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:** SPANISH 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 successfully complete Spanish 4 or SpHS 4 or have demonstrated equivalent proficiency, prior to 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 the UCSC language placement exam as soon as possible.

**...and should take these courses their first term:**
Linguistics 50: *Introduction to Linguistics*, Spanish 1 - First Year Spanish (not required to begin first quarter but sequence should be started the first year), or SpHS 4 - Spanish for Heritage Speakers (not required to begin first quarter but sequence should be started at the beginning of the second year).

**Sample first year plan:**

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**Skills important for success in this major:**
Critical reading skills and analytical writing abilities in Spanish and English.

**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://language.ucsc.edu/undergraduate/spanish-studies-major/](http://language.ucsc.edu/undergraduate/spanish-studies-major/) (program website)

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