

**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: 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...

...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.

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

Links to More Information: <http://admissions.ucsc.edu/academics/majors/> (general info)  
<http://registrar.ucsc.edu/catalog/programs-courses/>  
(major requirements, course descriptions, etc.)  
<http://philosophy.ucsc.edu/undergraduate/> (program website)

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