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# UCSC International Curriculum

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If you have any questions, look for me on  
TEAMS!

# Content of the session



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**September 14**  
Fall Semester  
Courses begin

**September 25**  
Add/Drop  
Deadline

**October 26 – 30**  
Midterm Exams

**November 2**  
No Class –  
Fall break

**November 10**  
Withdrawal  
Deadline

**December 4**  
Fall Semester  
Courses End

**December 7 & 8**  
No Class –  
Public Holiday





**December 9 -15**  
Final Exams

**SAVE THE  
DATE!**

**Download here the  
Fall 2020 Calendar:**  
<https://international.nicatt.it/ucscinternational-UCSC%20International%20Curriculum%20Fall%202020.pdf>



# Course features

- Classes will be offered solely online 
- 6 ECTS Credits 
- Mostly Interactive classes
- Readings, exercises and short essay can be assigned during the semester
- Each course is taught twice a week for one and a half hour  
(exceptions: IBCM300 The Fashion Market and IBCM320 A Fashion Brand) 
- Classes might be live-streamed or recorded: each professor will indicate the modality in the course syllabus 

# Academic Policies



- Attendance is mandatory for live-streamed classes
- Microphone and camera must be activated during live-streamed classes
- Internet connection must support live-streamed classes  
We advise you to use a pc or laptop and not a mobile (smartphone/tablet)
- Unexcused absences during live-streamed classes, attendance without activating microphone and video or a frequent failure of the Internet connection will have a negative impact on your grade.
- Exams cannot be rescheduled or deadline postponed

**You will get an email containing these Policies and you will be requested to sign them by the end of the add/drop weeks**

# Add/Drop weeks



- You can add or drop classes **from September 14 until September 25**
- Before the beginning of the classes you will receive an email containing an **ADD form** and a **DROP form**; you have to complete those forms in order to modify your schedule
- The email will give you also the possibility to reserve an **online appointment** via TEAMS with me in order to discuss your changes if necessary; the reservation must be completed by Sunday September 13, I will contact you then through teams on the day and time you selected
- During the first week of classes you will get an email with the procedure to add/drop classes during the second week.



# Suggestions for Add/Drop



- Add and drop classes only after speaking with your home advisor; your university must agree with your exchange semester course choice
- Please connect with the classes you selected, you have also the second week to modify your schedule



# Withdrawal



- You can withdraw from classes **by November 10**
- You will receive an email containing a **Withdrawal form**; you have to complete that form in order to modify your schedule
- A **W** will be reported on your final transcript of records and no credits will be assigned; the **W** means that you left the class along the semester

# How courses are managed?



- Go to your [ICatt page](#)
- Check the window named *Courses: Quick View*
- Under Courses: Quick View you can see the **list of your courses**
- Click on the **title of the course**
- On the left side of the course page you can find the following menu (some sections might not be activated yet):
  - ✓ **Announcements:** check every day this section! it will be updated with professors' requests/announcements
  - ✓ **Syllabus:** it contains the course syllabus that is the agreement between you and the professor of the course
  - ✓ **Instructor:** Professors might report information on themselves
  - ✓ **Course Materials:** it contains slides and/or readings uploaded by professors;
  - ✓ **Online Lecture:** you access to Blackboard Collaborative Ultra
  - ✓ **Assessment:** professors upload/manage midterm and final exams
  - ✓ **E-mail:** you can get in contact directly with your professors or classmates
  - ✓ **Forum:** this section might be used to share information within the entire class
  - ✓ **My Grades:** you may view your personal grades if submitted by the professors.
  - ✓ **Course Evaluation:** this section contains an anonymous survey on the course you will be requested to fill in at the end of the semester



Blackboard

# How courses are delivered: Blackboard Collaborate Ultra



- Blackboard Collaborate Ultra is the tool used to deliver UCSC International Curriculum classes along the semester
- You have access to the tool from the course menu section **Online lecture**
- If you need to access a **recorded class** click the **Collaborate Menu, Recordings, the session title, Watch now**
- if you need to join a **lived-streamed class**, click the **session title, Join session**
- We recommend the latest versions of Chrome or Firefox



# How grades are assigned



Blackboard

- You may view your personal grades if submitted by the professors. You will be informed when partial and final grades are available on Blackboard.
- Grades will be assigned according to the Italian grading system (30/30). A grade below 18/30 is insufficient and will be marked as F (this is only possible for international curriculum courses)

A	95-100	Excellent	29-30 (30L = A+)
A-	90-94	Very good	28
B+	85-89	Very good	27
B	80-84	Good	26
B-	75-79	Good	25
C+	70-74	Decent	24
C	65-69	Satisfactory	23
C-	60-64	Satisfactory	22
D+	55-59	Pass	21
D	50-54	Pass	20
D-	45-49	Barely Pass	18-19
F	44 and below	Fail	<18



# Next appointments:

## Today – Wednesday, September 9/Mercoledì 9 settembre

**From 10.30 p.m. to 11.30 p.m.** (English Language Session)

Presentazione dell' UCSC Academic Curriculum

**From 12.00 p.m. to 1.00 p.m.** (sessione in Lingua Italiana)

Presentazione dell' UCSC Academic Curriculum

## Tomorrow – Thursday, September 10/Giovedì 10 Settembre

**From 9.30 a.m. to 10.00 a.m.** (English Language session)

Italian Language Course: Presentation of the Italian Language coordinator prof. Barbara Bettinelli.  
Explanation of the course contents and how to follow classes at a distance.





**Thank you!**



**From 10.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.**  
sessione in Lingua Italiana + English Language session

**The UCSC International Education Unit  
replies to your questions:**

questions gathered during the previous sessions will be collected and answered. Students will also have the possibility to ask questions live to the Staff.