

Welcome to Cowell College Summer Orientation 2017

Meet Asia!

What Are We Doing Here?



 ✓ Introduction to Cowell College
 ✓ Course Selection
 ✓ It's a Major Decision
 ✓ Enrollment Tips
 ✓ Questions & Answers

What's so Great About Cowell?

"The pursuit of truth in the company of friends"





- *Founding College
- * College Nights
- * Pickard Smith Art Gallery
- * Cowell Printing Press
- * Active Student Government
- * Page Smith Library
- * Hank and the Hankies
- * Dr. Christy's Kitty Cats

Meet the Cowell Advising Staff



Dr. Alan Christy College Provost Pronouns: He/Him/His



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Peer Advisers



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- 3rd Year ٠
- She/Her •
- Sociology & • Legal Studies



- 4th Year •
- She/Her •
- Intensive Psychology



- 4th Year •
- She/Her
- Art



Sakoya

- 3rd Year
- She/Her •

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Ecology & Evolutionary Biology ٠



Amancai

- 4th Year •
- She/Her
- Literature



Gabi

- 3rd Year •
- She/Her ٠
- Proposed: Environmental . Studies/Economics

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First Year Advising Road Map

Learn about:

- Using MyUCSC to enroll in classes, and check your Academic Advisement Report (AAR)
- Major exploration and take foundation courses for majors of interest
- Learn about professors' expectations and academic integrity
- 4. Developing an academic plan
- 5. The UCSC advising system structure

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Graduation Requirements

General Education Courses

- CC: Cross-Cultural Analysis
- ER: Ethnicity & Race
- IM: Interpreting Arts & Media
- MF: Mathematical & Formal Reasoning
- SI: Scientific Inquiry
- SR: Statistical Reasoning
- TA: Textual Analysis
- PE: Perspectives
- PR: Practice
- C1 & C2: Composition Requirements
- DC: Disciplinary Communication

University Requirements

AH&I: American History & Institutions
ELWR: Entry Level Writing Requirement



Course Selection Overview



- 15 credits = full time (15 x 3 quarters x 4 years = 180 for grad.)
- 12 credits = full time for financial aid

Course Selection Basics

Core Course 5 Major Course 5 + Major/Elective Course 5 = Full Time Enrolled! 15

Avoid too much of one subject.
 Allow time to travel (between classes), eat, and relax.
 PHYE classes: no credit, good for work/life balance.
 Lower-division (0-99) <u>only</u>

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It's a MAJOR Decision

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✓ Considering a particular major? Take elective or general education courses in areas that Interest you.

- ✓ Choose what you Love (and what you're honestly good at).
- ✓ Consider how you want to spend Four years.

✓ Become familiar with the major requirements an All majors you are considering. <u>Do your research</u>.

✓ Does your major = your career? Nope!

Qualifying for a Major

Sometimes love is just not enough...

Typical methods of Qualification:

- Take specific major courses
- Earn a minimum GPA in specific major courses

Develop a parallel plan:

- What if your intended major isn't all you dreamed it would be?
- Attend TWO Major Advising Sessions
- Take courses in your parallel plan (just in case!)



Core Course 5

Major Course 5

+ Major/Elective Course 5

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Feeling overwhelmed by all the major options?

If you are struggling to determine what majors might interest you, you should attend the **Undecided Workshop**!

✓ When? 12:15-1:00PM Major Advising Session B

✓ Where? College 8 Room 250

✓ Why? Get help thinking about courses to take to explore possible majors if you are feeling undecided.

EXCLUSIVE INFO! THIS SESSION IS NOT LISTED IN YOUR GUIDE!

What to ask your Major Advisers

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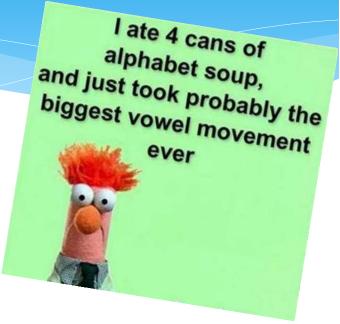
- 1. Which classes should I be taking in the fall?
- 2. Do I need a placement exam?
- 3. How do I qualify for the major?
- 4. Have I already satisfied any major requirements with AP exam scores or transfer credit?



General Education (GE)

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General Education (GE) This Year

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GE Courses that should be completed in your first year:



Core Course Magic

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- Core Course will fulfill either your C2 or C1 requirement
- Based on AWPE, AP/IB,
 Community College
 Classes

What is Core?

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- ✓ Everyone takes core course in fall
 - ✓ Preparation for university level writing
 - ✓ Focuses on themes of justice
 - ✓ Large lecture meets on Weds 7:10-9:10 pm & Seminar - times vary based on section

✓ <u>IN SEPTEMBER</u> we will enroll you in the core course section you have placed into based on the AWPE or AP/IB scores <u>IN SEPTEMBER</u>

Selecting Electives

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✓ Take electives that interest you!
 ✓ Be careful getting advice from other students
 ✓ Electives help explore majors
 ✓ Consider taking a Foreign Language!

- "I'm interested in the topic
- "I'm considering a major in this area"
- "I want to try something different"
- "It sounds interesting, it's open, and I hear the instructor is good"

OWNERSAIDMEOW HEUNDERSTANDS MY LANGUAGE

Don't Stress about GE's, they WILL get done. You have 4 years!

Course Enrollment Today 3:00 PM on my.ucsc.edu Oakes Café (to borrow a device) Oakes Learning Center (with your own device)



NO CLASS 7-9PM ON WEDNESDAYS!

Tips for Online Enrollment

- Learn College Course Vocab Example: MATH 3 01
- Keys to using the online <u>Schedule of Classes</u>
- Meeting prerequisites
- Closed Course?
 - Identify possible back-up courses
 - Utilize the waitlist if a class is closed remember to "Swap" and watch out for time conflict
 - Enroll in at least 7-10 credits even if you plan to swap later
- Shopping cart vs. enrolled look for the green check mark and print your schedule

Next steps...

- Attend **2** Major Presentations
- Lunch & Resource Fair
- 2:00-4:00pm Meet w/ Cowell Advisers @ Oakes Learning Center
- 3:00 pm Enroll in Classes!





- ✓ Complete items on your To Do List
 - Immunizations due August 15
- ✓ Read your UCSC Email
- ✓ Double Check AP/IB scores sent



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