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Sending Emails to PBS – Ensure to Include:

- Please make sure to include:
 - Full name & Perm #
 - Any current / desired major(s)

CHECK YOUR UCSB EMAIL

STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO CHECK UCSB EMAIL INBOX REGULARLY

ONLY WAY TO COMMUNICATE WITH ALL STUDENTS = MASS EMAILS

PBS Advisors will not be held responsible when students fail to read emails!!

Accessing the PBS Website: [Click here to access!](#)

- Students can locate info about the majors, department, grad school, etc.
- Please note: necessary updates have not been completed yet!
 - Current information is potentially out-of-date
 - Students will be notified via email once the website is up-to-date :)

Pro Tips for Undergrads (from Your Local PBS Advising Team)!:

- **Create a gmail signature:** our team strongly encourages students to create automatic personalized sign offs at the bottom of each message ([steps here](#))
- Double check first for answers to FAQs: the PBS website & UGA Policy Doc



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How to Prepare for Transfer Orientation

1.) Students must fill out our [Incoming Transfer Google Form](#) by the deadline of **Friday, July 10th 2026** (regardless of attending orientations) to help determine applicable major credit and to ensure your course registration goes smoothly!!

- Please note that advisors may contact you to have syllabi evaluated for you. Major credit evaluations take several weeks, especially for courses existing outside of the department, like Chemistry, so we strongly encourage that students fill it out well before the deadline in case of a follow up from us!
- Regularly check your UCSB email for a personalized Fall schedule based on our incoming transfer evaluations described above, which will also include additional, important relevant information regarding Transfer Orientation!

 We cannot make recommended Fall 26 schedule plans without you 
submitting that google form to us & your transcripts submitted to Admissions!

2.) Before attending UCSB Orientations, students must send official documents to the Office of Admissions at UCSB. As outlined in [Transfer Conditions of Admission](#), official transcripts are due **July 1st** and test scores **July 15th**. It is crucial to request official transcripts, test scores, and IGETC certifications in advance of these dates.

- Missing transcripts and/or test scores can result in blocked registration and withdrawal of admission offers. Submit now by clicking [here](#) to view steps!

What to Bring to Transfer Orientation

Please come prepared with questions and perhaps a schedule plan. Students can submit questions to [this google form](#) beforehand to possibly address at sessions.

They can use our [schedule planning worksheet](#) to make tentative schedule plans.

We recommend that students come with notebooks and such for taking notes! 📓



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Pre-Major vs. Full Major

Students pursuing PBS / BIPSY must earn “full-major” status in the department by satisfying pre major rules for GPAs in addition to with *successful* completion of each of the 9 pre-major courses required (refer to next tab for courses) – so, thus..

**ALL new incoming students are
“pre-PBS” majors or “pre-BIPSY” majors
once admitted to UCSB!**

What are the Pre-Major Rules?

Maintaining specific GPAs and certain earned grades in a provided set of courses. Successful completion permits advancing into the full major. Therefore, enabling students to enroll in the previously restricted upper division (PSY 110+) courses.*

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

- 1.) At least a 2.7 UC GPA in Area I.
- 2.) At least a 2.0 UC GPA 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.) Submit Change of Major paperwork to [declare full major status](#)

Reminder: Your AP & ccc/non-UC courses do not count towards UCSB GPAs.

**** STUDENTS MUST BE ADMITTED TO BE ABLE TO REGISTER FOR ****
UPPER DIVISION (PSY 110+) COURSES – **ZERO** EXCEPTIONS FOR THIS POLICY!



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Specific Pre-Major Courses Required

What particular courses are required? What are the GPAs required?

Notice that Area 1 + 2 on major sheets = the “pre-major” courses

Majors (refer to website dropdowns – “Major Course Requirements”)

- Psychological & Brain Sciences (B.S.) – [click here](#)
- Biopsychology (B.S.) – [click here](#)

Note: Area III (Prep for the Major) is **not required** to declare full major status!

So, among pre-major requirements for Psychological & Brain Sciences major and Biopsychology major are very specific courses with particular GPA requirements:

[Area I: Pre-Major Requirements \(Part 1 of 2\)](#)

The following courses require a **2.7 UC GPA** before admittance to the full major:

- PSY 1 - Introduction to Psychology (5 units)
- MATH 34A (or 3A or 2A) - Calculus I (4 units)
- PSTAT 5A (or 5LS or COMM 87) - Statistics (5 units)
- PSY 10A - Research Methods in Psych & Brain (5 units)
- PSY 10B - Statistical Methods in Psych & Brain (5 units)

 PSY 10A + PSY 10B = only at UCSB! 

[Area II: Pre-Major Requirements \(Part 2 of 2\)](#)

The following courses require a **2.0 UC GPA** before admittance to the full major:

- CHEM 1A-B (or CHEM 2A-2B) - General Chemistry (7 units)
- MCDB 6 or 1A* and EEMB 7 or 2 - General Biology (7 units)
- ★ CHEM 1C = pre-requisite for MCDB 1A (however can be taken concurrently)

★ Please note that AP exams = prerequisites! Refer to GOLD → “course info” tabs.



