Freshman Summer Start Program
Course Registration & Advising
FSSP Course Registration Process
Overview

Course Registration Process

• Accepted students are emailed course registration information and a custom link to their online course preference form.

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

• Student Services Advisors will register students in 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 August 2nd, prior to the start of classes.
Course Preference Form

Helpful Hints

• Select 6 unique course preferences!

• Be mindful of how many total units you’d like to be registered for 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 preference form as soon as possible – course registration 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 are registered in 7-12 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 registering for a First Year Discovery 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 11.
Reading the Schedule of Classes

Information to Note

• In addition to course titles, descriptions, days, times, and location, the following information is also listed on the FSSP Schedule of Classes:
  • Grading Option
  • Units
  • GE Area(s)
  • Course Restrictions (where applicable)

• Courses that have a symbol next to them have a required discussion section in addition to the lecture days/times listed.

• The majority of FSSP courses are in person, with a small handful of online course offerings.
Math and Writing Courses

Eligibility

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

• Advising Staff will register 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 math and writing placement information.
Math and Writing Courses

Online Course Preference Form

- Select Math or Writing as the subject area on the first page of the online course preference form.

- Then, specify which Math or Writing course you’d like to take based on the pre-requisites you have completed on the following page.

**Math Courses**
- Math 3A (4 units)
- Math 3B (4 units)
- Math 4A (4 units)
- Math 4B (4 units)
- Math 34A (4 units)
- Math 34B (4 units)
- PSTAT 5A (5 units)

**Writing Courses**
- Writing 2 (5 units)
- English 10 (4 units)
Sample FSSP Schedules

Flexible Unit Totals

• **7 Units**
  - INT 37VR (5 units)
  - INT 95A (2 units)

• **10 Units**
  - CLASS 40 (4 units)
  - FEMST 60 (4 units)
  - INT 95A (2 units)

• **12 Units**
  - INT 35LT (8 units)
  - ESS W 9 (2 units)
  - INT 95A (2 units)
General Advising Information
Academic Advising

Degree Requirements

• You will learn more about University, General Education, & Special Subject Requirements at Freshman Orientation. These can also be referenced on pages 4 and 6 of the FSSP Schedule of Classes.

• FSSP course offerings are broken down by requirement area 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 courses that can satisfy the Writing special subject requirement at once.)
Academic Advising

Pre-Majors & Grading

• Some majors have a pre-major 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
Academic Advising

Duplicate Matriculation

• 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 (or GEAR for COE) 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.
Advising at UCSB

College Advising Resources

• If you are a student in the College of Engineering (COE), be sure review slides 17-27, which contain information specific to students in COE.
  • Advisors in COE are available via email at coe-info@engineering.ucsb.edu.

• 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.

• FSSP’s advising liaison in the College of Letters & Science (L&S) is available via email at pbautista@ltsc.ucsb.edu.
  • Please be sure to have “FSSP” in your subject line and include your perm number in your message!

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

Office of Summer Sessions
College of Engineering Advising
Recommended Courses for Engineering Majors

We recommend 10 - 11 units

- Major Class (4 units)
- General Education (GE) Class (4 units)
- INT 95A (2 units)
- (Optional) Discovery Seminar (1 unit)

You don’t have to take a major class. Two GE is also a fine option!
Major Courses By Engineering Major

Chemical Engineering
• ENGR W 3 or MATH

Computer Engineering
• CMPSC W 8 or MATH

Computer Science
• CMPSC W 8 or MATH

Electrical Engineering
• MATH

Mechanical Engineering
• ENGR W 3 or MATH
Math Placement (All Engineering Majors)

Engineering Math Courses
• MATH 3A, 3B, or 4A
• Do not take MATH 34A/34B

AP Scores
• AP Calculus AB Score of 3, 4, or 5 = Credit for MATH 3A. Start with MATH 3B
• AP Calculus BC Score of 3, 4, or 5 = Credit for MATH 3A and 3B. Start with MATH 4A
• AP Pre-Calculus (no unit or course credit):
  • Score of 3 = Placement into Math 2A
  • Score of 4 or 5 = Placement into Math 3A

Higher Level IB Scores of 5, 6, or 7
• Mathematics, Analysis, and Approaches 2021 = Credit for MATH 3A. Start with Math 3B.
• Mathematics, Analysis, and Approaches 2022 = Credit for MATH 3A and 3B. Start with Math 4A.

See A Levels in General Catalog.

Don’t have AP, IB, or A Level scores? Review the information on the next slide.
Math Placement Exam (MPE)

The MPE is required for students who do not have placement via AP, IB, or A Level scores (as described on the last slide).

