

UCSB College of Letters and Science

Welcome to the University of California at Santa Barbara! We are very pleased that you will be joining us in this year. Two key resources will prepare you for registration 1) the [Schedule of Classes](#) 2) the [College of Letters and Science Letters webpages](#).

First, please 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 office to ascertain when "your" class is scheduled.

Secondly, please read the instructions in the Schedule of Classes carefully so that you are somewhat 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.

To use the GOLD system you will need to enter your student ID # (perm). 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.

Some departments at UC Santa Barbara are very popular and sometimes some of the classes are requested by more than twice the number of students that can be accommodated. For this 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.

As you look through the Schedule of Classes please note the "enrollment message" column, where you find mention made of any restrictions. You may see that enrollment in a particular course is limited to students in that major. In most cases, as an EAP Reciprocal 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 to the degree that they would be willing add you to the class by special petition.

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.** Finally, 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 note the **numbering system** that is in use for the classification of our courses. 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 Reciprocal Students find the appropriate courses. For your information, 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.

Please remember that it is relatively easy to make changes in your official program during the first 7-10 days of the quarter.

I hope this letter has provided some helpful suggestions as an aid to selecting your first quarter's program. If you have any questions that are troubling you please do not hesitate to telephone me at (805) 893-2656. Also, when you arrive in Santa Barbara, please feel free to come by my office in the College of Letters and Science and introduce yourself. I'll be looking forward to seeing you at UCSB.

Sincerely,
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