How is Cal Teach related to degree programs at UCSC?

CaT courses can count toward majors in Mathematics, Earth Sciences, Physics, and Biology.

CaT courses can instead count toward a minor in Education, if a student prefers to complete a more traditional math or science major.

When can I participate in the Cal Teach internships?

Students can start the Cal Teach internship sequence in any year, and junior transfer students are welcome. However, it is recommended to begin in the 1st or 2nd year if possible. Transfer students may begin with the first internship or later, depending on their community college experience.

There are four internships in the Cal Teach sequence, with supporting coursework offered through the Education Department:

- CaT1 (EDUC 50B/C)
- CaT2 (EDUC 100B/C)
- CaT3 (EDUC 185L)
- CaT4 (EDUC 198F)

Cal Teach internships are offered the following quarters each year:

- Fall: CaT1, CaT2, CaT4
- Winter: CaT1, CaT3, CaT4
- Spring: CaT2, CaT4

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Hope to see you soon on Science Hill!
1) Information & Advising

Cal Teach can help you plan when and how to apply to credential programs throughout California. Cal Teach also offers advising to coordinate your major coursework with Cal Teach internships and other teacher preparation.

2) Access to Scholarships and Loan Forgiveness Programs

- NSF Noyce scholarships will cover most of the tuition and fees for participating in UCSC's MA/credential program.
- The Mark Bruce Fellowships for Math and Science Teachers provide from $2,000-$10,000 to attend UCSC's MA/credential program.
- APLE (Assumption Program of Loans for Educators) pays off some student loans, $15,000-$19,000 over four years for K-12 science or math teachers who work in a California school for at least one year (some requirements as far as type of school).
- Several types of federal grants, with various requirements, are also available.
- Contact the Cal Teach office in Thimann 367 for details.

3) Help with teacher credential exams (CBEST and CSET)

Cal Teach will reimburse interns for the cost of the regular exam registration for the CBEST and CSET. We also have study guides for both exams available. We offer workshops for CBEST writing and reading sections, which are especially valued by students for whom English is a second language.

4) Professional development

This includes special workshops, financial support for attendance at teacher professional development events, and summer internship opportunities.

5) The Cal Teach student lounge

The student lounge in Thimann 361 has computers, a comfortable couch, study tables, a library about teaching and teacher credentialing, hot and cold drinks, and a refrigerator to store lunches. Cal Teach fosters a collegial relationship among students, supporting both teacher preparation and undergraduate life.

“What other resources does Cal Teach provide?”

“My internship has been amazing. I’ve learned a lot about my abilities to teach and have improved on my weaknesses. My host teacher is a great mentor and resource, and it’s a lot of fun to be in the classroom.”

Marcia Sours, Math Intern

“As a teacher it is very inspiring and rejuvenating to work with the Cal Teach interns. They have so many positive, fresh, and innovative ideas about teaching and scientific research that my high school and middle school students benefit from.”

Darrell Steely, Science Teacher
Pacific Collegiate School