

**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: LATIN AMERICAN AND LATINO 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:	Completion of LALS 1 and an LALS lower division course with C grades or higher are required to declare the major.
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>• Although not required yet, students may choose to take the Spanish Placement Exam to identify their starting point in Spanish language:  <a href="http://language.ucsc.edu/placement/spanish.html">http://language.ucsc.edu/placement/spanish.html</a></li> <li>• Students who intend to pursue Portuguese language will find information about placement at  <a href="http://language.ucsc.edu/placement/portuguese.html">http://language.ucsc.edu/placement/portuguese.html</a></li> </ul> <p>(We recommend students take Spanish or Portuguese early, since students are expected to learn to speak, read and write in Spanish or Portuguese and to make use of these skills on a regular basis in their academic work.)</p>
...and should take these courses their first term:	LALS 1: <i>Intro to Latin American and Latino Studies</i> , and Spanish or Portuguese language (for some students)
Sample first year plan:	<p>Fall: LALS 1: <i>Intro to Latin American and Latino Studies</i> (or take in winter or spring term), and Spanish /Portuguese language (if appropriate level available)</p> <p>Winter: Spanish /Portuguese language (if appropriate level available)</p> <p>Spring: Spanish /Portuguese language (if appropriate level available)</p>
Skills important for success in this major:	Critical reading and thinking skills, second language knowledge (or desire to learn).
Other information:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In addition to courses offered at UCSC, students may fulfill the language requirement through an appropriate course taken while participating in a study abroad program.</li> <li>• Combined majors are available with Politics and Sociology. Contact the adviser if you are interested.</li> </ul>
Links to More Information:	<a href="http://admissions.ucsc.edu/academics/majors/">http://admissions.ucsc.edu/academics/majors/</a> (general info) <a href="http://registrar.ucsc.edu/catalog/programs-courses/">http://registrar.ucsc.edu/catalog/programs-courses/</a> (major requirements, course descriptions, etc.) <a href="http://lals.ucsc.edu/undergraduate/">http://lals.ucsc.edu/undergraduate/</a> (program website)

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