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. Junior transfer students must be officially declared in a major by the deadline in their second quarter of enrollment.

### Legal Studies

**Qualification requirements and/or prerequisites for the major:** Students are required to complete and pass with a grade of C or better Legal Studies 10 prior to declaring the major and as a prerequisite to upper division courses.

- Review degree requirements in the General Catalog and on the department’s website.
- Transfer students will find it helpful to complete college courses that satisfy campus general education requirements before coming to UC Santa Cruz. Students are allowed to substitute only one philosophy course in logic or ethics taken elsewhere to satisfy the lower division philosophy requirement. This course must appear on the student’s transfer credit list on the MyUCSC portal.

**...and should take these courses their first term:** Students are advised to take Legal Studies 10 as soon as possible. It is also advisable to enroll in Philosophy 9, 22 or 24.

**If unable to enroll in courses listed above:** Enroll in an alternate class of your choosing, and sign up for the wait list when available.

**Skills important for success in this major:** Critical reading and thinking abilities, analytical writing skills, competent research ability for gathering, evaluating and presenting evidence.

**Although not required for the major, students in this major might benefit from these courses/subjects:** Students majoring in legal studies will benefit from any classes that help to build writing, research, and analytical skills, since these skills are important to success in the 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://legalstudies.ucsc.edu/undergraduate/](http://legalstudies.ucsc.edu/undergraduate/) (program website)
- [http://www.assist.org/web-assist/welcome.html](http://www.assist.org/web-assist/welcome.html) (transfer credit info)

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