Academic Advising Session I

Requirements for earning a degree from UCSB
UCSB vs. High School

UCSB:
- Increased expectations
- Self-directed/proactive learning
- Inquiry based
- Thinking critically
- Participating in the creation of new knowledge
- Pace of 10-week quarter system

High School:
- Memorization of information for exams
- Teachers reach out if they see a student struggling
- 15/16-week semester
- Many opportunities to earn points/grades
Degree Requirements

I. Unit Requirement

II. University Requirements

III. General Education Requirements

IV. Major Requirements
Units

What is a unit?
• Measure of credit awarded for successful completion of a course
• 1 unit is approximately 3 hours of work per week both in and out of class

How many do we need?
• 180 or 184 minimum units to graduate (determined by General Education)
  • Roughly 1/3 major, 1/3 General Education, 1/3 electives
• 60 units must be Upper Division
• Need minimum of 12 units per quarter
• Need to average 15 units per quarter for graduation in four years

Course Numbering
1-99 Lower Division
100-199 Upper Division
200+ Graduate

Class Standing
Freshman: 0-45
Sophomore: 45.1-89.9
Junior: 90-134.9
Senior: 135+
The College of Letters & Science recommends 12-14 units for an entering student.

Here are some things to consider when making your schedule:

• First quarter is a time to explore. You have plenty of time to fulfill your graduation requirements.
• Try for a range of courses, some requirements and some electives.
• Many students do not take courses for their major until their 2nd or 3rd quarter (excluding science/engineering/fine arts majors).
• If working more than 10-12 hours/week, consider fewer units.
• Consider the transition both academically and personally.
• Follow advice from professional advisors (athletics, EOP, Engineering, Creative Studies, DSP, etc.).
## Grading Options

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- Computed into Grade Point Average (GPA)
- Receive units for a D- or above
- At least 2/3 of all UCSB units
- All major/minor courses

### Passed/Not Passed (P/NP)

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- Not computed into Grade Point Average
- Receive units for Passed only
- Maximum 1/3 of all UCSB units
- No major/minor courses

Use with **CAUTION!**

Especially if undeclared

You have until the 7th week to change your grading option
I. Degree Requirements

A. Unit Requirement

B. University Requirements
   UC Entry Level Writing
   American History & Institutions
   Grade Point Average
   Academic Residence

C. General Education Requirement

D. Major Requirements
University Requirements

UC Entry Level Writing Requirement (ELWR)

Before matriculation:
• Pass System-wide UC Analytical Writing Placement Exam (AWPE) in May or September
• Score of 3 or above on either AP English exam
• Score of 5 or above on higher level English A International Baccalaureate Exam
• Score of 6 or 7 on standard level English A1 International Baccalaureate Exam
• 680 or higher on the Writing section of the SAT (only “old” SAT – taken pre-March 2016)
• Score of 30 or higher on the ACT combined English/Writing test
• Transfer course equivalent to Writing 2 with a grade of C or better

Note: If you have not satisfied ELWR in any of the above 7 ways, AND you have not already taken the AWPE, you MUST take the AWPE at UCSB on Monday, September 25 from 9-11am in Campbell Hall.

After matriculation:
• Take Writing 1/1LK, or LING 12, within first year and earn a C or better.
University Requirements

American History and Institutions (AH&I)
- Score of 3 or above on AP U.S. History (APUSH) or U.S. Government & Politics exam
- Score of 650 or above on SAT subject test in American History
- Equivalent transfer course at college level
- Non-credit exam given by the UCSB History Department
- 4 units from approved UCSB list (see LASAR)
University Requirements

Grade Point Average
At graduation a minimum **2.0 UC GPA** is required in three areas:
1. All units attempted on a letter graded basis
2. All units required for and applicable to the major (both lower and upper division)
3. All units required for and applicable to the upper division major

**NOTE:** Some majors have higher pre-major GPA requirements

Academic Residence
Students must complete:

