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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)
- PSY 10B (5 units)

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

- CHEM 1A (3 units)
- CHEM 1B (3 units)
- MCDB 1A (4 units) *requires CHEM 1C as pre-requisite, can be taken concurrently *or* MCDB 6 (for PBS only) (4 units)
 - *Cannot take MCDB 6 after taking MCDB 1A
- EEMB 2 (3 units) *requires MCDB 1A *or* EEMB 7 (for PBS only) (3 units) * requires MCDB 1A or MCDB 6.
 - *Cannot take EEMB 7 after taking EEMB 2

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

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:

Outside of the courses listed in Area III and the Interdisciplinary List, NO other UCSB courses are accepted to meet the major requirements. *UCEAP courses will be evaluated and/or petitioned by PBS unless pre-approved.

- EAP pre-approved course database
<https://c0eru180.caspio.com/dp/18a720008f291eaef8d14469b9c9>

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 dual matriculation and were cross listed in F18, therefore PSY 106

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units were reduced to 0). For students who took PSY 3 and took PSY 101 or 103 prior to F19, are exempt from taking PSY 106. For students who took PSY 3 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 5. Students that have taken 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.* These are technically considered repeats even though they are taught at a more rigorous level.

List of PBS Area III pre-approved courses (*newly approved):

- 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; MCDB 1B, 20, 29; MATH 2B, 3B, 4A, 4B, 34B; PHYS 1, 2, 3, 6A, 6B, 6C, 20; LING 20, 50, 70; PHIL 3, 4; POL S 1; RGST 15

List of PBS UD Interdisciplinary pre-approved courses (*newly approved):

- ANTH 105*, 121, 121T, 151T, 153S, 169, 177AB, 192AB; COMM 133*; CNCSP 114; EEMB 129, 131, 154, 157, 180; ED 190*; ENGL 170 (AA-ZZ)*; ENV S 106; GEOG 153A, 153B, 153C; LING 127, 137, 149, 185; PHIL 124A, 134, 180; RGST 156BE, 172; SOC 142*, 148

Unit Cap:

Students seeking to declare either Full PBS or Biopsych must change into the full major before they reach 144 units and/or before the end of 3rd year summer (or 1st year summer for transfers).

This policy is strictly enforced.

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Pre-Requisites:

For courses that previously required PSY 3 & 111 as a pre-req, but now require PSY 106 or 111 as a pre-req: PSY 3 alone does NOT meet the previous pre-req. Options are PSY 3 & 111, or PSY 106.

For pre-reqs taken at another institution (City/Community College, UC, UCEAP, private), students must be cleared for their credits to access classes that require those pre-reqs. 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 for faculty review.

If not a California City/Community College, we still require students to 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 for faculty review.

All students requesting major credit not currently reflecting on their degree audit must fill out this survey: <https://forms.gle/C2cYUEqNjZjsgYAj8>.

Petitions for major credit will be processed quarterly, around week 5-8. Petitions will not be made until after all transcripts are posted through Admissions (typically November).

This rule does not apply for students petitioning potential Area III or INT courses/credit.

Petitions for EAP students may not be made until *after* their UCSB transcripts include UCEAP credit. Petitions will not be made until a grade is posted on GOLD.

For Students Planning on Switching Between the PBS and Biopsych Majors

Students who are on the Biopsych major tract and are considering switching to the PBS major must complete both CHEM 1A + 1B and MCDB 1A/6 + EEMB 2/7 before they can advance into the full PBS major.

Students who are Full Biopsych who are considering switching into the PBS major must have taken CHEM 1A + 1B and MCDB 1A + EEMB 2 prior to 144 units and/or by the end of 3rd year (or 1st year transfer). Students in Full Biopsych who have already taken any PSY 110+ classes will not be allowed to switch into the PBS major unless they completed MCDB and EEMB (and met the Area II GPA requirement for PBS) by the time they got into the Full Biopsych major.

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For Pre-Major Hoping to Enroll in UD PSY Course:

PSY 110+ courses are limited to full major students only. This means students in their last pre-major course(s) may not add PSY 110+ classes until final pre-major course grades have been received. Students may not be enrolled in PSY 110+ classes as a pre-major. ***PBS policy makes no exceptions to this.***

For students who are in the transition of switching from pre-major to full major, a clearance form will be sent out via email during Pass 1 of the current quarter. This form is to be completed by students who are currently in their last pre-major course during the current quarter (e.g. Psy 10B), and will be entering the full major the following quarter. Please complete the survey by selecting "yes" next to any PSY 110+ courses you might be interested in taking the following quarter, and select "no" next to the classes you don't care/plan to take the following quarter. ****We will clear you for those "yes" classes AFTER FINAL GRADES have been received.** Hence, Clearances and Change of Major paperwork are processed during the week that final grades are received.

In addition to turning in Change of Major paperwork and completing the clearance survey, students will have to ***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 to add themselves to the waitlist as soon as it is activated. ***All PBS courses are first come, first serve, and there are no exceptions to this policy (e.g. we will not provide add codes).*** GOLD will not allow current pre-major students to add any PSY 110+ courses.

Students in the pre-major who have PSY 1 credit are allowed to enroll in PSY 100-109 (102, 105, 106, 108) courses. ***Biopsych pre-majors who are JR or SR unit standing 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 pre-requisites and if they have the approval from faculty and authorization from a PBS Advisor. ***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

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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 have at least a 3.0 GPA for the last 3 quarters (2 quarters for transfers) and complete the Human Subjects and UCSB Safety Rights & Responsibilities trainings. Note: For first time RAs, PSY 99P or PSY 199P (available to full majors) must be taken prior to a letter grade. Here are instructions on [how to become an RA](#), and [PSY 99/99P Form](#) or [PSY 199/199P Form](#).

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 week of the following quarter to those eligible. These students will not need to turn in forms to the PBS main office.

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 major credit.