# New Student Major Advising Summary for 2016-2017 Transfer Students

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. Junior transfer students must be officially declared in a major by the deadline in their second quarter of enrollment.

### Major: Cognitive Science

**Qualification requirements and/or prerequisites for the major:**

- Students may petition to declare the cognitive science major once they have completed the lower-division requirements. For students to be admitted to the major, they must have a 2.80 or higher cumulative grade-point average (GPA) in the lower-division requirements and receive a C or better in each of the courses. Transfer students may substitute equivalent courses from other institutions.
- New transfer students who listed cognitive science as an area of interest on their admissions application will have “proposed major” status. You are considered an undeclared major until you are formally accepted to the major through the declaration of major process.
- Determine your Math Placement by completing an assessment in ALEKS before July 17 at [http://undergrad.pbsci.ucsc.edu/enrollment/math/math-placement/mp-assessment-guidelines.html](http://undergrad.pbsci.ucsc.edu/enrollment/math/math-placement/mp-assessment-guidelines.html). If you completed a college-level math course, or scored 3 or better on an AP or IB calculus exam, you may be able to use that for placement instead of the ALEKS assessment.

### Transfer students who intend to pursue this major should do the following prior to the beginning of their first term...

- PSYC 20: Introduction to Cognitive Psychology, and PSYC 100: Research Methods in Psychology (7 credits)
- Critical reading skills, analytical writing abilities, and formal reasoning skills.

### ...and should take these courses their first term:

- Cognitive Science transfer students will be given permission codes to enroll in the two recommended courses. In the event that a student has already completed Psyc 20 at the community college, then please contact the major adviser at psyadv@ucsc.edu.

### Skills important for success in this major:

- Students who have taken college-level transferable classes that may apply to the requirements of this major should submit an unofficial transcript to the department prior to July 1, in addition to the official transcript that is required by the UCSC Admissions Office.

### Although not required for the major, students in this major might benefit from these courses/subjects:

### Other information:

- Students considering cognitive science as a major should consult with the undergraduate adviser or peer adviser as early as possible.

### 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://psychology.ucsc.edu/undergraduate/cog-science-major/](http://psychology.ucsc.edu/undergraduate/cog-science-major/) (program website)
- [http://www.assist.org/web-assist/welcome.html](http://www.assist.org/web-assist/welcome.html) (transfer credit info)