UCSB College of Letters and Science

Welcome to the University of California at Santa Barbara! Letters and Science is the largest UCSB college. We are pleased that you will be joining us in this year.

Enrollment Resources
Two key resources will prepare you for registration 1) the Schedule of Classes and 2) the College of Letters and Science Letters web pages.

Don't be disappointed if you do not see a particular class that you were very interested in taking. Not every class available at UC Santa Barbara is offered every quarter. When you arrive on campus you may want to speak with an advisor in the relevant department to learn when "your" class is scheduled.

Some departments at UC Santa Barbara are very popular and certain classes are requested by more students than the class can accommodate. For the first quarter, you are at a slight disadvantage in that many undergraduates will have already registered, although you will be among the first new students to do so.

View the registration tutorials in GOLD carefully to become familiar with UC Santa Barbara's registration process. Our online system is called “GOLD” and it may be a different registration system from that to which you are accustomed.

Accessing GOLD
To use the GOLD system, you will need to enter your student ID (perm) number. For your first time on GOLD, use 0000 (four zeros) as your PIN number. After that first use, you will change the PIN to a number of your choice. Remember to keep that number confidential.

As you look through the Schedule of Classes, note the "enrollment message" column where you will find any course restrictions. You may see that enrollment in a particular course is limited to students in that major only. In most cases, as an EAP Reciprocity student you will be able to obtain that course through the official registration process. Where registration is not permitted, you will find that most professors enjoy having international students in their courses and would be willing to add you to the class by giving you an “add code”. You will enter the “add code” in GOLD to add the class.

Choosing Courses
If your academic interests include Economics, Film Studies, Literature, Political Science, Sociology, Communication, or Psychology you may have to visit some of your professors during the first few days of the quarter about receiving special consideration. Many departments enforce the completion of prerequisites before enrollment. If this is the case with
some of your classes, you must contact the undergraduate advisor in the corresponding department. See the template for making your request by e-mail. Please remember that it is relatively easy to make changes in your official program during the first 5 days of the quarter.

Please note the numbering system for the classification of our courses.

Undergraduate-level courses numbered between 1 and 99 are general introductory courses designed for first and second year college students. Those courses numbered from 100 to 199 are upper-division courses for advanced undergraduate students. It is within this range that most EAP Reciprocity students find the appropriate courses.

Courses numbered above 199 are intended for students pursuing MA and Ph.D. degrees in the Graduate Division. If you are interested in taking a graduate-level course, you are invited to discuss the matter with the pertinent professor when you arrive on campus in September. You may not request a graduate course through the normal registration process.

We hope this letter has provided some helpful suggestions as an aid to selecting your first quarter’s program. When you arrive in Santa Barbara, feel free to come by the College of Letters and Science if you need help with enrollment issues. Remember to introduce yourself as a “UCEAP Reciprocity student.”

We look forward to seeing you at UCSB.