Prerequisites and Transferred Credits

Students must 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 taking PSY 1, MATH 34A, PSTAT 5A, CHEM 1A, and CHEM 1B (or non-UCSB equivalents).

We kindly ask you to help us determine which Area I & II courses were completed. Transfer students may have prereq credit, which is the reason that students must complete our [Incoming Transfer Google Form](#) with a deadline of **July 10th, 2026!** Also keep in mind that certain students are notified to provide syllabi via email, so please make sure to be on look out until the Orientation Week for emails from us!

Note: PSY 110+ courses are restricted to students eligible for the full major only. Students are eligible for courses on the next tab while completing the premajor!

Prerequisites & restrictions are listed on GOLD – [click here](#) for overview of GOLD. Students enroll via GOLD, and thus you're expected to learn about using it **NOW**.

Lower Division vs. Upper Division Credits

Junior/CC credits will transfer over as lower division credits, even for classes that appear to cover the same topics as upper division courses at UCSB. For example, if a student took CC Social Psychology, this will NOT be equivalent to UCSB PSY 102.

Four-year institutions (including UCs): whether a certain course transfers over as lower division or upper division credit is determined by the Admissions Office & the Office of the Registrar at UCSB. Our advisors play no role in determinations.

University of California (Only):

Every single UC uses a particular course # system:

- ☆ UC courses with # 100-199 = upper division units
- ☆ UC courses with # 0-99 = lower division units

Any other four-year institution credits undergo manual review, as stated above!



POSSIBLE COURSE OPTIONS WHILE COMPLETING PRE MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

Students may consider taking for upcoming Summer + Fall Quarters:



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- Area A → PSY 102, 105, 106 & 108
- PSY 109 → Units for upper division
- PSY 183 → Area B or Area D1
- Area III (prep for major)
- Area D3 "int" list * max = 8 units
 - Refer to major course tab on [website](#)
- Remaining GE courses
- General upper divisions (UD) if units remain outside of major coursework
- PSY 99P / PSY 99 or volunteer RA
 - Cumulative 3.0 GPA is required for previous 2 quarters to enroll in 99P/99

Major Course Requirement

The Psychological & Brain Sciences BS major has 4 parts: Area I, Area II, Area III (also known as Preparation for the Major), and Upper Division. Please also review the major rules & regulations below.

Area I: Pre-Major Requirements (Part 1 of 2)

The following courses require a 2.7 UC GPA before admittance to the full major:

- PSY 1 - Introduction to Psychology (3 units)
- MATH 3AA (or 3A or 3B) - Calculus I (3 units)
- PSYAT 5A (or 5B or 5C) - Statistics (3 units)
- PSY 10A - Research Methods in Psych & Brain (3 units)
- PSY 10B - Statistical Methods in Psych & Brain (3 units)

Area II: Pre-Major Requirements (Part 2 of 2)

The following courses require a 2.7 UC GPA before admittance to the full major:

- CHEM 1A-B (or 2A-2B) - General Chemistry (8 units)
- MCB 1A and EEMB 2 - General Biology (7 units)
- *CHEM 1C is a pre-requisite for MCB 1A & EEMB 2 series.

Area III: Preparation for the Major Requirements

Four courses from the following list require a 2.7 UC GPA before graduation. The following courses are not required to be admitted into the major but are required to complete the major:

- ANTH 5/10A, 5/10B, 7; CHEM 1C, C-127, C-128, C-129, C-130, C-131, C-132, C-133, C-134, C-135, C-136, C-137, C-138, C-139, C-140, C-141, C-142, C-143, C-144, C-145, C-146, C-147, C-148, C-149, C-150, C-151, C-152, C-153, C-154, C-155, C-156, C-157, C-158, C-159, C-160, C-161, C-162, C-163, C-164, C-165, C-166, C-167, C-168, C-169, C-170, C-171, C-172, C-173, C-174, C-175, C-176, C-177, C-178, C-179, C-180, C-181, C-182, C-183, C-184, C-185, C-186, C-187, C-188, C-189, C-190, C-191, C-192, C-193, C-194, C-195, C-196, C-197, C-198, C-199, C-200, C-201, C-202, C-203, C-204, C-205, C-206, C-207, C-208, C-209, C-210, C-211, C-212, C-213, C-214, C-215, C-216, C-217, C-218, C-219, C-220, C-221, C-222, C-223, C-224, C-225, C-226, C-227, C-228, C-229, C-230, C-231, C-232, C-233, C-234, C-235, C-236, C-237, C-238, C-239, C-240, C-241, C-242, C-243, C-244, C-245, C-246, C-247, C-248, C-249, C-250, C-251, C-252, C-253, C-254, C-255, C-256, C-257, C-258, C-259, C-260, C-261, C-262, C-263, C-264, 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Psychological & Brain Sciences Major Sheet (B.S.)

