PSYCHOLOGY

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.

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 grade of 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).

- Determine your math placement by completing an assessment in ALEKS as soon as possible, and by July 23 at the very latest. See https://mathcoach.sites.ucsc.edu 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 https://mathcoach.sites.ucsc.edu/courses/course-credit/ for information on placement based on college courses or AP/IBH.
- 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.

- Psychology 1

Sample first year plan:

Fall: PSYC 1: Introduction to Psychology
Winter: AMS 6: Pre-statistics, or AMS 3 or MATH 3: Precalculus
PSYC 40 or PSYC 60 (recommended but not required courses)
Spring: AMS 6: Pre-statistics, or AMS 3 or MATH 3: Precalculus OR PSYC 2: Introduction to Psychological Statistics (if math requirement is complete)

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:

http://admissions.ucsc.edu/academics/majors/ (general info)
http://registrar.ucsc.edu/catalog/programs-courses/ (major requirements, course descriptions, etc.)
http://psychology.ucsc.edu/undergraduate/ (program website)

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