Changing Your Major to the Computer Science BS

~Effective Fall 2016~

Severely limited resources and our desire to provide Computer Science (CS) majors with an excellent education and learning experience has made the CS change-of-major process extremely competitive.

The following are the minimum requirements for consideration - achieving them do not guarantee approval of the change-of-major petition. Preference will be given to those who complete these requirements at UCSB and to those with the strongest academic records.

Complete the following courses (taken with a letter grade and on first try):

- Cumulative GPA of at least 3.0 (Math/CMPSC 40)
- CMPSC 16*
- CMPSC 24**
- CMPSC 40**
- MATH 3A
- MATH 3B
- MATH 4A
- MATH 4B

*If no programming experience, must take CMPSC 8 before CMPSC 16
**Can take CMPSC 24 and CMPSC 40 concurrently

In addition, students seeking to change into Computer Science are required to have:

- Never been on academic probation
- Fewer than 105 total units at time of application
- Submit study plan that CS degree can be completed:
  - Without exceeding 200 units
  - Without exceeding 5 total years of post secondary study

When to submit petitions?

Students should submit their petitions to the Computer Science Department by the end of the quarter in which you are finishing the class requirements. Any denied petitions will be automatically considered and evaluated a second time the following quarter (unless the student withdraws his/her petition). Petitions denied a second time would not be reconsidered.

For additional questions, contact the CS Undergraduate Advisor, Margaret Salisbury, at msalisbury@cs.ucsb.edu or (805) 893-4321.