

Earning Your Spot in Psych & Brain Sciences Department

What is my standing? All students within the Psychological & Brain Sciences Department (PBS) start their academic career with “Pre-Major” status. In order to become “Full Major” standing, students must earn a 2.7 average UC GPA in the following courses: www.psych.ucsb.edu/undergrad/majors

For Psych BA & Biopsych BS (Open to current UCSB and incoming transfer students)

PSY 1- Introduction to Psychology
PSY 3- The Biological Basis of Psychology
PSY 5 (or PSTAT 5A) - Introductory Statistics
PSY 7- Introduction to Experimental Psychology
Math 34A (or 3A) - Calculus for Social & Life Sciences (Advanced Calculus)

For PBS BS & Biopsych BS (Open to incoming freshmen beginning Fall '16)

PSY 1- Introduction to Psychology
Math 34A (or 3A)- Calculus for Social & Life Sciences (Advanced Calculus)
PSTAT 5A- Introductory Statistics
PSY 10 A- Research Methods
PSY 10 B- Statistics

What if I have AP or CC credit? Advanced Placement (AP) tests scoring 3+ and Community College (CC) units count for Pre-Major course credit only. AP scores and CC grades are **NOT** used in calculating the UC GPA for Pre-Major or full major standing, however credits have been awarded for the completed units.

Please check www.assist.org to determine your CC credit equivalencies

AP Psychology = PSY 1

AP Statistics= PSY 5 (or PSTAT 5)

AP Calculus= Math 34A (or Math3A)

Notes for “Prep for the Major”:

AP Physics C (Mechanical) = Physics 6A + 6AL

AP Physics C (Electricity & Magnetism) = Physics 6B + 6BL

*AP Chem, AP Biologv, AP Physics 1 & 2, and AP Physics B= Not Major Equivalent

What do I need to do to change my major from Pre-Major to Full-Major?

HOW TO CHANGE YOUR MAJOR:

1. Take at least one pre-major course at UC and earn at least a 2.7 GPA (B-) average in the course(s) to qualify for pre-major standing. You must take all pre-major courses to qualify and apply for full major standing.
2. Complete the petition of Change of Major (CoM) **with** supporting documents.
 - a. The CoM must have an attached major sheet. This acts as your “contract” for the new major.
 - b. Print out an unofficial UCSB transcript (from GOLD).
 - c. If AP credit or CC units; print out an “**expanded**” version of “New Student Profile” (GOLD).
3. Submit the completed packet to a Peer Advisor in Psych East 1814, Main Office.
 - a. When should this be done? Week 3 through 9 of the quarter you are enrolled in the qualifying class.
4. Check GOLD for major status update. It takes more than two weeks to be updated. Registrar will update your GOLD profile to reflect your new standing, if qualified. You will **not** be notified by the department of your status.

For video instructions: <http://tinyurl.com/qhqss6e>

**No petitions will be rushed nor will add code me given to non-majors*

**Students must petition for Full Major status prior to the completion of 144 units*

**Students may not enroll in courses numbered PSY 110+ until full major status is granted on GOLD. Plan accordingly!*

What courses can I enroll in?

You must be pre-major or full major status to enroll in PSY classes during Pass 1 & Pass 2. Pass 3 opens PSY 1-109 to all majors.

- Pre-major students have access to pre-major courses and PSY 100-109, providing pre-requisites have been met.
- *****Only full major students have access to PSY 110+ courses!*****

Note: Courses taken at the CC are considered “lower-division” units; therefore any previous psychology course-work taken outside of the pre-major requirements do not have “upper-division” value. Ex. “Developmental Psychology” at the CC does **not** count for UCSB PSY 105 (even if the course has the same name, you may take for UC upper div credit here).

What If I Have Questions?

Ask / E-Mail the Peers!

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**CoM Petitions should be turned into
→ PEER ADVISORS!!!**