

General Information

The Psychology Department office (located in Room 273, Social Sciences 2) is open Monday thru Thursday from 9:00am-12noon and 1:00-4:00pm and Friday from 1:00-4:00pm. Drop in advising hours are posted at the beginning of each quarter.

The Psychology web site is <http://psych.ucsc.edu>. You will find this site very helpful with pertinent information about the Psychology Department.

Major Status

New frosh that listed psychology as an area of interest on their admissions application will have a Proposed major status. You are considered an undeclared major until you file a Declaration of Major petition for the major. This process starts with your college office; the department is your second stop. **Plan to attend a Pre-Psych Orientation to complete the process.** You will then have an official major and priority into restricted psychology courses. The Psychology Major has two tiers: the Pre-Psychology Major covers required, lower division courses; the Psychology Major addresses progress in the upper division major requirements. We also offer an Intensive Major, with additional coursework required.

Requirements

The Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology requires the following courses and senior comprehensive requirement: lower -division coursework in Math 3, *Precalculus*, Psychology 1, *Introduction to Psychology*, Psychology 2, *Introduction to Psychological Statistics*, Psychology 3, *Research Methods in Psychology*, Psychology 10, *Introduction to Developmental Psychology*, seven upper-division courses (numbered 100-199), and one approved elective. We recommend that you complete all other lower-division required courses no later than the end of sophomore year.

Advanced Placement Exams

The AP Psychology exam, with a score of 4 or 5, may be substituted for Psychology 1, and will satisfy the requirement for the major. The Calculus AB exam, with a score of 3, 4, or 5, may be substituted for Math 11A, *Calculus*, and will satisfy the math requirement for psychology majors.

Math Placement Exams

Students are encouraged to take the Math Placement Exam during Summer Orientation (or refer to other dates in the Fall Schedule of Classes). The placement exam is used to place you in an appropriate level math course. Note that the Math placement exams are held throughout the academic year. A score of 31 or more will satisfy the Math 3 major requirement.

Summer Orientation

At Summer Orientation you will get an overview of the major, information about which courses to enroll in, which courses transfer, substitution of transfer courses and AP exam credits and more!

For those students who plan to attend Orientation AND have completed college-level psychology or mathematics courses and/or AP exam credits: please plan to bring a copy of your college transcripts and/or AP examination credit to the Orientation session.

Unofficial copies are fine; include work-in-progress if you are enrolled currently in college courses. This is a critical process before you can advance enroll in psychology courses, because almost all of our courses have prerequisites.

NOTE: Attending orientation is strongly advised!

Unable to attend Orientation?

If you have completed college-level psychology or mathematics courses and/or AP exam credits, please FAX a copy of your college transcripts and/or AP exam credit (unofficial copies are fine). Include work-in-progress along with your current email. Indicate which classes you would like to receive credit for, the department will then determine if you have satisfied prerequisites for psychology courses or major requirements and will notify you of the result. This is a very important process before advance enrollment begins.

FAX: 831-459-3519, Attn: Gail Black Walters.

Enrollment in Courses

UC Santa Cruz uses an advance enrollment system for enrollment in courses. Students enroll in 3 courses per quarter (most courses are worth 5 credits each). Below is a suggested sample schedule for the first 2 years:

First Year

<u>Fall</u>	<u>Winter</u>	<u>Spring</u>
Psychology 1	Math 3	Psychology 2
College Core Course	General Education Elective	Psychology 10
General Education Elective	General Education Elective	General Education Elective

Second Year

<u>Fall</u>	<u>Winter</u>	<u>Spring</u>
Psychology 3	Psychology 20	Psychology 40
Psychology 60	General Education Elective	General Education Elective
General Education Elective	General Education Elective	General Education Elective