This video will help you understand how to use your test scores and transfer coursework to choose courses for Fall quarter.
You can read the video description below to see what topics are covered in this video.
As you might remember, all test scores and official transcripts were due to UCSD Office of Admissions by July 1st. If you sent your test scores and official transcripts to UCSD Office of Admissions by July 1st, they should be posted to your records by mid-August.

If you sent them after the July 1st deadline, you don’t need to re-send them, but they may be posted to your records late.

If you didn’t send them at all, here is the address for the UCSD Office of Admissions. Be sure to submit those scores and official transcripts to them as soon as possible.
To find out if your test scores and transfer coursework have been received by UCSD Office of Admissions, check the UC San Diego Applicant Portal at 

http://BeATriton.ucsd.edu/account
To find out if your test scores and transfer coursework have been posted to your UC San Diego records by UCSD Office of Admissions, check [http://tritonlink.ucsd.edu](http://tritonlink.ucsd.edu) periodically.

Let’s show you how to do that now. Go to [http://tritonlink.ucsd.edu](http://tritonlink.ucsd.edu).
On the main page, click on the “TritonLink Tools” button.
Under the “Grades & transcripts tools” section, click on “Academic History”.
Enter your PID and password and click “Sign on“.
On your Academic History you will see your posted scores and coursework listed under the “Transfer Courses” section. Please note that IB scores and transfer coursework typically take longer than AP scores to process and post to your records, but they should be posted by your enrollment time if you submitted them by the July deadline. So continue to monitor your Academic History in TritonLink.

In this example, this student completed a number of AP exams and two transfer courses.
We'll talk about transfer courses later on in this video. Again, you can use the table of contents noted in the video description below to see when that will be discussed.
After you have checked your scores in TritonLink, you can use the ERC AP/IB chart to see which courses your test scores exempt you from. You can find this on the ERC website at http://roosevelt.ucsd.edu.
Click on the “Academics” tab at the top of the page
Scroll down to the bottom of the page. On the left, click on the “AP/IB Chart” link to open the .pdf file.
The AP chart is on the first page of the .pdf and the IB chart is on the second page.

The first column on the left shows the type of exam. The next column shows the scores. Next to that is the UC units that you will receive based on your score. After that, you will see the course exemptions that AP score will give you. Finally, in the last column, you will see which GEs your AP scores will fulfill.
Let’s look at an example. Here, a score of 4 or 5 on the AP Biology exam gives you 8 units of credit, exempts you from BILD 1, 2, and 3, at UC San Diego, and satisfies the two-course requirement for the ERC Natural Science General Education requirement.

Some of you might think that you may need to review courses that your AP credit exempts you from. However, if you are already exempt from a UCSD course through AP scores, you cannot retake that class for credit and should not enroll in the course.
Some AP scores **will not** exempt you from a specific class but **will** meet ERC GE requirements.

For example, a score of 3 on the AP Environmental Science exam gives you 4 units of elective credit and completes one of the two required Natural Science GE courses. It **does not** exempt you from a specific class at UC San Diego.
And, finally, some AP scores will give you elective credits toward graduation but will not exempt you from a specific course or ERC GE requirement.

For example, a score of 3 or 4 on the AP Microeconomics exam will give you 4 units of elective credit but will not exempt you from a specific ECON course or a GE requirement.
If you took IB exams, scroll to the second page of the “AP/IB Chart“ to see which courses your IB scores exempt you from. Similar to AP credits, certain qualifying IB scores can exempt you from courses and/or GE requirements.

Keep in mind that **only Higher Level exam scores** will be awarded credits. Standard Level exams, with the exception of the IB English exam, will not be awarded credit on your UCSD transcripts.

When you begin to enroll in classes for Fall, you can use the Online Advising tool in the New Student Site (http://newstudent.ucsd.edu) to ask ERC Academic Counselors questions about your specific test scores and records.
If you took the SAT, SAT II, or ACT exams, your scores may be able to clear your ERC Language GE requirement, your Entry-Level Writing Requirement, or place you into a Calculus course at UC San Diego. Check the websites listed on the screen to see qualifying scores.
We’ll talk more about the Entry-Level Writing Requirement and the Math Placement Exam later on.
Most of the college transcripts you sent to UCSD Office of Admissions will be posted later in August. However, Math and English classes have priority posting so those should be on your record in time for you to enroll in Fall quarter classes. All other courses may take a little longer to post to your records, which is fine because you don’t necessarily need them to enroll for Fall quarter.

If you took coursework at another UC, 4-year institution within California, or outside of California, you may need to check with UCSD Office of Admissions as to whether the courses are UC transferrable. You should also check with the corresponding UC San Diego department to see if the courses can count towards requirements.

If you took coursework at a California Community College, use the website http://assist.org to see whether they are UC transferrable and if they are equivalent to UC San Diego courses.

