. How well do UCSB Campus Police Officers **explain things to students** (i.e., talk to students in ways that “sit right” with them, and that they understand)?

-3	-2	-1	0	+1	+2	+3
very poorly			neutral			very well

14. How much **respect** do you have for the UCSB campus police?

-3	-2	-1	0	+1	+2	+3
very little respect			neutral			very much respect

15. To what degree do you think the UCSB campus police officers are **honest**?

-3	-2	-1	0	+1	+2	+3
very <b>dis</b> honest			neutral			very honest

16. To what degree do you feel **proud** of the UCSB campus police?

-3	-2	-1	0	+1	+2	+3
very <b>un</b> proud			neutral			very proud

17. To what degree do you feel you should **support** the UCSB campus police?

-3	-2	-1	0	+1	+2	+3
I should be very <b>un</b> supportive			neutral			I should be very supportive

18. To what degree do you feel that UCSB campus police’s decisions are **fair**?

-3	-2	-1	0	+1	+2	+3
very <b>un</b> fair			neutral			very fair

19. To what degree do you feel the UCSB campus police **protect citizen rights**?



30. If you were to meet a UCSB Campus Police officer (or when you have interacted with one), how **aware** would you be that the two of **you belonged to different communities**?

-3                      -2                      -1                      0                      +1                      +2                      +3  
very **un**aware                      neutral                      very aware

31. How similar are UCSB Campus Police officers to each other (e.g., in character, approach, and demeanor)?

-3                      -2                      -1                      0                      +1                      +2                      +3  
very **different** from each other                      neutral                      very **similar** to each other

32. If you were to meet a UCSB Campus Police officer (or when you have interacted with one), how **aware** would you be that you were two people **representing your respective membership groups**?

-3                      -2                      -1                      0                      +1                      +2                      +3  
very **un**aware                      neutral                      very aware

**Please respond to the statements below using a scale of -3=strongly disagree, to +3=strongly agree.**

33. People **should obey** the UCSB campus police even if what the police officers say or do goes against what they think is right.

-3                      -2                      -1                      0                      +1                      +2                      +3  
strongly **dis**agree                      neutral                      strongly agree

34. I would **always try to follow** what a UCSB campus police officer says I should do, even if I thought it was wrong.

-3                      -2                      -1                      0                      +1                      +2                      +3  
strongly **dis**agree                      neutral                      strongly agree

35. **Disobeying** a UCSB campus police officer is seldom justified.

-3                      -2                      -1                      0                      +1                      +2                      +3  
strongly **dis**agree                      neutral                      strongly agree

36. It is **difficult to disobey** a UCSB campus police officer and keep one's self-respect.

-3                      -2                      -1                      0                      +1                      +2                      +3  
strongly **dis**agree                      neutral                      strongly agree

37. Overall, the UCSB Campus Police is a **legitimate legal authority**, and **people should obey** the decisions that the UCSB Campus Police officers make.

-3                      -2                      -1                      0                      +1                      +2                      +3  
strongly **dis**agree                      neutral                      strongly agree

38. How do you think the UCSB campus police officers **treat people compared to the police officers on television and in the movies**?

-3                      -2                      -1                      0                      +1                      +2                      +3  
much worse                      about the same                      much better

39. How **rigorous** (or difficult) do you think **training** is for UCSB campus police officers compared to training for Santa Barbara city police officers?

-3                      -2                      -1                      0                      +1                      +2                      +3  
 much less rigorous                      the same rigor                      much more rigorous

40. How **necessary** do you think it is to have a UCSB **campus police department**?

-3                      -2                      -1                      0                      +1                      +2                      +3  
 very unnecessary                      neutral                      very necessary

41. How **visible** are UCSB Campus Police? That is, how much of a visual “presence” do you believe they maintain on and around campus?

-3                      -2                      -1                      0                      +1                      +2                      +3  
 very invisible                      neutral                      very visible

42. How **visible** do you think UCSB Campus Police **should** be? That is, how much of a visual “presence” do you believe they should maintain on and around campus?

-3                      -2                      -1                      0                      +1                      +2                      +3  
 should be very invisible                      neutral                      should be very visible

43. How confident are you that you would be able to tell a UCSB Campus Police Officer from a Sheriff's Deputy, California Highway Patrol, or Santa Barbara city police officer?

