

Psychological & Brain Sciences

Undergraduate Affairs Policy

Courses:

Area I (2.7 GPA = B- average *NO EXCEPTIONS*):

- **PSY 1** (4 units)
- **MATH 34A *or* 3A *or* 2A** (4 units)
- **PSTAT 5A *or* 5LS *or* COMM 87** (5 units)
- **PSY 10A** (5 Units) *requires PSY 1, MATH 34A (or equivalent), PSTAT 5A (or equivalent), CHEM 1A, and CHEM 1B as prerequisites*
- **PSY 10B** (5 units) *requires PSY 10A as a prerequisite*

Area II (2.0 GPA = C average *NO EXCEPTIONS*):

- **CHEM 1A** (3 units)
- **CHEM 1B** *requires CHEM 1A as a prerequisite* (3 units)
- **MCDB 1A** (4 units) *requires CHEM 1A, CHEM 1B, and CHEM 1C (can be taken concurrently) as prerequisites* ***or***

MCDB 6 (for PBS majors only) (4 units) *requires CHEM 1A and CHEM 1B as prerequisites*

- CHEM 1C is not required for MCDB 6
- Cannot take MCDB 6 after earning units for MCDB 1A
- **EEMB 2** (3 units) *requires MCDB 1A as a prerequisite* ***or***

EEMB 7 (for PBS majors only) (3 units) * requires MCDB 1A or MCDB 6 as a prerequisite*

- Cannot take EEMB 7 after earning units for EEMB 2 and/or MCDB 1B

Students should note that all PBS and Biopsych major courses taken at UCSB or at another UC MUST be taken for a letter grade to be awarded major credit. The only exceptions to this are PSY 199P (please refer to your specific major sheet for more in-depth information), PSY 1 (if taken BEFORE entering the pre-major), and major courses that were taken for P/NP in Spring 2020, Winter 2021, Spring 2021, and/or Summer 2021.

Disabled Students Program (DSP):

For all in-person or online exams that need proctoring, DSP accommodations will be fulfilled through submitting "Proctor Requests" via the DSP Services Portal. Any questions regarding this can be directed to advising@psych.ucsb.edu.

Legal Repeats:

Students are allowed one legal repeat of a course if they receive either a No Pass (NP) or a C- and below. Students are allowed to retake a class either at UCSB or another UC (with department approval).

Substitutions:

With the exception of the courses listed in Area I, Area II, Area III, the PBS Interdisciplinary List, and the Biopsych Electives List, no other *non-PSY* UCSB courses will be accepted to meet major requirements.

Non-UCSB courses will need to be evaluated by the PBS Department if they are not listed in any of our pre-approved databases. If this is the case, then please course evaluation requests in English to advising@psych.ucsb.edu. For pre-approved courses (meaning they appear on one of our databases), these courses can be petitioned for major credit by PBS with departmental approval.

- UCEAP pre-approved PBS course database:
<https://c0eru180.caspio.com/dp/18a720008f291eaef8d14469b9c9>
- For any other courses, please refer to Assist.org (for California Community Colleges) or contact advising@psych.ucsb.edu for additional help.

List of PBS Area III pre-approved courses:

- ANTH 2/2H, 5/5H, 7; CHEM 1C; C LIT 27; CMPSC 8, 16; EARTH 2, 3; ECON 1, 2, 9; EEMB 3, 22W; ENV S 1/1H, 2/2H, 3/3H; GEOG 5; LING 20, 50, 70; MATH 2B, 3B, 4A, 4B, 34B; MCDB 1B, 20, 29; PHIL 3, 4; PHYS 1, 2, 3, 6A, 6B, 6C, 20; POL S 1; RGST 15

List of PBS UD Interdisciplinary pre-approved courses:

- ANTH 105, 121, 121T, 151T, 153S, 169, 177AB, 192AB; BLST 137E, 154, 160; CNCSP 114; COMM 117, 124, 133; EEMB 129, 131, 154, 157, 180; ED 190; ENGL 170 (AA-ZZ); ENVS 106; GEOG 153A, 153B, 153C; GLOBL 159; INT 133C; LING 127, 137, 149, 185; MCDB 110; PHIL 124A, 134, 180; RGST 156BE, 172; SOC 122, 128, 134, 142, 148, 152A, 185D

List of Biopsych UD Elective pre-approved courses:

- MCDB 110, 111, 153, 194NB

Students who wish to evaluate courses not currently on the PBS Area III or Biopsych Electives lists MUST submit a syllabus to advising@psych.ucsb.edu PRIOR to enrolling in the class or within the first week the class is taken. PBS Advising will NOT accept evaluation requests from students for courses that are not on these pre-approved lists if students have already taken the class.

As of Winter 2022, PBS will no longer accept evaluation requests for new potential PBS INT courses to add to our pre-approved list. We will still accept abroad (EAP) course evaluation requests for PBS INT credit.

PSY 3 & PSY 106:

After F19, students with PSY 3 credit are now permitted to take PSY 106 for full units. Prior to F19, students that had taken PSY 3 were NOT permitted to take PSY 106 for additional units (the courses were considered duplicate matriculations and were cross listed in F18). For students who took PSY 3 and PSY 101 or 103 prior to F19, they are exempt from taking PSY 106. For students who took PSY 3 and did not take PSY 101 or 103 prior to F19, we require them to take PSY 106.

PSTAT 109:

PSTAT 109 is NOT an acceptable substitution for PSTAT 5A. Students who took PSTAT 109 first will earn a reduced amount of units for PSTAT 5A/5LS (originally 5 units, reduced to 2 units).

