

**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: PSYCHOLOGY**

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| 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:  | To qualify for the major, students must earn a grade of at least B- (2.7) in (a) Psychology 1 and (b) Psychology 2 or Applied Mathematics and Statistics 5 or 7/L. Students who pass these courses but do not earn grades high enough to qualify may qualify by: (a) completing Psychology 10 with a grade of B- or higher (if the student did not receive a B- or higher in Psychology 1); (b) completing Applied Mathematics and Statistics 5 or 7/L with a grade of B- or higher (if the student did not receive a B- or higher in Psychology 2; or (c) completing Psychology 2 with a grade of B- or higher if the student did not receive a grade of B- or higher in Applied Mathematics and Statistics 5 or 7/L). In addition, to be eligible to declare the psychology major students must have successfully completed Math 3, Precalculus (or equivalent).   |
| 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>❑ Determine your math placement by completing an assessment in ALEKS as soon as possible, and by July 16 at the very latest. See <a href="https://mathcoach.sites.ucsc.edu">https://mathcoach.sites.ucsc.edu</a> for information about ALEKS. If you completed a college-level math course, or scored 3 or better on an AP calculus exam, or 5 or better on an IBH mathematics exam, you may be able to use that for placement instead of the ALEKS assessment. See <a href="https://mathcoach.sites.ucsc.edu/courses/course-credit/">https://mathcoach.sites.ucsc.edu/courses/course-credit/</a> for information on placement based on college courses or AP/IBH.</li> <li>❑ Students who have taken college-level transferable classes that may apply to the requirements of this major should submit an unofficial transcript to the department prior to July 1, in addition to the official transcript that is required by the UCSC Admissions Office.</li> </ul> |
| ...and should take these courses their first term:  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Psychology 1</li> </ul>   |
| Sample first year plan:   | <p>Fall: PSYC 1: <i>Introduction to Psychology</i></p> <p>Winter: AMS 6: <i>Pre-statistics</i>, or AMS 3 or MATH 3: <i>Precalculus</i><br/> PSYC 40 or PSYC 60 (recommended but not required courses)</p> <p>Spring: AMS 6: <i>Pre-statistics</i>, or AMS 3 or MATH 3: <i>Precalculus</i> OR<br/> PSYC 2: <i>Introduction to Psychological Statistics</i> (if math requirement is complete)</p>  |
| Skills important for success in this major:   | Critical reading skills and analytical writing abilities.  |
| Other Information:  | It is important to complete the mathematics requirement your first year since this requirement is required to declare the major and is a prerequisite for PSYC 2 and PSYC 100.   |
| Links to More Information:  | <a href="http://admissions.ucsc.edu/academics/majors/">http://admissions.ucsc.edu/academics/majors/</a> (general info)<br><a href="http://registrar.ucsc.edu/catalog/programs-courses/">http://registrar.ucsc.edu/catalog/programs-courses/</a><br>(major requirements, course descriptions, etc.)<br><a href="http://psychology.ucsc.edu/undergraduate/">http://psychology.ucsc.edu/undergraduate/</a> (program website)  |
| Questions?<br>Contact an Adviser!   | Undergraduate Advisor<br>459-2002 or <a href="mailto:psyadv@ucsc.edu">psyadv@ucsc.edu</a><br>273 Soc Sci 2   |