



New Majors

Creative Technologies B.A. – Creative Technologies is a justice-focused major in arts, media, and design that explores creativity in digital environments to foster knowledge, democracy, and stronger communities. This hybrid program combines online and in-person courses across various arts disciplines, enabling UCSC Arts students to earn their degree with fewer quarters of on-campus residency. This is a non-screening major, although some major preparation is recommended. Learn more by visiting the [Creative Technologies website](#).

Terminated Majors

Environmental Studies/Earth Sciences Combined Major B.A.

New or Revised Admissions Screening Criteria

The following transfer screening policies will take effect in fall 2024 and will be mandatory for all prospective transfer students applying for admission to UC Santa Cruz for fall 2026 and beyond. Transfer students planning to enroll at UCSC before fall 2026 are strongly encouraged to meet these requirements, but will still be eligible for admission in their intended major if they satisfy the 2023–2024 screening criteria.

New Screening Majors

Art B.A. – TWO of the following foundation courses:

- ART 10D – 2D Foundation
- ART 10E – 3D Foundation
- ART 10F – 4D Foundation

Students who do not complete two ART 10 equivalent courses before transferring to UC Santa Cruz have the option to undergo a portfolio review, detailed in the ASSIST Art B.A. Major Agreements and on the [Art Department website](#).

Earth Sciences B.S. (including the Geology, Geophysics, Ocean Sciences, and Planetary Sciences concentrations) – Calculus approved to articulate to ONE of the following UCSC courses:

- MATH 11A – Calculus with Applications
- MATH 19A – Calculus for Science, Engineering, and Mathematics



Revised Screening Major Policies

[Electrical Engineering B.S.](#) and [Robotics Engineering B.S.](#):

- CSE 12 – Computer Systems and Assembly Language with Lab

CSE 12 is now additionally required alongside the preexisting 2023–2024 screening requirements.

[Computer Science B.S.](#) and [Computer Science B.A.](#):

- CSE 13S – Computer Systems and C Programming is **no longer required**
- **BOTH** CSE 12 – Computer Systems and Assembly Language and Lab AND CSE 16 – Applied Discrete Mathematics **are now required**

Prior to fall 2024, students were required to complete CSE 13S, and either CSE 12 or CSE 16.

Curriculum Updates

New Courses

- ASTR 21 – The Diverse Universe: Stars, Planets, and Galaxies
- HIS 31A – African History to 1900
- HIS 32A – Islam in Africa and the African Diaspora
- MATH 16A – Mathematics for Life and Environmental Sciences
- MATH 16B – Mathematics for Life and Environmental Sciences
- MUSC 11E – Global Popular Music
- MUSC 71 – Laptop Music
- MUSC 72 – Fundamentals of Music Technology
- MUSC 80G – American Musical Theater
- MUSC 80M – Film Music
- MUSC 80X – Musics of South Asia
- MUSC 81M – Chicano/Latino Music in the United States
- POLI 31 – Introduction to Latina/o/x Politics

Prefix/Number/Title Change

- HIS 9C – California Indian History: formerly FMST 13. Still cross-listed with CRES 13.
- MUSC 11C Popular Music in the United States: formerly offered as MUSC 80P



- MUSC 14 – Beginning Western Theory and Musicianship: formerly offered as Beginning Theory & Musicianship II
- MUSC 20A Global Music Theory and Musicianship: formerly offered as MUSC 13 – Beginning Theory & Musicianship I
- MUSC 20B – Theoretical Foundations of Music: formerly offered as MUSC 16
- MUSC 20C – Beginning Jazz Theory: formerly offered as MUSC 75 – Jazz Theory I
- MUSC 30A – Theory, Literature, and Musicianship I: formerly offered as Theory, Literature, and Musicianship
- MUSC 30B – Theory, Literature, and Musicianship II: formerly offered as Theory, Literature, and Musicianship
- MUSC 30C – Theory, Literature, and Musicianship III: formerly offered as Theory, Literature, and Musicianship
- MUSC 74 – Beginning Spontaneous Composition and Improvisation: formerly offered as Spontaneous Composition/Improvisation I

Terminated Cross-Listing

- AM 11A – Mathematical Methods for Economists I: no longer cross-listed with ECON 11A
- AM 11B – Mathematical Methods for Economists II: ECON 11B

Terminated Courses

- CHEM 1A – General Chemistry
- CHEM 1B – General Chemistry
- CHEM 1C – General Chemistry
- CHEM 1M – General Chemistry Laboratory
- CHEM 1N – General Chemistry Laboratory

General Chemistry Series Update

Prior to July 1, 2023, UC Santa Cruz's General Chemistry series was offered as Chemistry 1A, 1B and 1C, with associated laboratories Chemistry 1M and 1N. Starting in the 2023-2024 academic year, this series was replaced by two new distinct series: Chemistry 3A, 3B and 3C, with labs Chemistry 3BL and 3CL; and Chemistry 4A and 4B with labs Chemistry 4AL and 4BL.



Prospective transfer students who started working toward the Chemistry 1 series prior to the 2024-2025 academic year may complete equivalent courses as originally approved, and their articulated coursework will fulfill the General Chemistry series screening requirement. In most cases, students should be able to transition seamlessly: students who started the CHEM 1 series should be able to complete the CHEM 3 series using the same courses.

It is strongly recommended that community college students complete all of their required or recommended General Chemistry coursework at one institution prior to transfer to UC Santa Cruz.