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.

### LANGUAGE 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 take LING 50: *Introduction to Linguistics*, and LING 53: *Semantics I*, and earn a C+ or better in both courses before declaring the major.

**Frosh who intend to pursue this major should do the following things prior to the beginning of fall term...**

Students should take a UCSC language placement exam as soon as possible.

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

**LING 50: *Introduction to Linguistics***. Students may also begin language study.

**Sample first year plan:**

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| Fall      | LING 50: *Introduction to Linguistics*  
LING 80C: *Language, Society, and Culture* (not a major requirement, but satisfies CC GE) |
| Winter    | LING 53: *Semantics I*  
Language course (not required to begin first year)  
LING 80V: *Words*: (not a major requirement) |
| Spring    | LING 80D: *Language and Mind* (not a major requirement) |

**Skills important for success in this major:**

Critical reading skills and analytical writing abilities.

**Information about language placement is available at [http://language.ucsc.edu/placement/](http://language.ucsc.edu/placement/); please contact the Department of Languages and Applied Linguistics at 831-459-2054 for more information about placement.**

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

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