UCSB & CCS GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

All UCSB students must meet a set of University and College requirements in order to be eligible to earn a degree. Please review the current CCS Handbook for additional information.

UNIVERSITY REQUIREMENTS (applies to ALL students at UCSB)

◊ Completion of a minimum of 180 Quarter Units including approved transfer credit.
◊ Cumulative minimum GPA of 2.0 for letter-graded courses completed at UCSB.
◊ Satisfaction of UC Entry Level Writing Requirement. This requirement can be satisfied through SAT, ACT, AP Exam, IB Credit, the AWPE, completion of Writing 1, or equivalent transfer coursework.
◊ Satisfaction of UCSB American History and Institutions Requirement. This requirement can be satisfied with approved AP exams, or by a 4-unit applicable course. Please see the current online UCSB General Catalog for a list of courses that satisfy this requirement, or use Advanced Search in GOLD.
◊ Satisfaction of UCSB Ethnicity Requirement. Please see the current online UCSB General Catalog for a list of courses that satisfy this requirement, or use Advanced Search in GOLD.
◊ 35 of the final 45 units to reach 180 must be taken at UCSB to achieve Academic Residency.

COLLEGE REQUIREMENTS (applies to all CCS students)

In addition to the University requirements listed above, CCS students must meet the following:

College Academic Residency

All CCS students must be enrolled in a minimum of 6 regular quarters (F, W, S) as a CCS student. In the case of students who have extraordinary circumstances the committee in charge of a major program to which the student has applied and the Dean shall have the authority to reduce the residency requirement up to one quarter.

General Education Coursework

All CCS students are required to take eight GE courses. It is advised that GE courses are chosen in consultation with a student’s CCS faculty to provide opportunities for personal and intellectual growth through experiences outside of the student’s chosen discipline. Requirements for each GE class to apply:

◊ GE courses should be unrelated to a student’s CCS major. Unrelated is as determined by your Faculty Advisor.
◊ No more than two courses from any one discipline may be used. (except Physics A-B-C)
◊ No more than two courses may be from Area B.
◊ Courses must be a minimum 3-unit (on a quarter scale) academic course.
◊ Transfer courses must not have been used to earn a high school diploma. If coursework was taken prior to a student’s high school conferral date, the student must request a memo from their high school attesting to the fact that the course was not used to complete their diploma requirements and submit the memo to CCS Advising to be considered for GE courses.
◊ AP and IB exams cannot count for any of a student’s GE courses.

Generally, courses listed in CCS or under L&S Area A, B, C, D, E, F, G (excluding Writing 1), Special Subject Areas, and transfer courses that meet the above criteria are suitable courses.

Major Requirements

Major requirements must be completed as determined by that discipline’s requirements and the student’s CCS faculty advisor. Major requirements can include additional UCSB depth or breadth requirements that may fall outside the student’s primary area of study.

Students who fail to attain a grade-point average of at least 2.0 in work taken in courses in the major, may, at the option of the committee in charge be denied the privilege of continuing in that major.

Advising

Students are required to meet with their assigned faculty academic advisor on a quarterly basis to have their study list approved for the following quarter. It is strongly recommended that all students check their progress with their faculty and CCS Staff Advisors at the end of their junior year to properly plan their final year of study. Students must plan to have a comprehensive meeting with their Faculty Advisor in the quarter before the quarter they declare candidacy to certify your final quarter of study for graduation.
# STUDENT ACADEMIC PLANNING FORM

**PLEASE NOTE:**
This form is a tool for students’ personal use and is not an official, approved academic plan.

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**CCS GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS:**

8 Courses Unrelated to the Major and Broadly Distributed (may include classes listed to meet AH&I and Ethnicity, if eligible):

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