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:** PHILOSOPHY

**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:**
Students must have taken or currently be enrolled in at least one philosophy course in order to declare the major or minor.

**Frosh who intend to pursue this major should do the following things prior to the beginning of fall term...**
Students may consider enrolling in PHIL 11: Introduction to Philosophy during Summer Session.

**...and should take these courses their first term:**
Philosophy 11: Introduction to Philosophy may be taken in fall, but may also be taken in a future term or replaced with another introductory course.

**Sample first year plan:**
- **Fall:** PHIL 11: *Introduction to Philosophy*
- **Winter:** PHIL 9: *Introduction to Logic*

**Skills important for success in this major:**
Critical reading skills, analytical writing abilities, formal and logical reasoning, abstract thinking, philosophical analysis, etc.

**Introductory courses include:** PHIL 9 and one of: PHIL 11, PHIL 22, PHIL 24.

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

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