

Best Bets Winter 2025

This list is built each quarter to help continuing UCSC students identify appropriate **lower-division, general education courses**. Most have no prerequisites or enrollment restrictions. See the [Schedule of Classes](#) for a complete listing of course offerings for the quarter.

Please note: The days/times listed in this document are the scheduled lecture times. Discussion section information, as well as modes of instruction may not be indicated on this document. Please refer to the [Schedule of Classes](#) for more detailed and current class information. Course information is subject to change.

Cross Cultural Analysis (CC)

EART 32	The Science of Cooking	TTh	11:40 AM - 1:15 PM
HIS 70B	ModEurope 1815-pres	MWF	10:40 AM - 11:45 AM
HISC 80U	Labor & Globalization	MW	5:20 PM - 6:55 PM
ITAL 80	Italian Culture through Cinema	MWF	10:40 AM - 11:45 AM
LIT 80T	Literature & Magic	-	Asynchronous Online

Ethnicity & Race (ER)

CLNI 35	Knowledge For Justice	MW	5:20 PM - 6:55 PM
CRES 13	Californian Indian History	TTh	11:40 AM - 1:15 PM
CRES 45	Pilipinx Historical Dialogue	TTh	5:20 PM - 6:55 PM
FMST 20	Feminism and Social Justice	TTh	11:40 AM - 1:15 PM
HAVC 46	Intro to U.S. Art	MWF	9:20 AM - 10:25 AM
HAVC 64	Indigenous Resistance	MWF	10:40 AM - 11:45 AM
HIS 10B	US History 1877-1977	TTh	3:20 PM - 4:55 PM
HIS 15	US History for Non Majors	-	Asynchronous Online
HIS 32A	Islam in Africa	TTh	1:30 PM - 3:05 PM
HIS 74A	Intro to Middle Eastern and N. African Jewish History	TTh	1:30 PM - 3:05 PM

HIS 9C	Californian Indian History	TTh	11:40 AM - 1:15 PM
LALS 1	Intro to Latin American Studies	MWF	1:20 PM - 2:25 PM
LALS 45	Race, Class, Gender	-	Asynchronous Online
LALS 62	Chicanx Education	MWF	4:00 PM - 5:05 PM
LALS 80J	Race, Nation, War	MWF	12:00 PM - 1:05 PM
LALS 90	Contemporary Brazil	-	Asynchronous Online
LING 80M	Language & Indigeneity in Mesoamerica	MWF	10:40 AM - 11:45 AM
LIT 80H	Politics of Fashion	MWF	10:40 AM - 11:45 AM
MUSC 11C	US Popular Music	-	Asynchronous Online
THEA 80U	Everybody Dance Now	-	Asynchronous Online
YIDD 1	First-Year Yiddish	TTh	3:20 PM - 4:55 PM

Interpreting Arts & Media (IM)

ARTG 25	Art & Activism	TTh	1:30 PM - 3:05 PM
CMMU 20	Media and Social Movements	MW	5:20 PM - 6:55 PM
CMPM 80K	Foundations of Video Game Design	TTh	5:20 PM - 6:55 PM
FILM 80S	Special Topics in Film and Digital Media	TTh	3:20 PM - 4:55 PM
FILM 80S	Special Topics in Film and Digital Media	MW	5:20 PM - 6:55 PM
FMST 16	Media Histories	TTh	8:00 AM - 9:35 AM
HAVC 30	Intro Visual Europe	MWF	12:00 PM - 1:05 PM
HUMN 55	Technologies of Representation	TTh	8:00 AM - 9:35 AM
PRTR 2	Reading Films for Truth	T, TH	7:10 PM - 8:45 PM
THEA 80P	Pixar - Story Matters	TTh	1:30 PM - 3:05 PM

Math & Formal Reasoning (MF)

ASTR 5	Universe Formation	TTh	9:50 AM - 11:25 AM
COWL 66	Systems Theory	TTh	1:30 PM - 3:05 PM
LING 53	Semantics I	TTh	5:20 PM - 6:55 PM
PHIL 9	Introductory Symbolic Logic	TTh	1:30 PM - 3:05 PM

Statistical Reasoning (SR)

ASTR 19	Practical Programming	TTh	1:30 PM - 3:05 PM
EART 12	Intro to Weather and Climate	MWF	2:40 PM - 3:45 PM
PHYS 1B	Physics for Everyone	TTh	9:50 AM - 11:25 AM
STAT 5	Statistics	MWF	4:00 PM - 5:05 PM
STAT 5	Statistics	MWF	12:00 PM - 1:05 PM
STAT 5	Statistics	MWF	1:20 PM - 2:25 PM
STAT 80A	Gambling and Gaming	TTh	9:50 AM - 11:25 AM

Textual Analysis (TA)

HUMN 15	Ethics and Technology	MW	5:20 PM - 6:55 PM
MERR 60	Fake News	TTh	9:50 AM - 11:25 AM
POLI 20	American Politics	MWF	9:20 AM - 10:25 AM
THEA 61B	Drama to Modern Age	TTh	3:20 PM - 4:55 PM

