Freshman Summer Start Program
Course Enrollment
Overview

Course Enrollment Process

• Accepted students are emailed course enrollment information and a custom course enrollment form link.

• Students should review the FSSP Schedule of Classes and submit their course enrollment form as soon as possible.

• Student Services Advisors will enroll students into courses based on their preferences.

• Students will receive an email once their schedule is ready to be viewed.

• Students will have the ability to adjust their FSSP schedules as of July 30th, prior to the start of the program.
Course Enrollment Form

Helpful Hints

• Select 6 unique course preferences!

• Be mindful of how many total units you’d like to enroll in when filling out the form.

• If you select a Writing OR a Math course, please send your official test scores to UCSB (they must be sent directly from the testing agency).

• Submit your course enrollment form as soon as possible – course enrollment occurs on a first-come first-served basis, and space is limited in some courses.

• Keep an eye on your UCSB email for communication from the Student Services Team.
FSSP Curriculum

Building Your Schedule

• FSSP students enroll in 7-14 units.

• Use FSSP as an opportunity to get a head start on general education or major requirements, or to explore an entirely new area of interest!

• All courses taken during FSSP will appear on your official UCSB transcript.

• We encourage FSSP students to consider enrolling in at least one Freshman Seminar during the program.
FSSP Schedule of Classes

Where to Find Course Information

• The FSSP Schedule of Classes can be referenced in your FSSP acceptance email, as well as on our website.

• The Schedule of classes includes information on general education requirements, math and writing placement, as well as course titles, descriptions, days, and times.

• Information about how to read course abbreviations and symbols can be found on Page 9.
Reading the Schedule of Classes

Information to Note

• GE Areas listed on the FSSP Schedule of Classes are only applicable to students in the College of Letters & Science.

• Pay close attention to courses that have a symbol next to them. That indicates they have a discussion section in addition to a lecture times listed.

• Some courses will meet synchronously this summer, and others will meet asynchronously.
Math and Writing Courses

Eligibility

• Students are not guaranteed placement in a math or writing course during FSSP.

• Advising Staff will enroll students in the appropriate math OR writing course when official test scores are available.

• Official test scores must be sent directly to UCSB from the testing agency.

• Students may receive a preliminary FSSP course schedule prior to being enrolled in a math or writing course.

• Please reference Page 5 in the FSSP Schedule of Classes for additional placement information.
Sample FSSP Schedules

Flexible Options and Unit Totals

- **7 Units**
  - CLASS 40 (4 units)
  - INT W 20 (2 units)
  - INT 95A (1 unit)

- **10 Units**
  - C LIT 30A (4 units)
  - EARTH 10 (4 units)
  - INT 94GZ (1 unit)
  - INT 95A (1 unit)

- **13 Units**
  - MUS 15 (4 units)
  - INT 35LT (8 units)
  - INT 95A (1 unit)
Advising at UCSB

College Advising Resources

• If you are a student in the College of Engineering (COE), be sure to attend their advising webinar for FSSP students (in May).

• If you are a student in the College of Creative Studies (CCS), we recommend reaching out to a college advisor via email at advising@ccs.ucsb.edu.

• The following slides will have academic advising information that is specific to students in the College of Letters & Science (L&S).

• Campus resources are available to students in all three colleges!
Degree Requirements

- You will learn more about University, General Education, & Special Subject Requirements at Freshman Orientation. These can also be referenced on Page 4 of the FSSP Schedule of Classes.

- FSSP course offerings are broken down by requirement area (for L&S only) on page 6 of the FSSP Schedule of Classes.

- Some courses in the FSSP Schedule of Classes don’t satisfy any specific requirement. That’s okay! They will apply to the unit total needed to graduate.

- We encourage you to diversify your FSSP schedule as much as possible!
  - (Ex: Try not to take 3 writing courses at once.)
Academic Advising

Pre-Majors & Grading

• Some majors have a pre-major step that requires completion of certain courses with a specific GPA.

• Grades earned in pre-major courses completed at a non-UC institution are not used in the pre-major GPA calculation.

• Courses for your pre-major and/or major need to be taken for a letter grade.

• UCSB uses a grading system that includes pluses and minuses.
  • B = 3.0 GPA
  • B- = 2.7 GPA
You cannot receive credit for courses that you have already completed. This includes AP/IB, community college, other universities, and UCSB coursework.

Ex: You can receive credit for only one lower division statistics course whether offered by Math, Statistics, Psychology, Communication, etc.

Check ASSIST.org for CA community college transfer equivalents, and the General Catalog and LASAR for AP/IB equivalents.

If you have questions about duplicate matriculation, please contact an advisor in your college!
Academic Advising

Deadlines

• UCSB has strict deadlines for making changes to your schedule (add, drop, grading option).

• All course information is available on GOLD.

• Deadlines come quickly. If a deadline is approaching and you are considering making changes, or if you missed a deadline, see an advisor immediately.

• Requests for exceptions are not automatically granted.

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Tips for Academic Success at UCSB

We are here for you!

• Faculty & TAs
  • Attend office hours (even in a virtual setting)!
  • Get to know your faculty early.
  • Get help if you have any questions – do not wait until the midterm/final comes around!

• College Advisors
  • Help with schedule planning, major options, progress towards degree, special programs, and more!
  • Help find academic direction and passion.
  • Connect students to opportunities and services to enhance their education.
  • If any unexpected issue arises, please see a College advisor to review your options.

• Major/Department Advisors
  • Review prerequisites, requirements, and help with schedule planning
Campus Learning Assistance Services

Benefits & Offerings

- Group Tutorials
  - Many lower division math, science, and economics courses
  - Students take advantage of this resource to complement their own studying

- Study Skills Consultant

- Writing Lab

- ESL Specialist

- http://www.clas.ucsb.edu
Additional Campus Resources

Here to help you succeed

• College of Letters & Science
  • http://www.duels.ucsb.edu

• Educational Opportunity Program (EOP)
  • http://eop.sa.ucsb.edu

• Counseling & Psychological Services (CAPS)
  • http://caps.sa.ucsb.edu

• Disabled Students’ Program
  • http://dsp.sa.ucsb.edu

• Office of the Registrar
  • http://www.registrar.sa.ucsb.edu
Orientation Programs

Attending Freshman Orientation

- FSSP participants should register for an online freshman orientation that takes place prior to the start of the program.

- Receive extensive academic advising in small groups.

- Register for fall classes.

- Learn about academics and undergraduate research.

- Meet other new students and make new friends.
Adjusting Your Schedule

Schedule Change Request Form

• If you would like to make a change to your course preferences and/or schedule, you will need to submit an online schedule change request form on our website.

• This form can only be submitted once.

• As of June 30th the Student Services Team will review these requests and accommodate them as space and time allow.

• If we are unable to accommodate your request prior to the start of the program, you will be able to adjust your own schedule as of July 30th.
Reminders

To Do:

• Review the FSSP Schedule of Classes.

• Submit your online course enrollment form as soon as possible!

• Send your official exam scores to UCSB directly from the testing agency.

• Check your UCSB email for updates from the Student Services Team.

• Sign up for Freshman Orientation.

• Ask for help if needed!
Questions?

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summer.ucsb.edu/college/freshman-summer-start-program-fssp