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: SOCIOLOGY

**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 who pass two of the lower division courses with a grade of C+ or better will be allowed to declare the sociology major. Students may choose from: Sociology 1, Sociology 10, or Sociology 15. Students may not repeat classes in which they earned a C or better to meet this requirement.

**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 submit an unofficial transcript to the Sociology Department prior to July 1, in addition to the official transcript that is required by the UCSC Admissions Office.
- Students should review the major requirements on the Sociology website and understand the major’s qualification and graduation requirements.

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

- SOCY 1 and/or SOCY 15 if possible.

**Sample first year plan:**

- **Fall:** SOCY 1: *Introduction to Sociology* and/or SOCY 15: *World Society*
- **Winter:** SOCY 10: *Issues and Problems in American Society*
- **Spring:** SOCY 1: *Introduction to Sociology* (if not taken in fall)

**Skills important for success in this major:** Critical reading skills, analytical writing abilities, sociological analysis of race, class, gender, and culture.

**Other information:** A Sociology with GISES concentration major and a combined major with Latin American and Latino Studies are also offered. Contact the adviser for information if you are interested in either of these possibilities.

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

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