

Fall Major Course Recommendations Incoming First-Year Students

As incoming **first year four-year students**, most will start Fall quarter with one course from each of the below subject areas:

Major:	Fall Course Recommendations:
Ecology, Behavior, and Evolution General Biology Human Biology Microbiology Molecular and Cell Biology Neurobiology	<p>Biology – BILD 4 or 5; BILD 1 and 3 are also alternative options. These courses can be taken in any order.</p> <p>Chemistry – CHEM 6A</p> <p>Math – MATH 10A/20A (depending on placement). Additional information regarding math placement and pathways can be reviewed on the MathWays website.</p>
Bioinformatics	<p>Biology – BILD 4 or 5; BILD 1 and 3 are also alternative options. These courses can be taken in any order.</p> <p>Chemistry – CHEM 6A</p> <p>Computer Science and Engineering – CSE 11</p> <p>Math – MATH 20A (depending on placement). Additional information regarding math placement and pathways can be reviewed on the MathWays website.</p>

Enrollment Tips and Recommendations:

1. Students should not repeat coursework for which they have [AP credit](#) or [IB credit](#), as this will result in duplication of credit (no units, no impact to UCGPA). Students should enroll in the next course in the sequence. Note, MATH 11 (not MATH 10C/20C) is required for all biology majors, with the exception of Bioinformatics.
2. Review [major/college plan](#) and [Biology major](#) specific requirements.
3. Students should review information regarding [biology](#), [chemistry](#), and [math](#) prerequisites prior to enrollment.
4. Students should ensure they are enrolled in a full-time course load of at least 12 units. Waitlisted courses do not count toward full time status, and waitlisting does not guarantee enrollment. Waitlists for courses run nightly through Thursday of Week 2, moving

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those on the waitlist into the course, as seats become available. The waitlist for BILD 4 will run nightly, up until the first scheduled lab meeting.

5. Questions pertaining to GE/University requirement course options should be directed to your college, by using the Ask a Question feature within the Virtual Advising Center (VAC).

Reminders:

- All coursework applying to the major must be taken for a letter grade and completed with a C- or better. This includes lower division coursework applicable to the major (e.g. general biology, general chemistry, organic chemistry, physics, mathematics).
- Departments across campus saved seats in various courses for incoming students and these will be released prior to enrollment; once this happens the Schedule of Classes will accurately reflect available seats. These open seats are not reserved for any particular student, and are available on a first come, first served basis, once enrollment begins mid-August.
 - First pass enrollment:
 - Students are permitted to enroll in up to 11.5 units during their first pass. Students will not be able to waitlist during their first pass.
 - Second pass enrollment:
 - Students are permitted to enroll and waitlist in a combination of up to 19.5 units during their second pass.
- Admissions is currently working to post all AP/transfer credit to student records before enrollment begins, if score reports and transcripts were postmarked by the July 1st deadline.
- Questions about Biology major requirements can be directed to Biology advisors through the Virtual Advising Center (vac.ucsd.edu) Ask a Question feature. An advisor will respond within the Contact Record area within a few business days.