Scientific Inquiry (SI)

ANTH 3	Intro Archaeology	TTh	9:50 AM - 11:25 AM
EART 10	Geologic Principles	MWF	1:20 PM - 2:25 PM
ECE 80T	Modern Electronic Technology	TTh	5:20 PM - 6:55 PM
LING 50	Intro To Linguistics	-	Asynchronous Online

Perspective (PE)

PE-E:

ENVS 25	Environmental Politics, Economics and Justice	-	Asynchronous Online
HAVC 48	Climate Justice Now!	TTh	11:40 AM - 1:15 PM
MUSC 80K	Sound in Art, Science, and the Environment	-	Asynchronous Online

PE-H:

APLX 80	Intro to Applied Linguistics	TTh	3:20 PM - 4:55 PM
CRSN 80H	Solutions to Climate Change	TTh	11:40 AM - 1:15 PM
ECE 80H	Solutions to Climate Change	TTh	11:40 AM - 1:15 PM
ECON 1	Intro Microeconomic	MWF	10:40 AM - 11:45 AM
ECON 1	Intro Microeconomic	MWF	4:00 PM - 5:05 PM
ECON 2	Intro Macroeconomic	MWF	4:00 PM - 5:05 PM
ECON 2	Intro Macroeconomic	-	Asynchronous Online
EDUC 10	Intro to Learning	MW	5:20 PM - 6:55 PM
PHIL 24	Introduction to Ethics	TTh	11:40 AM - 1:15 PM
PSYC 1	Intro Psychology	MWF	12:00 PM - 1:05 PM

Perspective (PE) continued...

PE-T:

ART 80T	Digital Tools for Contemporary Art	-	Asynchronous Online
BME 5	Intro to Biotech	MWF	12:00 PM - 1:05 PM
CSE 3	Computing Technology in a Changing Society	TTh	9:50 AM - 11:25 AM
CSE 80N	Intro to Networking	TTh	5:20 PM - 6:55 PM
FILM 80V	Video Games as Visual Culture	-	Asynchronous Online
MUSC 80R	Music in the Digital Age	-	Asynchronous Online

Practice (PR)

PR-C:

ARTG 91	Intro to Game Art Production	-	Asynchronous Online
ENVS 18	Natural History Illustration	MW	9:20 AM - 11:50 AM
ENVS 18	Natural History Illustration	MW	1:30 PM - 4:00 PM
MUSC 53A	Beginning Ghanaian Ensemble	W	1:20 PM - 3:20 PM
MUSC 5A	Beginning West Javanese Gamelan Ensemble	M	6:30 PM - 8:30 PM
MUSC 5A	Beginning West Javanese Gamelan Ensemble	T	6:30 PM - 8:30 PM
MUSC 8A	Balinese Gamelan	T	11:40 AM - 1:15 PM
PRTR 41I	Improvisation	W	5:30 PM - 8:30 PM
THEA 17	Costume Construction	TTh	3:20 PM - 4:55 PM

Practice (PR) continued...

PR-E:

CLNI 85	Global Action	Th	3:20 PM - 4:55 PM, and W 7:10 PM - 8:45 PM
CLNI 85	Global Action	Th	1:30 PM - 3:05 PM, and W 7:10 PM - 8:45 PM
CLNI 85	Global Action	Th	11:40 AM - 1:15 PM, and W 7:10 PM - 8:45 PM
CLNI 85	Global Action	T	5:20 PM - 6:55 PM, and W 7:10 PM - 8:45 PM
HIS 80Y	WWII Memories in the U.S. and Japan	MWF	12:00 PM - 1:05 PM
KRSG 2	Power of Filmmaking	Th	9:50 AM - 11:25 AM

PR-S:

CRSN 55	Service Learning Practicum	M	12:00PM-01:15PM
CRWN 91	Marketing for Good	MW	5:20 PM - 6:55 PM

Entry Level Languages***

Please note - entry level language classes may not satisfy general education requirements. Students must ordinarily achieve level 4 of language classes to earn GE credit.

***For language placement information please visit: <https://language.ucsc.edu/placement/>

FREN 1	French: First Year	MWF	9:20 AM - 10:25 AM
FREN 1	French: First Year	MWF	8:00 AM - 9:05 AM
GERM 1A	German: Accel	MWF	9:20 AM - 10:25 AM
ITAL 1A	Italian: Accel	MWF	9:20 AM - 10:25 AM
ITAL 1A	Italian: Accel	MWF	8:00 AM - 9:05 AM
SPAN 1	Spanish: First Year	MWF	1:20 PM - 2:25 PM
SPAN 1	Spanish: First Year	MWF	2:40 PM - 3:45 PM

Composition (C) Writing 2

Writing 2 classes fill quickly. Students needing Writing 2 should enroll during their first-pass enrollment appointments.