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Pre-Major vs. Full Major

Students must earn their full-major status in the Psychological & Brain Sciences department. Therefore, all incoming students are pre-major until they establish a UC GPA. Please watch the video above for important details about this process.

Remember: AP & community college/non-UC units do not count towards the UCSB GPA.

Major Sheets

- [Psychological & Brain Sciences, B.S. \(2020-21\)](#)
- [Biopsychology, B.S. \(2020-21\)](#)

Pre-requisite Courses

Pre-requisite courses are required classes that must be taken before enrollment in another course. Pre-requisite courses cannot be taken concurrently (at the same time) as the class that requires them.

How to Enroll in Classes

As a department, we have found that transfer students are most successful when they consider the following messages when planning their next several years at UCSB.

Consider how you will be spending your units

Transfer students have the opportunity to pursue multiple areas of study while at UCSB. However, these choices are best made by winter of your junior year. If you decide to focus on a dual degree, we encourage you to do this concurrently, not individually! Although students earning a B.A. degree have more elective units to spare, students pursuing a B.S. can also earn a minor or study abroad if they plan properly.

How to prepare for Transfer Orientation

During this zoom meeting, advisors will address pre-major courses required to earn your spot in one of our majors, provide tips and tricks for success, and discuss departmental opportunities. Like reading a chapter before a lecture, students that come prepared will find orientation to be more valuable and easier to comprehend.

Students are highly encouraged to [visit our website](#) prior to orientation to develop an understanding of our current majors, policies, tools, and opportunities. During orientation, the majority of time will be spent answering student questions.

After orientation, students will want to email their unofficial transcripts to advising@psych.ucsb.edu for manual clearance of pre-major work completed at the community college.

Course clearance is imperative for students to sign up for PSY lower division and 100-109 classes in the fall quarter. Students are also encouraged to email their Fall '20 plan for quick review/edits.

Transfer Clearance Form

Before attending Transfer Orientation, please complete the PBS Transfer Clearance Form. This will assist us in the prerequisite clearing process, and in turn help you register for your courses! It is very important that you complete this form.

What to bring to Transfer Orientation

Please bring a writing utensil and questions! Also have handy unofficial transcripts, major checklist, and perhaps a schedule plan. Prior to attending orientation, use assist.org to identify coursework from your community college that applies to your intended major.

On your transcript, circle or highlight the class from your community college (ex: SBCC PSY 100 or AP PSYCH) that corresponds with the UCSB equivalency (ex: UCSB PSY 1). This process helps transfer students identify how far along they are

in their 4-year degree. It also provides departmental advisors documentation for pre-requisite clearances, which are necessary to enroll in fall classes. Your official transcripts may not be uploaded until October, so departmental advisors clear prerequisites manually with the unofficial transcripts you email us at Transfer Orientation.