

Committee on Educational Policy Major Screening for Transfer Students

- Requests to become a “screening major”¹ for transfer students should be submitted to the Committee on Educational Policy (CEP) as a new component of a department or program’s annual catalog copy submission.
- Screening requirements for transfer students entering UCSC in the fall of their junior year cannot exceed the major qualification requirements for students entering UCSC as frosh. If they are less than the major qualification requirements for transfer students, there must be a clear path for the student to declare the major before the campus declaration deadline for transfer students.
- Departments should consult with the Office of Admissions when considering becoming a screening major.
- The section on transfer students in a program statement must include, as recommendations, any preparation beyond screening requirements that a student should complete before entering UCSC if they wish to graduate in two years.
- CEP approves the catalog copy, consulting the Office of Admissions about the section on transfer students. The Office of Admissions publishes information for transfer students from the approved catalog.
- As per Senate regulations, if a transfer student wishes to change their major after matriculating at UCSC, in order to do this after their sophomore year they need permission of the department they wish to move to. If a transfer student wishes to change their major to a screening major after matriculating at UCSC but before declaring any major, they can do so unless the catalog statement of the new major specifies that permission is needed. After moving to the new major, such students will have to satisfy the same requirements to declare the major as other students.

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¹ If approved to become a screening major, in order for a transfer student to be offered admission to UC Santa Cruz, they must meet campus selection criteria **and** major-specific criteria that aligns with the major’s qualification policy.