



Merritt College Counseling Department

Articulation Notes
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- UCLA has reconsidered the Fall 2006 implementation of the newly expanded minimum course pattern for admission to UCLA's 10 Life Sciences majors. The departments do not wish to disadvantage Fall 2006 applicants by instituting stricter selection criteria only 1 month before the application filing period begins. Therefore, beginning with transfer applicants for Fall 2007, the following minimum major preparation course pattern should be completed by the end of the spring term prior to transfer:

- 1 year of biology with lab for the major
- 1 year of general chemistry with lab for the major
- 1 year of calculus
- 1 semester of organic chemistry with lab for the major

Students are advised to complete courses beyond the minimum pattern to make themselves more competitive for admission and to prepare for upper division coursework in the major. See ASSIST for complete lists of lower division courses required for the Life Sciences degrees.

Many students recently admitted to Life Sciences majors at UCLA already completed one semester of organic chemistry with lab for the major prior to transfer. Completion of one semester or a whole year of organic chemistry prior to entering UCLA greatly enhances transfer students' progress through the remaining lower division major preparation courses and their enrollment eligibility for upper division courses in the major. Students entering Life Sciences majors without completing one or more terms of organic chemistry prior to transfer often significantly increase their time to degree by spending up to an additional year at UCLA completing major requirements. Therefore, even for Fall 2006 admission, Life Sciences faculty strongly encourage students interested in UCLA's Life Sciences majors to complete a semester or year of organic chemistry prior to transfer.

- Riverside now admits to the Chemistry, Biochemistry, & Art majors only in the Fall quarter.

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- RADTE admission criteria update. Per Jennifer Yates, completion of CIS 1 or having "computer skills" is not an admission requirement or even a screening criterion. Students can be admitted to the program w/ no computer skills as long as they meet the admission requirements. However, the program requires significant computer application skills to be successful: use of e-mail to communicate announcements; submission of assignments as e-mail attachments; presentation of projects using PowerPoint; papers word-processed; use of the Internet for research projects; many courses (including 2 in the first semester) have online components requiring students to navigate in virtual classrooms and take quizzes and complete assignments online; emphasis on a paper-free setting. So, since the RADTE program does not teach any of these skills, students may be admitted to the program but may have significant difficulty passing courses and may not even make it past the first semester. FYI, RADTE has no plans to pursue placing CIS 1 on the Credit by Examination list.
- CIS certificate catalog statements. On page 117, under the headings for 3 certificate programs (Computer Networks and Communications, Microcomputer Software Specialist, and Software Development), the following statement appears: "This program is in abeyance and under review at this time." Our Office of Instruction clarified that students should be advised that these programs are not currently active but have not been officially deactivated. However, students who have begun any of these programs, and who retain catalog rights, will be allowed to complete them and receive a certificate (and may have to do so by taking courses either at another PCCD college or by taking an acceptable course(s) at a college outside PCCD).
- ANTHR 1 & IL pass alongs. Per UC and CSU Systemwide, if a student took ANTHR 1, Physical Anthropology at a non-PCCD college, it is OK to combine it with our ANTHR 1L and use it to clear a science w/ lab requirement for either IGETC or CSU GE.

Counselor Web Site

- Links to impacted programs at SFSU (Nursing, Interior Design, Apparel Design & Merchandising, & Social Work) on SFSU page. Also updated link to Disabled Programs & Resource Center (DPRC).
- Link to impacted CSU campus & major information on CSU General Advising page
- Revised links on JFKU for transfer guidelines and catalog. Note "scroll down" instructions.