



Revised Admissions Screening Criteria

Applied Mathematics B.S.

The following math courses have been added as alternatives to the existing list of approved Applied Mathematics (AM) screening courses:

- MATH 21 – Linear Algebra (alternative to AM 10)
- MATH 24 – Ordinary Differential Equations (alternative to AM 20)
- MATH 23A **and** MATH 23B – Vector Calculus (alternative to AM 30)

ANTICIPATED IMPACT: no impact on student preparation or course selection. Added math courses typically articulate to the same sending courses as the existing AM screening courses.

Biomolecular Engineering and Bioinformatics B.S.

- MATH 21 – Linear Algebra, added as alternative to AM 10 – Linear Algebra for Engineers.
- Biomolecular Engineering concentration only: AM 20 – Mathematical Methods for Engineers II, removed from list of permissible screening courses.
- Bioinformatics concentration only: CSE 13S – Computer Systems and C Programming, removed from list of permissible screening courses.

ANTICIPATED IMPACT: minimal to no impact on student preparation or course selection.

Review of historical transfer applicant data indicates that very few students applied to a specific concentration or selected concentration-specific screening course options.

Economics/Mathematics Combined B.A.

The following courses have been added as permissible alternatives for meeting the calculus screening requirement for this major:

- AM 11A – Mathematical Methods for Economists I
- MATH 11A – Calculus with Applications



!! Students who satisfy the calculus screening requirement for this major with an articulated equivalent of MATH 11A or AM 11A must earn a grade of B or higher. **!!**

ANTICIPATED IMPACT: Minimal impact on student preparation or course selection. Courses approved to articulate to MATH 11A typically also articulate to the existing calculus screening course, MATH 19A. Adding AM 11A to the screening policy increases CCC course options for meeting the screening requirement.

Environmental Studies B.A. (all concentrations)

The “General chemistry courses” course-to-requirement screening option has been replaced by:

- CHEM 3A – General Chemistry, OR
- CHEM 4A – Advanced General Chemistry: Molecular Structure and Reactivity

ANTICIPATED IMPACT: no impact on student preparation or course selection. Sending courses approved to articulate to “General chemistry courses” are the same courses that already articulate to CHEM 3A.

The following course has been added as a permissible alternative for meeting the calculus screening requirement for this major:

- MATH 16A – Mathematics for Life Sciences

The following courses have been removed from the Environmental Studies B.A. screening policy:

- AM 11B – Mathematical Methods for Economists II
- MATH 11B – Calculus with Applications
- MATH 19B – Calculus for Science, Engineering, and Mathematics

ANTICIPATED IMPACT: no impact on student preparation or course selection. Completion of, or placement into, Calculus II, will be accepted as validation of this major’s Precalculus/Calculus I screening requirement.



Environmental Studies/Economics Combined Major B.A.

The “General chemistry courses” course-to-requirement screening option has been replaced by:

- CHEM 3A – General Chemistry, OR
- CHEM 3B – General Chemistry

ANTICIPATED IMPACT: no impact on student preparation or course selection. Sending courses approved to articulate to “General chemistry courses” are the same courses that already articulate to CHEM 3A.

Winter Quarter Admission

Students applying for winter quarter admission are additionally required to complete the articulated equivalent of **CHEM 8B – Organic Chemistry** for the following majors:

- Biology B.S.
- Molecular, Cell, and Developmental Biology B.S.
- Neuroscience B.S.

! Completing the articulated equivalent(s) of CHEM 8B and CHEM 8L – Organic Chemistry Laboratory, is already **strongly recommended** for fall quarter applicants. !

ANTICIPATED IMPACT: minimal to no impact on student preparation or course selection. Review of historical transfer applicant data indicates that most applications are for fall admission. Adding CHEM 8B as a winter screening criterion is essential to ensure timely progress toward degree completion after transfer.

Reminder About Fall 2026 Screening Requirements

New or revised transfer admissions screening policies announced in Fall 2024 are effective and required for students entering UC Santa Cruz Fall 2026. The 2024–2025 UC Santa Cruz Major and Curriculum Updates (PDF) announcing these changes is available in the “[2024-2025 Curricular Changes](#)” folder on the CIAC shared Google Drive.



