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:** FILM AND DIGITAL MEDIA

**Importance of an early start:**
This major is not highly sequential or course intensive. Students may begin taking courses toward the major in the first year, but it is not required.

**Qualification requirements and/or prerequisites for the major:**
Students who earn a grade of "C" or better in FILM 20A and either FILM 20B or 20C can be admitted into the major. These courses may each be repeated once only if the minimum grade is not earned the first time.

**Frosh who intend to pursue this major should do the following things prior to the beginning of fall term...**
Students may submit an unofficial transcript along with the syllabi for any college level film or digital media courses previously taken. These will be reviewed for possible substitution toward the major requirements. There is a limit of two substitutions accepted toward the major requirements.

**...and should take these courses their first term:**
Students are not required to take any film courses their first term, but we recommend taking the FILM 80 course in fall.

**Sample first year plan:**
- **Fall:** FILM 80A: *The Film Experience* or 80M: *Understanding Media*
- **Winter:** FILM 20C: *Intro to Digital Media* (or students may wait until the sophomore year, and begin the 20 level sequence with 20A, offered next fall)
- **Spring:** FILM 20B: *Introduction to Television Studies* (or students may wait until the sophomore year, and begin the 20 level sequence with 20A, offered next fall)

**Skills important for success in this major:**
Critical reading and thinking skills, analytical writing abilities, cultural analysis.

**Other information:**
Currently, no AP credits are accepted toward the major requirements.

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

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