Email Notification from UCSB Admissions
Transfer Students Starting Fall 2016
Entering as Pre-Psychological & Brain Sciences

Dear Incoming Transfer Student of Fall 2016,

Thank you for your interest in the Psychological and Brain Sciences, B.S. degree at UC Santa Barbara.

**Overview of the B.S. in Psychological and Brain Sciences**
This degree offers an in-depth approach to experimental research psychology and will be replacing UCSB’s B.A. in Psychology. The program does not focus on counseling or clinical psychology. Students in this major will be well prepared for a variety of jobs, as well as graduate school in a multitude of areas such as Social Psychology, Neuroscience, Evolutionary Psychology and Cognition and Perception.

**Degree Requirements**
As a transfer student entering the Pre-Psychological and Brain Sciences major, it is strongly recommended that you should have already completed the equivalent of Introduction to Psychology, Statistics and Calculus as well as one year of General Chemistry and one year of Biology. Two courses that must be completed before entrance into the full major is granted, Psychology 10A and 10B, will not be offered until Spring 2017. **Please plan your schedule very carefully in order to complete your degree requirements in two years.** If you feel that achieving a B.S. in Psychological and Brain Sciences will be too difficult to complete in two years, you are welcome to change majors into the B.A. in Psychology.

**Psychology Options at UCSB**
In addition to the B.S. in Psychological and Brain Sciences, the department currently offers two other degrees for transfer students:

- **B.A. in Psychology**, which focuses on experimental research psychology. The B.A. will be replaced by the B.S. in Psychological and Brain Sciences. [See the transfer plan and sample schedules.]
- **B.S. in Biopsychology**, which is designed for students interested in an intensive study of the relationship between biological and behavioral function. The required courses involve a study of neurophysiology and neuroanatomy; biochemical, endocrine, and pharmacological regulations in the central nervous system; and the behavioral and psychological data related to these topics. It is strongly recommended that transfer students entering UCSB as Pre-Biopsychology majors should have already completed the equivalent of Introduction to Psychology, Statistics and Calculus as well as one year of General Chemistry, Organic Chemistry, Physics and Biology. [See the transfer plan and sample schedules.]

Please consult the Department of Psychological and Brain Sciences website for more information about the program, majors offered and other opportunities. Almost all answers can be found on their website. If you still need help, please email peeradv@psych.ucsb.edu.

Sincerely,

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