
To be admitted to full major status, students must fulfill the pre-biology course and grade-point average requirements as described in the General Catalog. At minimum, they must complete twelve designated courses from the Preparation for the Major with a 2.0 or higher UC grade-point average.

PREPARATION FOR THE MAJOR

Chemistry 1A-AL-B-CL-C-CL (or 2 series) ........................................................................................................... 12  
MCDB 1A-1AL-1BE, EEMB 2-3-3L, and either MCDB 1BL or EEMB 2L.......................................................... 15  
(Transfer students must consult the advisor regarding selected topics to be covered in Z courses.)
Chemistry 6A-B and 109A-B-C .......................................................................................................................... 16
Math 3A-B-C ...................................................................................................................................................... 12
One course from: Math 5A, EEMB 30, or PSTAT 5A ......................................................................................... 4 or 5
Physics 6A-AL-B-CL-CL-CL-CL-CL .................................................................................................................. 12

UPPER-DIVISION MAJOR

48 UD units required, distributed as follows: ......................................................................................................... 48
A. Genetics: MCDB 101A-B.................................................................................................................................
B. Biochemistry: MCDB 108A-B-C ....................................................................................................................
C. Biochemistry Lab: MCDB 109L ........................................................................................................................
D. Physical Chemistry: Chemistry 113A and MCDB 123 .................................................................................
E. Electives: courses from the following list to bring the total UD units for the major to 48: .................................
   197, 198, 199; Chemistry 143, 145, 147, 161, 162

No more than 8 units of the following courses combined will apply to the major: MCDB 185-199.
BMSE may be accepted by petition only.

A minimum of 32 UD units must be completed through courses within the MCDB department.

Courses taken: ......................................................................................................................................................

MAJOR REGULATIONS

PREREQUISITES ................................................. Check the General Catalog for the prerequisites to all listed courses.
P/NP GRADING OPTION ...................................... Not allowed for major courses (prep or UD), including courses applied to the major from other departments, except up to 8 units of courses that do not allow letter grades.
SUBSTITUTIONS .................................................. In the major requirements permissible only by petition to the department chair and dean.
RESIDENCE REQUIREMENTS ......................... At least 20 UD units in major while in residence at UCSB.
G.P.A REQUIREMENTS ................................. At least 2.0 overall UC average in all upper-division major courses and all courses (Prep and UD) for the major, including courses in excess of minimum requirements.
DOUBLE MAJORS ........................................... With the approval of each department chairperson, up to a total of 8 units may be applied simultaneously to both UD majors.