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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 videos above for important details about this process.

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

Major Sheets (attached at the end of this document):

- Psychological & Brain Sciences, B.S. (2021-22)
- Biopsychology, B.S. (2021-22)

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 upcoming Fall plan for quick review/edits.

Transfer Clearance Form

Before attending Transfer Orientation, please complete the PBS Transfer Clearance Form. We will be emailing it out. 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.

PSYCHOLOGICAL & BRAIN SCIENCES MAJOR, B.S. – 2021-2022

Admission to the major is contingent upon fulfilling the following requirements:

1) At least a 2.7 University of California grade-point average in Area I; **2)** At least a 2.0 University of California grade-point average in Area II; **3)** All courses must be completed on a letter-grade basis; **4)** No course with a grade lower than C- in Area I & II; **5)** Not more than one course with a C- in Area I & II; **6)** Students must submit a “Petition to Change Major” to the departmental main office (1814 Psychology East) for admission to the pre-major and major.

PRE-MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

UNITS YET TO COMPLETE

Area I courses:

PSY 1, MATH 34A (or 2A or 3A), and PSTAT 5A or equivalent 13-14 _____
PSY 10A, 10B 10 _____

Note: Students must complete PSY 1, MATH 34A (or 2A or 3A), PSTAT 5A or equivalent, and CHEM 1A-B (or 2A-B) prior to enrolling in PSY 10A; PSY 10A is a prerequisite for PSY 10B.

Area II courses:

CHEM 1A-B (or 2A-B) 6 _____
MCDB 6 and EEMB 7 (or MCDB 1A and EEMB 2) 7 _____

Note: CHEM 1C is a prerequisite for MCDB 1A which may be taken concurrently.

PREPARATION FOR THE MAJOR

Note: The following courses are *not* required to be admitted into the major, but are required to complete the major:

Area III courses:

Four courses from the following: ANTH 2, 5, 7; CHEM 1C; C LIT 27; CMPSC 8, 16; EARTH 2, 3; ECON 1, 2, 9; EEMB 3; ENV S 1, 2, 3; GEOG 5; LING 20, 50, 70; MCDB 1B, 20; MATH 4A, 4B, 34B (or 2B or 3B); PHIL 3, 4; PHYS 1, 2, 3, 6A, 6B, 6C, 20; POL S 1 12-18 _____

UPPER-DIVISION MAJOR

45 UD units are required, distributed as follow:

- A. All four breadth requirement courses: PSY 102, 105, 106, 108 16 _____
B. Two courses from PSY 110-195 8 _____
C. At least one laboratory course from the following:
PSY 117L, 118L, 119L, 120L, 129L, 138L, 150L, 155L 5 _____
D. 16 additional units chosen from a combination of the following: 16 _____
1. PSY 110-195 (up to 16 units)
2. Research or Honors Experience (up to 12 units): 197A-B-C, 199, 199P
3. Interdisciplinary List of Courses (up to 8 units): ANTH 121, 121T, 151T, 153S, 169, 177AB, 192AB; CNCSP 114; EEMB 129, 131, 154, 157, 180; ENV S 106; GEOG 153A, 153B, 153C; LING 127, 137, 149, 185; PHIL 124A, 134, 180; RGST 156BE, 172; SOC 148

Note: Enrollment in PSY 110 or higher courses is contingent upon satisfying pre-major requirements.

MAJOR REGULATIONS

PREREQUISITES

Check the *General Catalog* for the prerequisites to all listed courses.

P/NP GRADING OPTION

Up to 8 units of PSY 199P may be taken for major credit. All other major courses (Pre, Prep, or UD), including courses applied to the major from other departments, must be completed on a letter-grade basis.

SUBSTITUTIONS

In the major requirements permissible only by petition to the department chair and dean.

RESIDENCE REQUIREMENTS

At least 20 UD units in major while in residence at UCSB.

G.P.A. REQUIREMENTS

At least 2.0 overall UC average in **all** upper-division major courses **and all** courses (Prep and UD) for the major.

DOUBLE MAJORS

With the approval of each department chairperson, up to a total of 8 units may be applied simultaneously to both UD majors.

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BIOPSYCHOLOGY MAJOR, B.S. – 2021-2022

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CHEM 1C (or 2C) and labs: CHEM 1AL-BL-CL (or CHEM 2AC-BC-CC) 9 _____
CHEM 109A-B and 6AL-BL 14 _____
MCDB 1B and labs: MCDB 1LL and EEMB 2LL (or MCDB 1AL and either MCDB 1BL or EEMB 2L) 5-6 _____
PHYS 6A-AL-B-BL-C-CL 12 _____
MATH 34B (or 2B or 3B) 4-5 _____

UPPER-DIVISION MAJOR

44-45 UD units are required, distributed as follows:

A. PSY 106 (prerequisite for PSY 111) 4 _____
B. PSY 111 4 _____
C. Six courses from the following:
 PSY 115, 116, 122, 123, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 146, 153, 163AA-ZZ 24 _____
D. One laboratory course from the following:
 PSY 111L, 113L, 118L, 119L, 129L, 138L, or MCDB 126AL* 4-5 _____
E. 8 additional units of UD PSY 8 _____

- Notes:**
- Enrollment in PSY 110 or higher courses is contingent upon satisfying pre-major requirements.
 - Maximum of three courses in PSY 163AA-ZZ may be taken for major credit.
 - 197A-B-C, 199, 199P require faculty consent and departmental approval for enrollment.
- *Concurrent enrollment in MCDB 126A is a prerequisite to MCDB 126AL.

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