# New Student Major Advising Summary for 2016-2017 Frosh

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: Philosophy

### 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 taken or currently be enrolled in at least one philosophy course in order to declare the major or minor.

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

Students who have taken college-level transferable classes that may apply to the requirements of this major should email a copy of their unofficial transcript to cschweig@ucsc.edu or FAX it to the Philosophy Department at (831)459-2650 prior to July 1, in addition to submitting the official transcript that is required by the UCSC Admissions Office.

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

Philosophy 11: Introduction to Philosophy may be taken in fall, but may also be taken in a future term or replaced with another introductory course.

### Sample first year plan:

- **Fall:** PHIL 11: *Introduction to Philosophy*
- **Winter:** PHIL 9: *Introduction to Logic*

### Skills important for success in this major:

Critical reading skills, analytical writing abilities, formal and logical reasoning, abstract thinking, philosophical analysis, etc.

### Other information:

Introductory courses include: PHIL 9 and one of: PHIL 11, PHIL 22, PHIL 24.

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

### Questions? Contact an Adviser!

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