PSY 101/159 & 103/183:

Students will not receive credit for PSY 183 if they originally took PSY 103. A student will not receive credit for PSY 159 if they originally took PSY 101. *Please note that these courses are cross-listed, so if a student took PSY 101 or PSY 103 and then takes PSY 159 or PSY 183 respectively, they will not earn units for PSY 159 or PSY 183.*

Unit Cap:

The original policy requiring students to declare either Full PBS or Biopsych before they reach 144 units and/or by the end of 3rd year summer (or 1st year summer for transfers) has been *WAIVED*. This requirement is no longer enforced.

Prerequisites:

For courses that previously required PSY 3 and PSY 111 as a prerequisite, but now require PSY 106 or PSY 111 as a prerequisite: PSY 3 alone does NOT meet the previous prerequisite.

Options are PSY 3 and PSY 111, or PSY 106.

For prerequisites taken at another institution (e.g., Community College, UC, UCEAP, private), students must be cleared for their credits to access classes that require those prerequisites. To request clearance, students must email advising@psych.ucsb.edu with their name, perm, school, course # and title, and attach an unofficial transcript (with final grade) for proof of completion and a syllabus. We will then coordinate prerequisite clearances accordingly.

All students requesting **approved** major credit not currently reflecting on their major progress check *must sign in to their umail using their UCSB NetID* in order to fill out the PBS Petition for Degree Credit Survey: <https://forms.gle/aiPBfEHx9qVRosix6>. Petitions will not be made until after all requested courses, along with their final grades, are posted on students' records.

For Pre-Majors Hoping to Enroll in UD PSY Courses:

PSY 110+ courses are limited to full major students only. There are no exceptions to this policy except for PSY 183. This means that students in their last pre-major course(s) may not add PSY 110+ classes until final pre-major course grades have been posted *and* full major eligibility has been determined.

For students who are in the transition of switching from the pre-major to full major status (meaning they are taking their last pre-major course(s) in a particular quarter), a clearance form will be sent out via email during Pass 1. Please complete the survey by selecting "I want this class" next to any PSY 110+ courses you might be interested in taking the following quarter. Make sure you have fulfilled prerequisites for any PSY 110+ classes you request. ***We will clear students for courses AFTER FINAL GRADES have been submitted. Hence, clearances and Change of Major paperwork are processed for pending students during the week that final grades are received.***

In addition to turning in Change of Major paperwork and completing the clearance survey, students should ***WAITLIST*** for the PSY 110+ courses they are interested in taking the following quarter. Waitlists are usually activated once a class is full, so we recommend students to constantly check GOLD and add themselves to the waitlist as soon as they can. ***All PBS courses are first come, first serve, and there are no exceptions to this policy (we DO NOT provide add codes).*** GOLD will not allow current pre-major students to add any PSY 110+ courses, which is why the clearance form exists.

Students in the pre-major who have PSY 1 credit or JR/SR level standing are allowed to enroll in PSY 100-109 courses. ***Biopsych pre-majors are highly recommended to take PSY 106 before they enter the full major.***

For Students Outside the Department Looking to Enroll in PSY 110+ Courses:

PBS allows students from other departments to enroll in **ONE** PSY 110+ course if they meet course prerequisites **and** if they have the approval from a PBS Advisor. CCS and PHRMA students are allowed to take more than one applicable PSY 110+ course, but must still meet course prerequisites and have PBS approval. Lastly, PHRMA students will be allowed to take PSY 133 and/or 134 without meeting prerequisites, but will still require PBS approval.

If a student outside our department (including Open University students) takes one PSY 110+ course (for those allowed), they will forfeit the ability to switch into our majors in the future. ALL students outside one of our majors will be cleared for class access in PASS 3. *There are no exceptions to this policy.*

Subject Pool Requirement:

As part of the grading structure in PSY 1 and in PSY 10A, students are required to complete 6 hours worth of research credit, or a 6 page research paper, per each class. There is no exception to this policy. A combination of hours and pages may not be used. If a student receives only 5.5 hours, this is NOT considered complete. For students that do not complete the requirement, they will lose one third of a letter grade (ex: B+ will be lowered to B by loss of required participation points).

Research in PBS (PSY 99P/199P or 99/199):

Students looking to get first-time PSY RA units have to acquire at least a 3.0 GPA for the last 3 quarters (2 quarters for freshmen and transfers) and complete the Human Subjects (if applicable) and UCSB Safety Orientation trainings. Note: For first time RAs, PSY 99P or PSY 199P (available to full majors) must be taken prior to a letter grade.

For those who are currently taking research units and are planning on continuing PSY 99P/99/199P/199, we will send out a survey via email towards the end of the current quarter. We send student responses during the end of finals to faculty advisors for approval, and we will check, in addition to past quarters, current quarter GPAs to verify that they meet the 3.0 requirement after grades are released. Add codes are distributed in the first two weeks of the following quarter to those eligible. These students will not need to turn in forms to the PBS main office or via email UNLESS they are switching labs.

Please note: Any research for credit under PBS must be conducted under the supervision of a current PBS faculty member. Any research experience under any other type of faculty/outside department will not count for PSY research credit.

Honors in PBS (PSY 197ABC):

Students wishing to pursue honors in PBS must meet the following requirements: students must have completed at least 3 UD PSY courses, have a minimum GPA of 3.5 for UD PSY courses, be full major status at the time of application, and have an agreement with a faculty mentor who will supervise their year-long project. In order to receive “Distinction in the Major,” students must complete three consecutive quarters of honors research (A+B+C) and write an approved (by faculty mentor and second reader) APA-style honors thesis by the end of the quarter in which PSY 197C is completed.

A PSY 197 Cover Sheet is to be filled out prior to, or during, the first week of each quarter in which students will work on their honors project. Students **MUST** obtain their faculty sponsor’s signature each quarter and submit this application to the PBS Advisors (emails with instructions about this will be sent out as well).