

Department of Psychological & Brain Sciences (PBS)

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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-majors until they finish all pre-major requirements.

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

Majors (attached at the end of this document)

- Psychological & Brain Sciences (B.S.) 2024-2025
- Biopsychology (B.S.) 2024-2025

What are the Pre-Major Requirements?

For both the Psychological & Brain Sciences and Biopsychology majors, the pre-major includes Areas I and II (refer to your major sheet). For Area I, students need to earn at least a 2.7 UC GPA (B- average) across all the courses in that area. For Area II, students must earn at least a 2.0 GPA (C average) across all courses in that area. Any non-UC courses will *not* count towards the GPA requirement for Areas I and II, however, if non-UC courses taken are determined as equivalent to any of the pre-major courses, that course will be applied to the requirement by us.

Note: Area III (Prep for the Major) courses are not part of the pre-major, and thus not required to be completed prior to submitting your paperwork to declare your full major status!



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Prerequisites and Transferred Credits

In order to take certain courses at UCSB, students must first check to see if they are eligible to enroll by checking if they meet all prerequisites and restrictions on GOLD. For example, PSY 10A requires students to take UCSB PSY 1, MATH 34A, PSTAT 5A, CHEM 1A, and CHEM 1B (or equivalents of these courses) prior to enrollment (as shown in the previous video).

Incoming transfer students may have already fulfilled some course prerequisites through their previous institution(s). We ask that ALL incoming transfers complete our [Incoming Transfer Google Form](#) by **Friday, July 26th 2024** deadline to help determine which Area I & II courses were completed to help with course planning.

Note: PSY 110+ courses are restricted to students eligible for the full major only. Pre-majors are eligible for the Area I, II, III, and PSY 102-109 courses (assuming all applicable prerequisites are met). You can check for prerequisites and restrictions on GOLD, and we also plan to go over how to do this during Transfer Orientation.

Lower Division vs. Upper Division Credits

For students who are coming from junior/community colleges, all of their credits will transfer over as lower division credits. Credits earned at community colleges, even for classes that cover the same topics as upper division courses at UCSB, cannot substitute for the upper division UCSB course. For example, if a student took CC Social Psychology, this will NOT be equivalent to UCSB PSY 102.

For students transferring from a four-year institution (including UCs), whether a course will transfer over as lower division or upper division credits will be determined by UCSB Admissions and the Office of the Registrar. We play no role in that determination.



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UCs Only: All UCs use the same course unit identification system. That is, for any UC courses labeled 100-199, these will automatically transfer over as upper division units. Any courses between 01-99 will transfer as lower division units. Any other four-year institution credits will undergo manual review by Admissions as stated above.



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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 the textbook before class, students that come prepared will find orientation to be more valuable and easier to comprehend. We will also spend time answering questions.

Students are also highly encouraged to [visit our website](#) prior to orientation to develop an understanding of our current majors, policies, tools, and opportunities.

Before attending Transfer Orientation, make sure to fill out our [Incoming Transfer Google Form](#) **by the deadline of Friday, July 26th 2024** to help determine which pre-major credit you have earned at UCSB and to ensure your course registration goes smoothly. Please regularly check your UCSB email for our evaluation, which will include an example schedule for Fall quarter (and other relevant info regarding orientation).

What to Bring to Transfer Orientation

Please come prepared with questions and perhaps a schedule plan. Students can use our [schedule planning worksheet](#) to fill out a tentative schedule plan. Again, we require incoming transfers to fill out our [Incoming Transfer Google Form](#) **by Friday, July 26th 2024** to check primarily for pre-major credits and to ensure that your upcoming Fall 2024 course registration goes smoothly as possible for you!

Filling out this form will provide departmental advisors documentation for prerequisite clearances, which are necessary to enroll in Fall classes. Your official transcripts may not be uploaded until October, so advisors need to clear



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prerequisites manually by referring to the unofficial transcripts you provide via this form.



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Psychological & Brain Sciences Major Sheet (B.S.) for 2024-2025

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College of Letters and Science

University of California, Santa Barbara

NAME _____

Date _____ Perm # _____

**Note: See Major Progress Check on GOLD
for full list of all degree requirements.**

PSYCHOLOGICAL & BRAIN SCIENCES MAJOR, B.S. – 2024-2025

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 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; 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, 7A, 7B, 21; 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 113L, 117L, 118L, 119L, 120L, 129L, 138L, 150L, 155L, 156L

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, 151T, 169, 177AB; BL ST 137E, 154;

CNCSP 114; COMM 117, 124, 133; EEMB 129, 131, 157, 180; ENV S 106; GLOBL 159;

INT 133C; LING 127, 137, 149; PHIL 124A, 134; RGST 156BE; SOC 148, 152A

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.



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Biopsychology Major Sheet (B.S.) for 2024-2025

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NAME _____
Date _____ Perm # _____

**Note: See Major Progress Check on GOLD
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BIOPSYCHOLOGY MAJOR, B.S. – 2024-2025

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 courses 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 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 1A and EEMB 2 7 _____

PREPARATION FOR THE MAJOR

Area III courses:

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

CHEM 1C (or 2C) and labs: CHEM 1AL-BL-CL (or CHEM 2AC-BC-CC) 9 _____
CHEM 109A-B and 6AL 11 _____
MCDB 1B and labs: MCDB 1LL and EEMB 2LL 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, 126, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 146, 153, 161, 162, 163AA-ZZ 24 _____
- D. One laboratory course from the following:
PSY 111L, 113L, 118L, 119L, 120L, 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.

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS



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