The MPE is free and available online. It is a multiple choice exam and can be taken once per calendar month.

If you require this exam you should study for it and take it online.

Study resources and the exam itself are posted here: https://www.math.ucsb.edu/undergrad/course-placement

If you have any questions about this exam, please email the College of Engineering at coe-info@engineering.ucsb.edu.
ENGR W 3

Chemical & Mechanical Engineering Majors Only

• Chemical and Mechanical Engineering majors are required to take ENGR 3 “Introduction to Programming” (MATLAB) in their first year - typically Fall or Spring quarter.

• AP/IB tests will not satisfy this requirement.

• The “W” indicates the course is offered with online instruction only.
CMPSC W 8

Computer Science and Computer Engineering Majors Only

• CMPSC W 8 “Introduction to Computer Science” is a prerequisite for CMPSC 16, which is required for Computer Science and Computer Engineering majors.

• AP/IB Placement information on next slide.

• Electrical Engineers will take their first programming course, ECE 3, fall quarter. ECE 3 is a prerequisite for CMPSC 9 and 16.
CMPSC W 8 (Comp. Sci & Comp. Eng Only)

**AP CS A Exam**
- Score of 3 = No course credit. Start with CMPSC W 8
- Score of 4 or 5 = Credit for CMPSC 8. Start with CMPSC 16*

**AP CS Principles Exam (2019 and later)**
- Score of 3 = No course credit. Start with CMPSC W 8
- Score of 4 or 5 = Credit for CMPSC 4. Start with CMPSC W 8

**Higher Level IB Computer Science**
- Score of 5, 6, or 7 = Credit for CMPSC W 8. Start with CMPSC 16*

*CMPSC 16 is not offered during FSSP*
General Education Options

College of Engineering GE General Subject Areas: D, E, F, and G

- Popular suggestions:
  - MUS 11, FAMST 46 (Area F)
  - CLASS 40 (Area G, and European Traditions)
  - CH ST 1A (Area D, Ethnicity, Writing, American History)
  - EACS 4B (Area E, World Cultures, Writing)
  - Plus so many more!

Entry Level Writing Requirement (ELWR) & Area A

- Must have writing placement via AP/IB, SAT/ACT, AWPE, or CWP.
- LING 12, WRIT 1, or WRIT 2
- Do not take ENGL 10. This does not fulfill Area A for Engineering
- See Writing Program website for placement information

Be sure to double check the AP/IB credit charts in the general catalog.
FSSP Schedule of Classes

The Area B/Foreign Language Requirement does not apply to COE students.

The Area C/Science, Mathematics, and Technology Requirement does not apply to COE students.

The Quantitative Relationships Requirement does not apply to COE students.
Contact Us

We are happy to answer questions about placement and course options before you complete the FSSP course preference form.

College advising email: coe-info@engineering.ucsb.edu
Tips for Academic Success at UCSB

Faculty and Teaching Assistants

• How will my professors and TA’s support me?

  • Both professors and TA’s will host weekly office hours, via zoom or in person!

  • Some lectures will have mandatory discussion sections, where TA’s review lecture materials and provide additional support in a small group setting.

  • Get help if you have any questions - do not wait until the midterm/final comes around.

• Get to know your faculty early!
Tips for Academic Success at UCSB

College and Major Advisors

• College Advisors assist 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
  • Any unexpected issues that may arise

• Major Advisors assist with:
  • Reviewing prerequisites, requirements, and help with schedule planning
Benefits & Offerings

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

• Study Skills Consultant

• Writing Lab

• ESL Specialist

• clas.sa.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 a 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.

2024 2-DAY IN PERSON FRESHMAN ORIENTATION SESSIONS (STUDENTS MUST ATTEND BOTH DAYS):

• Thursday-Friday, June 27 & 28
• Monday-Tuesday, July 1 & 2
• Monday-Tuesday, July 8 & 9
• Thursday-Friday, July 11 & 12
• Monday-Tuesday, July 15 & 16
• Thursday-Friday, July 18 & 19
• Monday-Tuesday, July 22 & 23
• Thursday-Friday, July 25 & 26
• Monday-Tuesday, July 29 & 30
• Thursday-Friday, Aug 1 & 2
Adjusting Your Schedule

Schedule Change Request Form

• If you would like to make a change to your FSSP schedule, you can request access to your online schedule change request form by emailing fssp@summer.ucsb.edu.

• This form can only be submitted once.

• The Student Services Team will review these requests as space and time allow in July.

• 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 August 2nd.
Reminders

To Do:

• Review the FSSP Schedule of Classes.
• Submit your online course preference 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?

Email: fssp@summer.ucsb.edu

Website: summer.ucsb.edu/fssp