2024-2025

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**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

Area I courses:

PSY 1, MATH 34A (or 2A or 3A), and PSTAT 5A or equivalent

13-14 _____

PSY 10A, 10B

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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)

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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

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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

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Check the General Catalog for the prerequisite to all listed courses

Biopsychology Major Sheet (B.S.)

2024-2025

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University of California, Santa Barbara

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

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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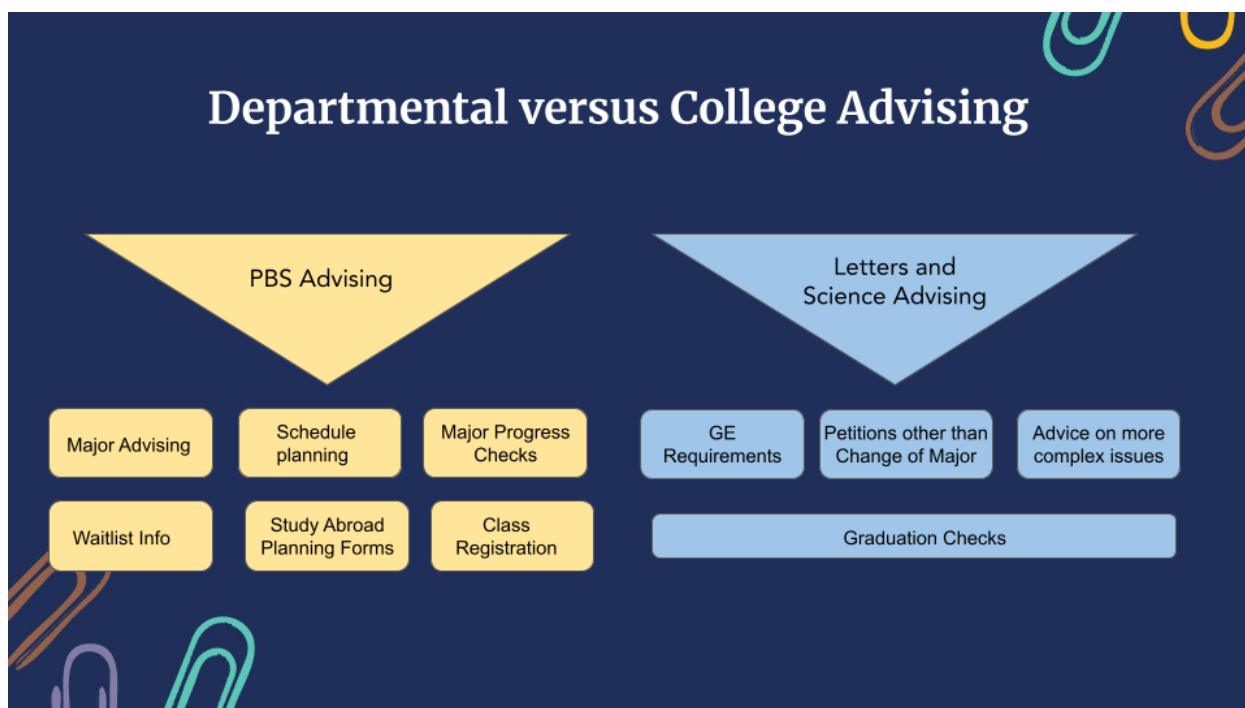
Who Should You Contact for Particular Questions?

*Your local PBS Advising Team is pretty knowledgeable!
However, department advisors do not receive training in certain areas,
thus you might need to contact other departments on campus:*

Your PBS Advising Team OR the College of L&S Team?

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Admissions coordinates all aspects of undergraduate admission, including year-round outreach, comprehensive application review, and the processing of credit for any student (new and continuing) who completes transferable coursework.

Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships assists UCSB students and their families with student financial aid, including scholarships, grants, loans, work-study, and Veterans' benefits.

Office of the Registrar maintains the official academic records of all UCSB students and oversees student registration, course scheduling, California residency, graduation, and student transcripts and verification.



Please click on the name of a specific office listed above for direct contact information!

Transfer Modules to Watch from PBS Advising

Students are expected to know info below upon arriving at UCSB and crucial info from UCSB modules + provided info from UCSB entities!

🔴 **Please have a note system in place for taking down so much info!** 🔴

Before attending orientation / arriving for the Fall:

You are **REQUIRED** to watch (regardless of whether an orientation is attended,) the entirety of these PBS transfer modules and come prepared with questions.

We will NOT be spending time going over processes described in the modules!

[Module 1 - Overview and Welcome](#)

[Module 2 - City College to UC](#)

[Module 3 - PSY Course Registrations Pointers](#)

[Module 4 - How to Prepare for Orientation](#)

★ Written script for modules: [click here to view](#)



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