UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SANTA CRUZ
NEW STUDENT MAJOR ADVISING SUMMARY FOR 2015-2016 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:** ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES, B.A.

Qualification requirements and/or prerequisites for the major:
- There are multiple courses required to qualify for the environmental studies major; specific information about qualifying for the major will be available during Summer Orientation.
- Transfer students should fulfill all of the lower division prerequisites they can before transfer, to be prepared for the ENVS 100/L core course.
- Specifically, the following courses should be completed prior to transfer: Introductory Chemistry (equivalent to ENVS 23), General Ecology (equivalent to ENVS 24), Intro to Political Science and Introductory Economics (both courses together are needed as equivalents to UCSC’s ENVS 25), Pre-calculus or Pre-statistics (equivalent to UCSC’s AMS 3 or 6 or MATH 3 -- please note that the elementary statistics transfer course does not transfer as AMS 3 or 6 and will not apply). In addition, Cultural Anthropology or Intro to Sociology or Ethics.
- AMS 7/L must be taken at UCSC in the first two quarters or, if possible, during summer session prior to fall entry.
- Determine your Math Placement by completing an assessment at [http://undergrad.pbsci.ucsc.edu/enrollment/math/math-placement/mp-aleks-overview.html](http://undergrad.pbsci.ucsc.edu/enrollment/math/math-placement/mp-aleks-overview.html). If you have completed a college-level math course, or have 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:
- AMS 7/L: Statistical Methods for Biological, Environmental, and Health Sciences (with lab), and ENVS 24: General Ecology (if not completed prior to transfer)

...and should take these courses their first term:
- Critical reading and thinking skills, analytical writing abilities and cultural analysis as well as skills in mathematics and formal reasoning.
- A concentration in agroecology and sustainable food systems is now offered for any of the majors in environmental studies. Contact the adviser if you are interested in this option.
- Combined majors with biology, earth sciences, and economics are available, and offer a way to specify a focus of interest within the major. Contact the adviser if you are interested in a combined major.

If unable to enroll in courses listed above:
Contact the adviser, Maria Ruby, at mruby@ucsc.edu.

Skills important for success in this major:

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://envs.ucsc.edu/undergraduate/](http://envs.ucsc.edu/undergraduate/) (program website)

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