-3                      -2                      -1                      0                      +1                      +2                      +3  
 not at all confident                      neutral                      very confident

44. How would you be able to tell a UCSB Campus Police officer, from a Sheriff Deputy, California Highway Patrol, or Santa Barbara city police officer? \_\_\_\_\_

45. What do you think is the jurisdiction of the UCSB campus police? (i.e., where do they have the right to enforce the law?) (please circle one)

- on campus or university-owned property only
- within a one mile radius of campus only
- in Santa Barbara and Goleta only
- in all of California only
- in all of the USA

46. What - if any – complaints or concerns do you have about the UCSB Campus Police? (List up to 3)

47. For what -if anything – do you approve or have praise for the UCSB Campus Police? (List up to 3).

48. What changes – if any - would you like to see in the UCSB Campus Police? (List up to 3)

49. If asked, how do you believe UCSB Campus Police officers would describe UCSB students?  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**Please read the following statements and indicate your feelings using the scale below (-3=strongly disagree, -2= disagree, -1= somewhat disagree, 0=neither agree nor disagree, +1= somewhat agree, +2= agree, +3= strongly agree):**

50. I feel safe in the classroom.                      -3                      -2                      -1                      0                      +1                      +2                      +3

51. I feel safe walking alone on campus in the daytime.

52. I feel safe walking alone on campus at night when it is dark.

53. If I have a problem with the UCSB Campus Police department, I feel I can voice my concern to it.

**The following questions regard your sources of information pertaining to the UCSB campus police. Please circle the appropriate response(s):**

54. Prior to coming to UCSB, where or from whom did you learn *the most* about the UCSB Campus Police (NOT the IV Foot Patrol, which is a mix of local law enforcement)?

Friends attending or who have attended UCSB

Friends who did not attend UCSB

Parents

UCSB website, catalog or mailer

Other \_\_\_\_\_

I'd heard nothing about law enforcement at UCSB prior to coming here

55. Once at UCSB, where or from whom did you learn *the most* about the UCSB Campus Police (NOT the IV Foot Patrol, which is a mix of local law enforcement)?

Personal experience with Campus Police (I interacted or observed interactions with campus police)

Heard from someone who had personal experience with Campus Police

UCSB new student orientation

Nexus

Rumor Mill

Other \_\_\_\_\_

56. What is the best way for the police to inform, educate and communicate with students?

Radio (e.g., KCSB)

Police ride-along program

Nexus

UCSB Police Department Website

Emails to Entire Student Body

Emails in response to student inquiries only

Public Forums

Fliers

Snail Mail

Posters on Campus (e.g., educational advertisements)

Office Hours

Other \_\_\_\_\_

**If you do not live in a residence hall on campus, please skip to question # \_\_\_\_.**

57. Did you know that the Campus Police routinely patrol the campus residence halls? Yes No (if "no" – skip to \_\_\_\_)

58. Please respond to the following statement using a scale of -3= "strongly disagree," to +3="strongly agree."  
Police patrols of the campus residence halls make me feel safer than I would feel if they were not there.

-3	-2	-1	0	+1	+2	+3
strongly <b>dis</b> agree			neutral			strongly agree

59. The UCSB Campus Police treat all people equally, regardless of their race, gender, ethnicity, sexual orientation, disability, age or religion.

-3	-2	-1	0	+1	+2	+3
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strongly **dis**agree

no opinion

strongly agree

IF YOUR ANSWER TO THE ABOVE (# \_\_\_\_ ) WAS FROM “0” TO “+3,” PLEASE SKIP TO QUESTION # \_\_\_\_.

60. You have indicated that you believe the campus police do not treat all people equally. Please indicate by what means you believe the campus police are discriminatory (circle all that apply):

race  
gender  
ethnicity  
sexual orientation  
disability  
age  
religion  
other \_\_\_\_\_

**Next, we’re interested in your thoughts about alcohol use on campus. Please read the following statements and indicate your opinions using the scale below (-3=strongly disagree, -2= disagree, -1= somewhat disagree, 0=neither agree nor disagree, +1= somewhat agree, +2= agree, +3= strongly agree):**

61. Arrests on campus for **driving under the influence** help prevent the person arrested from harming him/herself; from harming others; or from being victimized.

-3                      -2                      -1                      0                      +1                      +2                      +3  
strongly **dis**agree                      neutral                      strongly agree

62. Arrests on campus for **minor in possession** (that is, anyone under the age of 21 in possession of alcohol) help prevent the person arrested from harming him/herself; from harming others; or from being victimized.

-3                      -2                      -1                      0                      +1                      +2                      +3  
strongly **dis**agree                      neutral                      strongly agree

63. Arrests on campus for **public intoxication** help prevent the person arrested from harming him/herself; from harming others; or from being victimized.

