Academic Advising Session I

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

UCSB
- Research institution; new knowledge is created; increased expectations
- Inquiry-based classes and majors
- Thinking critically
- Self-directed/proactive learning
- 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
Your UCSB Degree

Types of degrees:
• BA, BS, BM, and BFA

Your degree affects the requirements you will need to complete to graduate.
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+
How Many Units? Which Classes to Take?

The College of Letters & Science recommends 12-14 units for an entering student in their first quarter.

Here are some things to consider when making your fall quarter 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, consider 12 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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- **Units**
  - Computed into Grade Point Average (GPA)
  - Receive all course units for a D- or above
  - At least 2/3 of all UCSB units
  - All major/minor courses

## Passed/Not Passed (P/NP)

- **Passed (P)** = C or higher
- **Not Passed (NP)** = C- or below

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

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*Use with **CAUTION**!
Especially if undeclared*

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

- Unit Requirement

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

- General Education Requirement

- 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 A International Baccalaureate Exam
• Score of 680 or higher on the SAT Evidence-Based Reading & Writing section
• Score of 680 or higher on the SAT Reasoning Test (last administered January 2016)
• Score of 30 or higher on the ACT English Language Arts test
• Score of 30 or higher on the ACT combined English/Writing test (last administered June 2015)
• 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 24 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
I. Degree Requirements

A. Unit Requirement

B. University Requirements

C. General Education Requirements
   - 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
General Education

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

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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 - BA

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
Sample 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  ArtHist 121B
GE Variations for BS, BFA, and BM 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

180/184 total units
I. Degree Requirements

- A. Unit Requirement
- B. University Requirements
- C. General Education Requirements
- D. Major Requirements
Resources to Remember

• Major Departments
• Educational Opportunity Program (EOP)
• 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)
• Gaucho On-Line Data (GOLD) & GauchoSpace
Academic Integrity