

Committee on Educational Policy
Policy Regarding Prerequisites for Undergraduate Courses Offered in Summer Session

Course prerequisites for UCSC students:

Course prerequisites remain in force for UC Santa Cruz students during Summer Session in the same manner as during the regular academic quarters unless an exception has been approved by the Committee on Courses of Instruction (CCI). This policy applies to prerequisites including required courses or other indicators of a level of expertise such as placement examination scores. In order to allow Summer Session to convey this information to students in a timely manner, departments or other course sponsoring units must submit a request for an exception¹ to CCI by the published date for that year² for Summer Session courses to be submitted to CCI. If approved, the course description in the General Catalog will subsequently be updated to state that prerequisites are lifted when the course is offered in Summer Session.

Course prerequisites for non-UCSC students:

At the time of curriculum planning, departments and programs will be asked by Summer Session if prerequisites should be strictly verified or should rely on student self-placement for non-UC Santa Cruz students in their courses. At this point, Summer Session will remind departments and programs that this decision is the prerogative of the responsible instructor for the course, as per Senate Regulation 542. If a department or program informs Summer Session on behalf of the instructor that prerequisites must be strictly verified, they will remain in force, and Summer Session will put interested students in contact with the instructor for case-by-case review.

Other enrollment restrictions:

Enrollment restrictions, such as limiting enrollment (or first pass enrollment) to students based on class level, college, major or minor will be removed by default for Summer Session courses. Course sponsors may request Summer Session that enrollment restrictions be maintained for pedagogical reasons or if there is sufficient evidence the course will oversubscribed.

Responsible Instructor Authority:

This policy does not affect the right of the responsible instructor of a Summer Session course to waive prerequisites for individual students using permission codes.

This policy had been approved by the Committee on Educational Policy on October 10, 2018

¹ As a Major Course Revision, with stakeholder comments.

² January 9, 2019 for Summer of 2019.