-3                      -2                      -1                      0                      +1                      +2                      +3  
strongly **dis**agree                      neutral                      strongly agree

**The following questions regard your attitudes toward members of the Isla Vista Foot Patrol, NOT the Campus Police:**

64. I trust the Isla Vista Foot Patrol to make decisions that are good for everyone in the Isla Vista community.

-3                      -2                      -1                      0                      +1                      +2                      +3  
strongly **dis**agree                      neutral                      strongly agree

65. In general, how **respectful** of students are the officers of the Isla Vista Foot Patrol?

-3                      -2                      -1                      0                      +1                      +2                      +3  
very **dis**respectful                      neutral                      very respectful

**The following questions regard your perceptions of THE POLICE IN THE USA in general, even if you have had no direct experience with any law enforcement in the United States. That is, when you think of “the police”:**

66. To what degree do you have **respect for** the police?



-3                  -2                  -1                  0                  +1                  +2                  +3  
I have very little respect                  neutral                  I have a lot of respect

67. To what degree do you think police officers are **honest**?

-3                  -2                  -1                  0                  +1                  +2                  +3  
very **dishonest**                  neutral                  very honest

68. To what degree do you feel **proud** of the police?

-3                  -2                  -1                  0                  +1                  +2                  +3  
very **unproud**                  neutral                  very proud

69. To what degree do you feel you should **support** the police?

-3                  -2                  -1                  0                  +1                  +2                  +3  
I should be very **unsupportive**                  neutral                  I should be very supportive

70. To what degree do you feel that police decisions are **fair**?

-3                  -2                  -1                  0                  +1                  +2                  +3  
very **unfair**                  neutral                  very fair

71. To what degree do you feel the police **protect citizen's rights**?

-3                  -2                  -1                  0                  +1                  +2                  +3  
very **unprotective**                  neutral                  very protective

72. In general, how **respectful** of citizens are the police?

-3                  -2                  -1                  0                  +1                  +2                  +3  
very **disrespectful**                  neutral                  very respectful

**The following questions ask you to read a statement and determine the degree to which you agree with it (from -3 = strongly disagree, to +3 = strongly agree):**

73. People **should obey** the police even if what the police officers say or do goes against what they think is right.

-3                  -2                  -1                  0                  +1                  +2                  +3  
strongly **disagree**                  neutral                  strongly agree

74. I would always try to follow what a police officer said I should do, even if I thought it was wrong.

-3                  -2                  -1                  0                  +1                  +2                  +3  
strongly **disagree**                  neutral                  strongly agree

75. Disobeying a police officer is seldom justified.

-3                  -2                  -1                  0                  +1                  +2                  +3  
strongly **disagree**                  neutral                  strongly agree

76. It is difficult to disobey a police officer and keep one's self-respect.

-3                  -2                  -1                  0                  +1                  +2                  +3  
strongly **disagree**                  neutral                  strongly agree

77. I have confidence that the police can do their job well.

-3                      -2                      -1                      0                      +1                      +2                      +3  
strongly **dis**agree                      neutral                      strongly agree

78. I trust the police to make decisions that are good for everyone in the community.

-3                      -2                      -1                      0                      +1                      +2                      +3  
strongly **dis**agree                      neutral                      strongly agree

79. Overall, police are a **legitimate legal authority**, and **people should obey** the decisions that the police make.

-3                      -2                      -1                      0                      +1                      +2                      +3  
strongly **dis**agree                      neutral                      strongly agree

80. I **trust** the police to make decisions that are good for everyone in the community in response to federal government terrorism alerts.

-3                      -2                      -1                      0                      +1                      +2                      +3  
strongly **dis**agree                      neutral                      strongly agree

81. People **should obey** the police when the police are requesting searches due to federal government terrorism alerts, even if what the police officers say or do goes against what they think is right.

-3                      -2                      -1                      0                      +1                      +2                      +3  
strongly **dis**agree                      neutral                      strongly agree

82. In general, how **respectful** of citizens are the police when requesting searches due to federal government terrorism alerts?

-3                      -2                      -1                      0                      +1                      +2                      +3  
very **dis**respectful                      neutral                      very respectful

Gender: M F

Your age? \_\_\_\_\_

Level of study (please circle one): undergraduate graduate

Please write your year in school (i.e., 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

In what school is your major area of study? (please circle)

social sciences                      humanities                      science and engineering                      Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Ethnicity (Please circle one or more appropriate responses):

African American/Black                      Asian American/Pacific Islander                      Caucasian/White                      Latino(a)/Chicano(a)

Other \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a foreign student? Yes No

What is your nationality? \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you lived in the Santa Barbara area? \_\_\_\_\_ years \_\_\_\_\_ months

How long have you lived in your current neighborhood? \_\_\_\_\_ years \_\_\_\_\_ months

Where/what is your current neighborhood? (e.g., Isla Vista, Goleta, Santa Barbara, campus, etc.)

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