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: CRITICAL RACE AND ETHNIC STUDIES

**Importance of an early start:**
This major is not highly sequential or course intensive. Although it is advisable to begin taking courses toward the major in the first year, it is not required.

**Qualification requirements and/or prerequisites for the major:**
Students must have completed CRES 10, with a C or better, in order to declare the major. Junior transfer students and students in exceptional circumstances may substitute an equivalent course with the director's approval. Students must submit a proposed study plan to the program adviser that meets the major requirements in a coherent manner. Students are urged to submit their study plan no later than the third quarter of their sophomore year or, in the case of transfer students, no later than the first quarter of their junior year. The study plan should reflect a commitment to take CRES 100 and 101 at the next possible opportunity.

**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 on the Critical Race and Ethnic Studies (CRES) website and should carefully review the CRES website overall. A solid understanding of the requirements provides students with an invaluable head start to their college career and to this interdisciplinary major.

**...and should take these courses their first term:**
- CRES 10: Critical Race and Ethnic Studies: An Introduction

**Skills important for success in this major:**
Critical thinking, comparative analysis, the application of social theory, research, communication, and writing.

**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://cres.ucsc.edu/undergraduate/](http://cres.ucsc.edu/undergraduate/) (Program Website)

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