**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.

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<th><strong>Major:</strong></th>
<th><strong>ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES, B.A.</strong></th>
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<td>Importance of an early start:</td>
<td>This is a course-intensive and/or sequential program, and students who intend to pursue this major must begin taking classes for the major some time in their first year at UCSC.</td>
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<td>Qualification requirements and/or prerequisites for the major:</td>
<td>There are multiple courses required to qualify for the environmental studies major; specific information about qualifying for the major will be available during Summer Orientation.</td>
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<td>Frosh who intend to pursue this major should do the following things prior to the beginning of fall term...</td>
<td>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.</td>
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| ...and should take these courses their first term: | ● For students who place in pre-calculus or below: Math class (MATH 2 or 3 or AMS 3 or 6)  
● For students who place above pre-calculus: ENVS 24: General Ecology |
| Sample first year plan: | Fall: MATH 2 or 3 or AMS 3 (depending on math placement), or ENVS 24: General Ecology  
Winter: ENVS 25: Environmental Policy & Economics, and MATH 3: Precalculus or AMS 7/L: Statistical Methods, and One of: ANTH 1, SOCY 10, 15, PHIL, 22, 24, 28, or 80G  
Spring: ENVS 23: Physical and Chemical Environment, and AMS 7/L: Statistical Methods (if not taken before) |
| Skills important for success in this major: | Critical reading and thinking skills, analytical writing abilities and cultural analysis as well as skills in mathematics and formal reasoning. |
| Other information: | ● A concentration in agroecology and sustainable food systems is now offered for any of the majors in environmental studies. Contact the adviser if you are interested in this option.  
● Combined majors with biology, earth sciences, and economics are available, and offer a way to specify a focus of interest within the major. Contact the adviser if you are interested in a combined major. |
| 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://envs.ucsc.edu/undergraduate/](http://envs.ucsc.edu/undergraduate/) (program website) |
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