Students are admitted to UCSC with a "proposed major" in most cases, and later petition to officially declare the major. Admission to UCSC does not guarantee acceptance into a particular major. Students must be declared in a major by the end of the second year (or equivalent), so learning about and preparing for a major is a primary goal for first-year students.

### Major: **COMMUNITY STUDIES**

**Importance of an early start:**
This major becomes highly sequential in a student's third year. New students may complete some GE's with courses selected from the recommended list on the website.

**Qualification requirements and/or prerequisites for the major:**
Students must complete both CMMU 10: *Introduction to Community Activism*, and one topical course (see the Community Studies website) to declare the major.

**Frosh who intend to pursue this major should do the following things prior to the beginning of fall term...**
- Students should review the major requirements and other information on the Community Studies website. A solid understanding of the requirements provides students with an invaluable head start to their college career and the major.

**...and should take these courses their first term:**
Although it should be taken in fall of the sophomore year, new frosh may choose to take CMMU 10: *Intro to Community Activism*, in their first term.

**Sample first year plan:**

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<td>CMMU 10: <em>Introduction to Community Activism</em></td>
<td>For winter and spring, students may choose to take classes that offer background in their intended area of focus (economic justice or health justice). Sociology, Anthropology, Psychology, Politics, Latin American and Latino Studies, Economics, or History may be good possibilities.</td>
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**Skills important for success in this major:**
Both critical reading skills and strong analytical writing ability are important to the success of students in the Community Studies major.

**Other information:**
The major requires a two-quarter field study, and includes concentrations in economic justice or health justice.

**Links to More Information:**
- [http://admissions.ucsc.edu/academics/majors/](http://admissions.ucsc.edu/academics/majors/) (general info)
- [http://registrar.ucsc.edu/catalog/programs-courses/](http://registrar.ucsc.edu/catalog/programs-courses/) (major requirements, course descriptions, etc.)
- [http://communitystudies.ucsc.edu/undergraduate/](http://communitystudies.ucsc.edu/undergraduate/) (program website)

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