

**UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SANTA CRUZ**  
**NEW STUDENT MAJOR ADVISING SUMMARY FOR 2018-2019 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: COMPUTER SCIENCE**

Importance of an early start:	This is a course-intensive and/or highly sequential program, and students who intend to pursue this major must begin taking classes for the major in their first term at UCSC.
Qualification requirements and/or prerequisites for the major:	<p>Admission to this major is selective. The Computer Science major at UCSC is impacted, and in order to pursue this major students must have been admitted to UCSC as a <b>proposed Computer Science Major</b>. Students not admitted as Computer Science will not be able to pursue this major.</p> <p>Students admitted to Computer Science will also need to satisfy the BSOE's Proposed Major Status Policy and the major's qualification criteria in order to declare. Detailed information about declaring this major will be available to students in the 2018-19 General Catalog and also on the BSOE Undergraduate Major Qualification website (<a href="http://ua.soe.ucsc.edu/major-qualification/">http://ua.soe.ucsc.edu/major-qualification/</a>) in the fall.</p>
Frosh who intend to pursue this major should do the following things prior to the beginning of fall term...	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>❑ Attend summer orientation and review degree requirements.</li><li>❑ Determine your math placement by completing an assessment in ALEKS as soon as possible, and by July 16 at the very latest. See <a href="https://mathcoach.sites.ucsc.edu">https://mathcoach.sites.ucsc.edu</a> for information about ALEKS. If you completed a college-level math course, or scored 3 or better on an AP calculus exam, or 5 or better on an IBH mathematics exam, you may be able to use that for placement instead of the ALEKS assessment. See <a href="https://mathcoach.sites.ucsc.edu/courses/course-credit/">https://mathcoach.sites.ucsc.edu/courses/course-credit/</a> for information on placement based on college courses or AP/IBH.</li><li>❑ Students with college-level transferable courses must mail or email a copy of the transcript to Baskin School of Engineering Undergraduate Advising by July 1, in addition to providing the official transcript to the UCSC Admissions Office.</li></ul>
...and should take these courses their first term:	<p>Math and Computer Science courses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● MATH 3: <i>Precalculus</i>, OR</li><li>● MATH 19A: <i>Calculus for Science, Engineering and Math</i></li></ul> <p>AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● CMPS 5J: <i>Intro. Programming in Java</i> (no programming exp. required), OR</li><li>● CMPS 12A/L: <i>Intro. to Programming - Accelerated</i> (programming experience highly recommended).</li></ul>
Skills important for success in this major:	Skills in mathematics, abstract thinking, attention to detail, logical reasoning, creative problem solving, and ability to focus.
Links to More Information:	<p><a href="http://admissions.ucsc.edu/academics/majors/">http://admissions.ucsc.edu/academics/majors/</a> (general info)</p> <p><a href="http://registrar.ucsc.edu/catalog/programs-courses/">http://registrar.ucsc.edu/catalog/programs-courses/</a> (major requirements, course descriptions, etc.)</p> <p><a href="http://www.cs.ucsc.edu/undergraduates">http://www.cs.ucsc.edu/undergraduates</a> (program website)</p>
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