Recommended First Quarter Schedule

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<th>Course</th>
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<td>CGS 1/PHI 10</td>
<td>4</td>
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<td>PSC1/1Y OR LIN 1/1Y*</td>
<td>4</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Entry Level Writing Course (ELWR)^ or Lower Division College English Composition Course</strong></td>
<td>4-4.5</td>
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<td>GE Course or First Year Seminar</td>
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<td><strong>Total Units:</strong></td>
<td><strong>14 - 15</strong></td>
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**Alternative Courses**

- *STA 13 instead of PSC 1/1Y OR LIN 1/1Y* | 4     |
- **Foreign Language or GE if ELWR has been satisfied** | 3-5   |
- ^ Students should not take GE or major courses with Writing Experience (WE) until ELWR is satisfied.

Explore First Year Seminars: [https://fys.ucdavis.edu/](https://fys.ucdavis.edu/)

First Quarter Schedule Notes:

- PSC 41 is never recommended in the first quarter even if the student received PSC1 credit through AP/IB.
- Taking two or more science/math courses together is strongly discouraged.
- Students should avoid taking more than two major courses in any quarter.
- Do not enroll in upper division courses (numbered 100 or above).
- If considering graduate school for Cognitive Science, plan to take the CHE 2 series.

Placement Exams

**Recommended**

**Foreign Language:** All students pursuing an A.B. degree in the College of Letters and Science complete a Foreign Language through the 15-unit level (For example: through SPA 003 or above.) Please see the UC Davis Language Center website for details on course placement or proficiency exams if you have familiarity with a language other than English.

**Not Required**

**Math:** The Cognitive Science A.B. does not require the Math Placement Exam. If you plan to take Math courses for any reason, be sure to review placement requirements prior to enrollment. Taking the placement test now is a good idea.

**Chemistry:** The Cognitive Science A.B. does not require the Chemistry Placement Exam. If you plan to take Chemistry courses for any reason, be sure to review placement requirements prior to enrollment. Taking the placement test now is a good idea.

**Computer Science:** The Cognitive Science A.B. does not require the Computer Science Placement Exam. If you plan to take Computer Science courses, be sure to review placement requirements prior to enrollment.

Recommended First Year Goals

- Complete CGS 1/PHI 10 by the end of your first year.
- Confirm with your advisors about how any transfer coursework or AP/IB scores will apply to your major and/or degree requirements.
- Visit available tutoring for MAT, CHE, and BIS through the Tutoring Center.
- Explore a new area of interest – many Cognitive Science A.B. students minor or double major in other disciplines!
- Read the weekly Cognitive Science Newsletter email for information on programs, internships, and course offerings.
# AP/IB Exams and Major Requirements

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<td>AP Psychology</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>PSC 1</td>
<td>No</td>
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<td>AP Statistics</td>
<td>4, 5</td>
<td>STA 13</td>
<td>Yes; Not necessarily recommended – consult with an advisor.</td>
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<td>IB HL Psychology</td>
<td>5, 6, 7</td>
<td>PSC 1</td>
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**Please note:** This chart only covers scores that yield major credit for **Cognitive Science**. For the most up-to-date list of all AP and IB scores and their credit at UC Davis, please refer to the charts available on the UC Davis Admissions website. [https://www.ucdavis.edu/admissions/undergraduate/freshman/exam-requirements](https://www.ucdavis.edu/admissions/undergraduate/freshman/exam-requirements)

**Additional Information:**

It is not urgent to begin your major coursework in your first quarter. If courses are full, it is recommended to focus on General Education requirements. If you cannot register for CGS Major related courses in your first quarter, you will not be “behind” by beginning these courses later in your first year.