I live in the dorms, where should I register to vote?

You need to decide if you want to register to vote using your home address or if you want to register to vote using your UCSC campus address. If you register to vote using your campus address, you will be able to vote here in Santa Cruz County. If you register at an address that is not in Santa Cruz County, you will need to vote in that county or request a ballot be mailed to you from that county. We can help you contact the county where you live.

Where do I vote if I register to vote using my UCSC address?

There will be polling places located on campus where you can vote on Election Day during the hours of 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. You will receive a county Sample Ballot and Voter Information Pamphlet in the mail about 3 weeks before the election explaining all your options. You can also go online to www.votescount.com to find out where you vote on November 4.

I want to register to vote using my address outside of Santa Cruz County?

If you are not going to be home for the election, about a month before the election, you must ask to have a ballot mailed to you at your UCSC campus address. Many counties allow voters to request a ballot online from their websites.

How do I return my vote-by-mail ballot?

If you cannot vote in person at your assigned polling place, you can ask your county elections official where you are registered to vote to mail you a ballot. You must mail your ballot back to the county elections office where you registered in time for them to receive it by 8 p.m. Election Day. We suggest you put it in the mail with the right amount of postage a week prior to the Tuesday election. The ballot return envelope mailed to you with the ballot will be pre-printed with the name of the county where the ballot must be returned by 8 p.m. Election Day.

Can I return my vote-by-mail ballot to the polling place on campus?

ONLY voters who are registered to vote in Santa Cruz County can return their vote-by-mail ballots to a polling site on campus or in the county. If you need to return your ballot to another county, mail it no later than Wednesday, October 29.

When is the next election?

The next election will be the November 4, 2014 Statewide General Election.