It’s important to note that the IGETC Program, Partial IGETC Program, and all Transfer Agreements apply exclusively to students admitted as Transfers. These programs do not apply to students admitted as Freshmen.
Let’s go to Assist.org now to show you how to navigate that page. When you go to Assist.org, select your community college from the dropdown menu. We’ll use Allan Hancock College as an example.
On the next screen, choose “To: University of California, San Diego” in the second box. It’s going to be towards the bottom of the list.
You can then search by Department. So let’s look under “Mathematics” at this community college.
The page will load and then you’ll be able to see transferrable, UCSD equivalent classes.

So, for example, if you took MATH 181 at Allan Hancock College as shown in the right-hand column, this approximates to MATH 10A at UCSD in the left-hand column.
For more information on how to navigate the site, you can click on the link titled “Using Assist” on the main page.
Let's take a moment to explain a useful tool available to you called the Degree Audit.

Your degree audit is a checklist that displays all requirements needed for graduation. It shows what courses you still need to complete and uses courses you’ve already taken to show which requirements have been fulfilled.

Your degree audit can also be found on [http://tritonlink.ucsd.edu](http://tritonlink.ucsd.edu).
On the main page, click on the “TritonLink Tools“ button.
And under the “Advising tools” section, click on “Degree Audit”. You’ll need to log in again in order to see your audit.
Once you log in, click on the “View Report” button in the middle of the screen to see your degree audit.
Here's what a sample degree audit looks like.

Requirements appearing in **RED** on your degree audit indicate that they have not yet been completed. Requirements appearing in **BLUE** indicate that they have been completed, or are in the process, of being completed. If you've received credit from qualifying test scores or transfer coursework, you will see those reflected here as well as on your Academic History.
Your overall units and GPA will be listed in the header at the top of the page.
Your major will be listed on the top-right of the screen and your major requirements will appear in the left-hand column of the page.

If you have any questions regarding your major column, you must consult with your major advisor.
Your ERC GEs appear in the middle column.
And your university requirements appear in the right-hand column. If you have any questions regarding University requirements or ERC GEs, please consult with an ERC academic counselor.
“Duplication of Credit” is an important thing to keep in mind when enrolling in Fall quarter classes.

If you already have credit for a course, from AP or IB credit or from transfer courses, you **cannot** retake that class for credit and **should not** enroll in the course.
If you attempt to add a course for which you already have credit, you will receive an error message similar to the one shown here. The important thing to remember is that you cannot receive credit for the same course twice.
Some of your test scores or transfer coursework can be used as prerequisites for courses you may need in Fall. The most common courses are in Math, Chemistry, and Language.

Be sure to check that all of your exam scores and transfer courses are posted on your Academic History in TritonLink before enrollment begins. If they are not posted, or you sent them late, submit an Enrollment Authorization System (EASy) request to the academic department to allow enrollment.
In addition to test scores and transfer courses, there are some placement exams you might need to complete before enrolling in a Fall quarter course.

- **Analytical Writing Placement Exam (AWPE)**
  - For the Entry-Level Writing Requirement (ELWR)
  - [http://awp.ucsd.edu](http://awp.ucsd.edu)

- **Math Placement Exam (Calculus)**
  - [http://mathtesting.ucsd.edu](http://mathtesting.ucsd.edu)

- **Language Placement**
  - [http://ling.ucsd.edu](http://ling.ucsd.edu)

- **Chemistry Placement Exam**
  - [http://chemistry.ucsd.edu](http://chemistry.ucsd.edu)
One of the most important placement exams is the Analytical Writing Placement exam. Go to http://awp.ucsd.edu for more information about this exam as well as an overview of the requirement and test dates.
You don’t need to take the AWPE if you met one of the items listed on the screen. You can also see this list on the AWP website.

If you do not meet any of the items listed above, you must complete the exam.
If you need to take the AWPE exam, you must pass it in order to move on to MMW 12 to complete your ERC College Writing courses.

If you do not pass the AWPE exam, you will need to enroll in and complete the appropriate Analytical Writing (AWP) course before you are able to move on to MMW 12 and subsequent MMW courses for your ERC GEs. You will be dismissed from UCSD if you do not complete your AWP course by the end of your first year.

All students must enroll in MMW 11 their first quarter, regardless of their ELWR status.

http://awp.ucsd.edu

But, regardless of whether you need to take the AWPE or not, you must enroll in MMW 11 for your first quarter at UCSD.
For Calculus, you’ll go to http://mathtesting.ucsd.edu. Here, you’ll find all the information on this particular exam, including test dates, descriptions, and sample questions.
You don’t need to take the Math Placement Exam if you met one of the items listed above. You can also see the list on the Math Placement Exam website.
If you need to take the Math Placement Exam, you’ll need to register for it online on the math testing website.

You must complete the exam BEFORE you can enroll in any math course at UC San Diego.

You can take the exam in-person or online for a nominal fee.

You can only enroll in the course you were placed into. You cannot enroll in a lower-level class or a higher-level class.
Click on the “Mathematics Placement Exam” tab at the top to see available test dates.

