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 periodically.

Let's show you how to do that now. Go to 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.

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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 exempters 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 or place 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 Math Placement Exam later on.
Most of the college transcripts you sent to UCSD Office of Admissions will be posted later in August.

It's important to note that if you have a Transfer Agreement, you need to submit them to either UCSD Office of Admissions or ERC Academic Advising as soon as possible in order to receive accurate course recommendations for Fall. Visit the New Student Site at [http://newstudent.ucsd.edu](http://newstudent.ucsd.edu) then click the Academics page and go to the Transfer Agreements and GEs page for more information.
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 at http://admissions.ucsd.edu as to whether the courses are UC transferrable. You should also contact the corresponding UC San Diego department using the Online Advising system in the New Student Site at http://newstudent.ucsd.edu to see if the courses can count towards requirements.
Go to [http://newstudent.ucsd.edu](http://newstudent.ucsd.edu) and click on “Online Advising”, then “Ask an Advising Question” to contact your [major department](http://newstudent.ucsd.edu). You can also contact ERC Academic Advising using this same system.
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.
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.
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 using the Online Advising system in the New Student Site.
Sample Degree Audit

http://tritonlink.ucsd.edu

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.
We already covered this in the General Education Requirements video in the New Student Site, but just to review, if you are IGETC Certified, have UC Reciprocity, or are GE Certified, your audit will look like this and you only need to complete MMW 121 and 122 for your ERC GE requirements.
If you are Partial IGETC Certified, Partial UC Reciprocity, or Partial GE Certified, your audit will look like this and you will need to complete MMW 121, 122, and the one to two courses missing from your transfer agreement. Your degree audit will list the missing requirements.

Courses you have already used towards your Partial Agreement may not be used again to complete these missing requirements.
If you do not have a transfer agreement, you will need to complete MMW 121, 122, and the remaining ERC GE requirements that have not been completed using your transfer coursework.

Contact ERC Academic Advising using the Online Advising system in the New Student Site if you have any questions about your remaining GE requirements.
“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.

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.

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

- Chemistry Placement Exam
  - [http://chemistry.ucsd.edu](http://chemistry.ucsd.edu)

- Language Placement
  - [http://ling.ucsd.edu](http://ling.ucsd.edu)
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 or you already completed an approved chemistry course elsewhere for credit.

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](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?

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

- You do not need Language for your major or ERC GE
- 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/language/proficiency-exam.html))

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If your major does not require a foreign language, or you have a full transfer agreement such as IGETC, UC Reciprocity, or GE Certification, you do not need to take the Language Placement Exam and most likely will not need to take language courses at all.

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](http://ling.ucsd.edu/language/proficiency-exam.html)) instead of the Placement Exam to clear your Language GE requirement.
Do I need to take the Language Placement Exam?

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

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/lhp

For other languages, students will need to take a placement exam in-person by contacting the appropriate department listed on the screen.
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. Your GE requirement will vary depending on whether you have a transfer agreement or not. Please contact ERC Academic Advising in the New Student Site if you have questions about your GEs.

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. Please contact your major department in the New Student Site if you have questions about your major.

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. Please contact ERC Academic Advising in the New Student Site for more information on these requirements.
if you have questions about your University 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. Contact your major department in the New Student Site if you have questions about your major.

General electives are courses that are not required, or do not count, towards completing major or GE requirements. Depending on your major, you may or may not need to take general electives in order to meet University requirements to graduate. Contact ERC Academic Advising in the New Student Site if you have questions about your General Electives.

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.

Please review the important dates and deadlines we posted in the New Student Site under “Academics” and in the “Next Steps & Resources” page. Continue to check your UC San Diego email address for more updates from ERC Advising. We will have some webinar sessions later on in the summer related to how to enroll in classes for Fall 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.