

Academic Advising Session I

Requirements for earning a
degree from UCSB



UCSB

vs.

High School

- 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

- 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



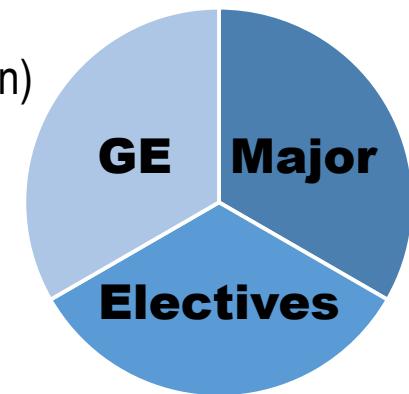
Units

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.).

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8:00am	CHEM 1A		CHEM 1A		CHEM 1A
9:00am		AS AM 5		AS AM 5	
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11:00am	CLAS tutorial	CLAS tutorial	CLAS tutorial		
12:00pm	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Reading/ Homework	
1:00pm		Reading/ Homework	Office Hours		
2:00pm	ANTH 2		ANTH 2	ANTH 2	
3:00pm	Reading/ Homework			Reading/ Homework	Reading/ Homework
4:00pm	CHEM 1AL	AS AM 5 section			
5:00pm					
6:00pm		Dinner	Dinner	ANTH 2 section	Dinner
7:00pm	CLAS drop-in	Dinner	Reading/ Homework	Dinner	
8:00pm		Reading/ Homework		Student Org meeting	
9:00pm					

Grading Options

Letter Grade

A+	4.0	C+	2.3
A	4.0	C	2.0
A-	3.7	C-	1.7
B+	3.3	D+	1.3
B	3.0	D	1.0
B-	2.7	D-	0.7
F	0.0		

- 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

Units

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

*Use with **CAUTION!***

Especially if undeclared

Units

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, Writing (*last administered January 2016*)
- Score of 30 or higher on the ACT English Language Arts 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 23 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

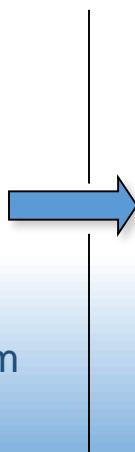
Writing 2/2LK (by the end of sixth quarter)

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

180 units needed
to graduate

- 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

184 units needed
to graduate

- Pass UCSB language level 3 or equivalent college level transfer course

*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.

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 - 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: Quantitative Relationships: Math 34A

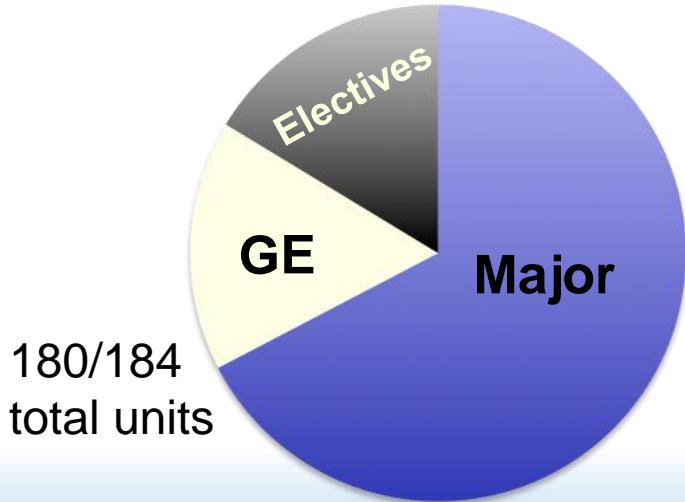
World Cultures: Fem St 30 Ethnicity: _____ Europe Traditions: Hist 4A

Writing: Fem St 30 Hist 4A Ger 43B _____

AH&I: Art Hist 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

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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