For in-person exams, be sure to register for the date and time you want to take the test by clicking on the “Register Here” links to the right.
If you can't take an in-person exam, online exams are offered through Online Proctor-U. Click on the “Online Proctor-U” tab at the top for instructions on how to register. Be aware that a $20 registration fee will be assessed for this option.
Let’s talk about the Chemistry Placement Exam.

You do not need to take it if you do not need Chemistry for your major or as a prerequisite towards graduate school.

But if you need Chemistry for your major or graduate school, and you do not have AP Chemistry credit or are unsure of which Chemistry class you should take, you can take this exam at http://chemistry.ucsd.edu. This exam is not required, but strongly recommended to serve as a guide towards accurate placement.
Do I need to take the Chemistry Placement Exam?

If you WANT to take the Chemistry Placement Exam:

1. Go to “Undergraduate Program” tab at top
2. Then “Academic Information” link on left
3. Then “FAQs” link on left
4. Then “FAQs for New Freshmen” link in middle

http://chemistry.ucsd.edu

Once you go to that page:

• Go to “Undergraduate Program” tab at top
• Then “Academic Information” link on left
• Then “FAQs” link on left
• Then “FAQs for New Freshmen” link in middle
Do I need to take the Language Placement Exam?

For Spanish, French, German, and Italian:
http://lang.ucsd.edu/llp

For other languages, contact these departments (https://ucsd.edu/academics/academics-detail.html):
- Chinese Studies Department
- Japanese Studies Department
- Literature Department (for Greek, Latin, or Korean)
- Linguistics Department (for Arabic, ASL, or Portuguese)

For Spanish, French, German, and Italian, students can take the placement exam online at http://lang.ucsd.edu/llp

For other languages, students will need to take a placement exam in-person by contacting the appropriate department listed on the screen.
Do I need to take the Language Placement Exam?

You MAY NOT necessarily need to take the Language Placement Exam if:

• You already have qualifying AP or Higher Level IB Foreign Language credit (see AP/IB chart for details)
• You took a UC transferable Foreign Language course
• Attended high school taught in a language other than English outside the U.S.
• You are proficient in a language (http://ling.ucsd.edu/language/proficiency-exam.html)

http://ling.ucsd.edu

If you received a qualifying Foreign Language score on an AP or IB exam, you can check the AP / IB Chart to see whether you need to take a placement exam or if your score automatically places you into a course.

If you took a transfer course to help you place into a Foreign Language course, you don’t need to take the Language Placement Exam.

If you attended a high school taught in a language other than English outside of the U.S., your high school transcripts will be used to clear your Language GE requirement.

If you are proficient in a language, you may take the Language Proficiency Exam (http://ling.ucsd.edu/language/proficiency-exam.html) instead of the Placement Exam to clear your Language GE requirement.
As a quick review to help you with choosing classes, let’s talk about the different requirements students need to complete towards graduation and define some of those terms.

General Education courses, or GEs, are courses students need to complete to meet ERC-specific requirements. The topics and courses are based on the ERC philosophy of developing global citizens and gives students a breadth of knowledge in various topics that may or may not be related to their major for a well-rounded education.

Major requirements are courses students need to complete for their major and provides a depth of knowledge in their major’s field of study. Only lower-division courses for your major can overlap with GE requirements.

University requirements are specific requirements that all UCSD students need to meet to be awarded a degree from the university. This includes completing all Major and GE requirements as well as the ELWR, AHI, DEI, and having at least 180 units of which 60 must be upper-division units. All major and GE courses can overlap with these requirements.

You can find more detailed information regarding these requirements by watching the Triton Tutorial videos in the New Student Site again.
Another set of terms we want to define for you are all the types of electives you may need to complete. There are two types of electives:

Major electives are courses that are required by the major and encompass topics that are beyond the foundational courses the department has prescribed. If your major requires you to take major electives, the department will provide you with a list of courses you can choose from within the department.

General electives are courses that do not count towards specific major or GE requirements. Courses may or may not be required to graduate.

You can find more detailed information regarding these requirements by visiting the UCSD Catalog.
12 units per quarter is the minimum amount of units to be considered a full time student at UC San Diego. It is also the minimum needed for things like financial aid, living on campus, international student visas and I-20s, and athletes.

However, we recommend that you enroll in 16 units per quarter. Most of our courses are 4 units each which would typically equal about 4 courses. This will help in keeping you on track to finish in four years and gives you the option to drop a course and still be full-time if needed.
Most of you are familiar with a Semester system which is similar to the Trimester system. The transition sometimes to a Quarter is difficult due to how fast it is. This is something to keep in mind when planning your courses and we do not recommend enrolling in more than 16 units for this reason.
So just remember to check and make sure all of your exam scores and transfer courses are posted to your academic record. If not, re-send them to UCSD Office of Admissions at [http://admissions.ucsd.edu](http://admissions.ucsd.edu).

Please review the important dates and deadlines sheet we sent to you via email and continue to check your UC San Diego email address for more updates from ERC Advising. We’ll be having some open advising webinar sessions later on in the summer so keep an eye out for those as well.

We look forward to answering any questions you might have during our webinar sessions or through Online Advising in the New Student Site in August!