Degree Name Changes

- Classical Studies B.A. and Minor → Ancient Studies B.A. and Minor
- Sociology, Global Information and Social Enterprise Studies Concentration B.A. → Sociology, Digital Justice Studies Concentration B.A.
- Western Art Music Minor → Western Music Minor

Curriculum Updates

New/Reactivated Courses

- [ENVS 26 – Culture and the Environment](#)
- [LATN 1 – Elementary Latin](#)
- [LATN 2 – Elementary Latin](#)
- [METX 41 – Physiology of Disease](#) (Retroactive effective date: Fall 2024)
- [MUSC 80K – Listening to the Environment](#)
- [MUSC 80L – Artificial Intelligence and Music](#)
- [MUSC 80R – Music in the Digital Age](#)
- [POLI 65 – Introduction to International Relations](#) (Reactivated)
- [THEA 31L – Dance Studio I: Introduction to Latin American Social Dances](#)
- [THEA 31M – Introduction to Aikido](#)

Prefix/Number/Title Change

- AM 10 – Linear Algebra for Engineers: formerly offered as “Mathematical Methods for Engineers I”
- AM 20 – Ordinary Differential Equations for Engineers: formerly offered as “Mathematical Methods for Engineers II”
- EART 10 – How the Earth Works: formerly offered as “Geologic Principles”
- ECE 8 – Introduction to Robotics, Automation and Intelligent Control: formerly offered as “Robot Automation: Intelligence through Feedback Control”
- HIS 5C – The Bible in History, Culture, and Controversy: formerly offered as “Introduction to the Bible”



- HIS 76 – Introduction to the Holocaust: formerly offered as “The Holocaust: A Global Perspective”
- MATH 16A – Mathematics for Life Sciences: formerly offered as “Mathematics for Life and Environmental Sciences”
- MATH 16B – Mathematics for Life Sciences: formerly offered as “Mathematics for Life and Environmental Sciences”
- MUSC 5A – Beginning Sundanese Gamelan: formerly offered as “West Javanese Gamelan Ensemble: Beginning”
- MUSC 5B – Intermediate Sundanese Gamelan: formerly offered as “West Javanese Gamelan Ensemble: Intermediate”
- MUSC 5C – Advanced Sundanese Gamelan: formerly offered as “West Javanese Gamelan Ensemble: Advanced”

Terminated Courses

- ART 26 – Introduction to Printmaking
- CHEM 143 – Organic Chemical Structure and Reactions
- CRSN 81C – Designing a Sustainable Future (see “Terminated Cross-Listing” below)
- HIS 30 – The Making of Modern Africa
- HIS 59 – The History of the English Language
- HIS 60 – Medical and Scientific Terminology
- HISC 1 – Introduction to History of Consciousness*
 - *History of Consciousness (HISC) Department Articulation Agreement removed from ASSIST effective 2025–2026

Terminated Cross-Listing

- CRSN 81C cross-listed prefix removed from ECE 81C – Designing a Sustainable Future



German and Portuguese Language Courses

Effective 2025–2026, UC Santa Cruz no longer offers German or Portuguese language courses. Students who begin coursework in these languages at their community college will not be able to continue them at UCSC.

GERM 1 + GERM 2 – First-Year German, and **PORT 1 + PORT 2 – First-Year Portuguese** have been removed from the following Major Articulation Agreements:

- Applied Linguistics and Multilingualism B.A.
- Language Studies B.A.
- Language Studies Minor
- Linguistics B.A.

The following notation has been added to all of the above agreements:

"Effective the 2025–2026 academic year, UCSC no longer offers German or Portuguese language courses. Because this major requires intermediate-high proficiency in a non-English language (equivalent to two years of UCSC coursework), students who began these languages at their community college will be unable to continue them at UCSC."

Existing course-to-course articulations for First-Year German and First-Year Portuguese will remain active on ASSIST for the 2025–2026 academic year. We will soon be reaching out to the individual CCCs with whom we have established agreements; stay tuned for more information.

Cal-GETC at UCSC

UC Santa Cruz accepts **both** full and partial (UC-only) Cal-GETC for all students who are certified. 

Please refer to the [UC Admissions IGETC/Cal-GETC Campus guidance webpage](#) for more information and certification guidelines.