Prepare to Declare Computer Science!

Propose

Computer Science is an impacted major at UCSC. If you entered UCSC in the 2023-24 academic year, your proposed major at the time of admission to UCSC MUST be Computer Science in order to declare a Computer Science major.

Take classes your first year

Within your first 3 quarters at UCSC you MUST pass Math 19A or Math 20A AND 2 courses from the following list*:
- CHEM 3A or Chem 4A - General Chemistry
- CHEM 3B or 4B - General Chemistry
- CSE 12 - Computer Systems & Assembly Language
- CSE 13S Computer Systems & C Programming OR ECE 13 - Computer Systems & C Programming
- CSE 16 - Discrete Math
- CSE 30 - Programming Abstractions in Python
- TIM 50 - Business Information Systems
- TIM 58 - Systems Analysis & Design
- MATH 19B or MATH 20B
- MATH 19A or MATH 20A
- CSE 12
- CSE 13S
- CSE 30

Make sure to take all classes you are using for major requirements for a letter grade!

Qualify

Complete all of the major qualification courses no later than the end of your 5th quarter at UCSC to declare.

Major Qualification Courses:
- MATH 19A or MATH 20A
- MATH 19B or MATH 20B
- CSE 12
- CSE 13S
- CSE 30

Have no more than one non-passing (below C) grade in major qualification courses. Repeating a class replaces the grade in your GPA but will still count toward the non-passing grade total.

Earn at least a 2.8 GPA in the major qualification courses to declare the Computer Science B.A. That’s just above a B-average!

Earn at least a 3.0 GPA in the major qualification courses to declare the Computer Science B.S. That’s a B average!

Declare

Declare your major no later than your 6th quarter at UCSC.

Visit https://undergrad.soe.ucsc.edu/current-students/declare-your-major to see the steps to the major declaration process.

The Baskin Engineering declaration process requires an early start. Be sure to visit the website and start the declaration process within the first 2 weeks of the quarter you are declaring. Don’t wait for the deadline!

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These major qualification requirements are intended for students entering UCSC as a first-time frosh student in 2023-24. Students admitted to UCSC as a transfer student must be admitted to the major at the time of admission to UCSC.

*Bolded courses are required courses for the Computer Science major. Only one of MATH 19B or MATH 20B is required.