

List of Approved Undergraduate LPIEs at UC Santa Cruz

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What is LPIE? LPIE stands for **Local Programs that Increase Employability**. As of 2023, any major or minor that requires a laboratory course or internship is now considered an LPIE. Undergraduate students who are in one of the programs below are eligible for CalFresh! Note: Students whose majors/minors are not listed can still qualify based on these [additional factors](#).

For application help, please make a virtual or in-person appointment using this [link](#).

If you'd like to apply on your own, you can do so [here](#).

Don't see your program/department? Email us at calfresh@ucsc.edu if you think your program qualifies as an LPIE (expanded LPIE description found [here](#)).

Undergraduate Program Exemptions (Alphabetical):

- Agroecology B.A.
- Applied Physics B.S.
- Biochemistry and Molecular Biology B.S.
- Biology B.S.
- Biology Minor
- Biomolecular Engineering and Bioinformatics B.S.
- Business Management Economics B.A.
- Chemistry B.A.
- Chemistry B.S.
- Chemistry B.S. with Biochemistry Concentration
- Chemistry Minor
- Community Studies, B.A.
- Computer Engineering B.S.
- Computer Science B.A.
- Computer Science B.S.
- Computer Science: Computer Game Design B.S.
- Dance Minor
- Earth Sciences B.S.
- Earth Sciences Minor
- Earth Sciences/Anthropology Combined Major B.A.

- Ecology and Evolution B.S.
- Economics B.A.
- Economics/Mathematics Combined B.A.
- Education Minor General
- Electrical Engineering B.S.
- Environmental Sciences B.S.
- Environmental Studies B.A.
- Environmental Studies/Biology Combined Major B.A.
- Environmental Studies/Earth Sciences Combined Major B.A.
- Environmental Studies/Economics Combined Major B.A.
- Global Economics B.A.
- Global and Community Health B.S.
- Human Biology B.S.
- Latin American and Latino Studies B.A.
- Latin American and Latino Studies/Politics Combined B.A.
- Latin American and Latino Studies/Sociology Combined B.A.
- Marine Biology B.S.
- Molecular, Cell, and Developmental Biology B.S.
- Network and Digital Technology B.A.
- Neuroscience B.S.
- Physics (Astrophysics) B.S.
- Physics B.S.
- Plant Sciences B.S.
- Psychology (**Intensive**) B.A.
- Robotics Engineering B.S.
- Science Education B.S.
- Technology and Information Management B.S.
- Theater Arts B.A.
- Theater Arts Minor