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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 fulfill their major's pre-major requirements. Please watch the videos above for important details about this process.

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

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

- Psychological & Brain Sciences, B.S. (2022-23)
- Biopsychology, B.S. (2022-23)

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 unless noted specifically on GOLD.



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How to Enroll in Classes

As a department, we have found that transfer students are most successful when they consider the following message 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 double major, 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.



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How to Prepare for Transfer Orientation

During orientation, advisors will address pre-major courses and policies required to declare a full major, provide tips 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.

Before attending Transfer Orientation, make sure to check your UCSB email for notifications from us and follow the instructions in those emails to ensure that your fall registration experience goes as smoothly as possible.

We will be sending students who submit their unofficial transcripts emails detailing their pre-major credits and our recommendations for a fall schedule.

What to bring to Transfer Orientation

Please come prepared with questions, your handy unofficial transcripts, and perhaps a schedule plan. Prior to attending orientation, use [assist.org](#) to identify coursework from your California Community College that applies to your intended major.

On your transcript, circle or highlight the class from your previous institution (ex: SBCC PSY 100 or AP PSYCH) that you believe corresponds with the UCSB equivalency (ex: UCSB PSY 1) for pre-major credit. This process helps transfer students identify how far along they are in their degree.



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As a note, students who are not coming from a California community college will need to have their courses to be evaluated for major credit.

It also provides departmental advisors documentation for pre-requisite clearances, which are necessary to enroll in fall classes. Official transcripts may not be uploaded until October, so departmental advisors clear prerequisites manually with the unofficial transcripts students provide us in the meantime.



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