- 3 regular terms within the UC System
- 27 upper division units at UCSB
- 20 upper division major units at UCSB
- 35 of final 45 units at UCSB
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   Area A – English Reading & Composition
   Area B – Foreign Language
   Area C – Science Mathematics & Technology
   Area D – Social Sciences
   Area E – Culture and Thought
   Area F – Arts
   Area G – Literature

D. Major Requirements
General Education
(Requirements for a Bachelor of Arts)

Area A: English Reading and Composition

• Satisfying the UC Entry Level Writing Requirement (ELWR) is a prerequisite to Area A
• Everything in Area A must be taken for a letter grade

Area A has two parts:

A1
Writing 2/2LK (by the end of sixth quarter)
Or
Score of 4 on either AP English Exam
Or
Score of 6 on IB higher level English A Exam

A2
One course from: Writing 50, 105A-Z, 107 A-Z, 109AA-ZZ, or English 10
Or
Score of 5 on either AP English Exam
Or
Score of 7 on IB higher level English A Exam
General Education

Area B: Foreign Language

- A ‘C’ average or better in 3rd year level of high school foreign language
- Appropriate score on the SAT subject test in any foreign language
- Score of 3 or above on any AP foreign language exam
- Score of 5, 6, or 7 on any foreign language higher level IB exam
- Placement into level 4 or higher on UCSB foreign language placement exam

If satisfied with a college course, at UCSB or another college, need 184 total units to graduate

180 units needed to graduate

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General Education

The special subject area requirements are fulfilled *simultaneously* with courses taken to fulfill general education Areas C-G.

**GE Areas C-G**

Area C – Science, Mathematics & Technology

Area D – Social Sciences

Area E – Culture and Thought

Area F – Arts

Area G – Literature

**Special Subject Areas**

* Writing (at least 6 courses)

# Quantitative Relationships (at least 1 course)

+ World Cultures (at least 1 course)

& Ethnicity (at least 1 course)

^ European Traditions (at least 1 course)
GE Guidelines

• A course taken to satisfy the General Education requirements can also be applied to the American History and Institutions and/or major requirements.

**HOWEVER**

• A course listed in more than one General Education area (C-G) can only be applied to one C-G area.
General Education

Area C: Science, Mathematics & Technology
Three courses are required
(# Quantitative relationships found only in this area)

Area D: Social Sciences
Three courses are required

Area E: Culture and Thought
Three courses are required

Area F: Arts
Two courses are required

Area G: Literature
Two courses are required
## Practice GE Worksheet
(See worksheet in back of LASAR)

| Area C | Math 34A |  |  |
|--------|----------|  |  |
| Area D | Fem St 30|  |  |
| Area E | Hist 4A  |  |  |
| Area F | Art Hist 121B |  |  |
| Area G | Ger 43B  |  |  |

### Special Subject Areas:

- # Math 34A
- + Fem St 30
- & Hist 4A

* Fem St 30  * Hist 4A  * Ger 43B

#### AH&I

Art Hist 121B
GE Variations for BS, BM, and BFA Degrees

Students pursuing BS, BM, or BFA degrees have more units to complete in their major, therefore General Education and Elective units are reduced.

**Bachelor of Science (BS)**
- Areas A, B, and C are the same
- Areas D-G are reduced by 1 course
- No European Traditions requirement

**Bachelor of Fine Arts or Music (BFA or BM)**
- Areas A and B are the same
- Areas C, D, E, & G are reduced by 1 course
- Area F is not required
- No European Traditions requirement

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Resources to Remember

• Major Departments
• Educational Opportunity Program (EOP)
  
  *Come to the info session today at 1:45!*

• Disabled Students Program (DSP)
• Billing Office (BARC)

Other Resources that will be covered during Orientation

• College of Letters and Science
• Campus Learning Assistance Services (CLAS)
• GOLD