



Maximizing your time in the USP Department

2022 National Transfer Student Week

October 17th, 2022

Staying Up to Date

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Departmental Opportunities and Independent Study

03. Career Planning

Resources and Advice

04. Study Abroad

Timing, Planning, and USP Department Opportunities

05. Student Organizations

ARCH, TREO, Urban Changemakers, YPS, and Student Reps

06. Questions

Dedicated time for Q&A

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Academics

Important Prerequisites

USP Major

USP 169 USP 124 required. This is a technical elective option.

USP 177B USP 177 or USP 177A or USP 179 required. This is an upper division elective option.

USP 186 USP 124, research methods, and technical elective required. Only offered fall.

USP 187 USP 186 required. Only offered winter.

USP 191A USP 4 required.

USP 191B USP 191A required.

RED Major

USP 152 USP 25 required.

USP 158A Advanced RED Finance and Investment only, USP 152 required.

USP 185A USP 124, USP 151, USP 152, and USP 153 required. Technical elective suggested. Only offered fall.

USP 185B USP 185A required. Only offered winter.

USP 191A USP 4 required. This is a technical elective option.

Course Planning

On your own

1. Check your Academic History and Degree Audit for Accuracy. Notify your advisors in VAC if there are any errors.
2. Utilize plans.ucsd.edu to generate a plan with both your major and general education requirements.
3. Make adjustments as needed. Reference [USP's course matrix](#)!
4. Prioritize prerequisite courses during first pass enrollment.

By appointment

1. Schedule an appointment with Erica.
 - a. Include your planned graduation quarter, study abroad plans, and any other schedule considerations in your appointment form.
2. A custom plan will be sent to you in the VAC before your appointment.
3. Meet with Erica to review, discuss, and update the plan as needed.
4. Follow up with your college to add any missing GE or university courses.

Additional Learning Experiences

- Experiential/Community Engaged Learning
 - Climate Justice/Action Scholars Program (CJ/AS)
 - Life Course Scholars (LCS) Program
 - Mexican Migration Field Research Program (MMFRP)
 - Urban Challenges: Homelessness in San Diego
- Internship and Applied Learning Opportunities
 - NAIOP University Challenge
 - UCDC
- Advanced Research and Instructional Opportunities
 - Senior Honors Thesis
 - Undergraduate Instructional Apprenticeship

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Career

Planning

Career Planning

On your own

1. Learn about career paths aligned with your major (research online or ask Jennifer for recommendations)
2. Engage with YPS or TREO and professional associations
3. Informational interviews
4. Reverse engineer your path
5. Prepare your application materials
6. Intern in related position
7. Create job search plan

By appointment/request

1. Schedule an appointment with Jennifer.
 - a. One-on-one advising
 - b. Review application materials
2. Resume template
3. Info on professional associations
4. Tips and resources for internship/job search, interviewing, informational interviews, resources
5. General brainstorming and misc questions

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Research

Special Studies

USP 198

Directed group project under the supervision of one of USP's faculty.

USP 199

Independent Research Project under the supervision of one of USP's faculty.

Special Studies courses are generally initiated by students. If you are interested in doing a research project outside of your traditional major courses, reaching out to a faculty member is the first step to set up and special studies opportunity.

Other Opportunities

- Campus Opportunities
 - Undergraduate Research HUB
 - McNair
 - Triton Research & Experiential Learning Scholars (TRELS)
- Department Opportunities
 - Vary quarterly and annually. Info is shared in the undergraduate blog and student newsletter.

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Study Abroad

USP Opportunities

Bauhaus Semester Exchange

1. October–February or April–July
 - a. RED students should plan for April–July
2. Tuition Reciprocity
3. All courses transfer back for USP majors
4. Roughly half of the courses will transfer back for RED majors
5. Courses taught in English
6. Applications accepted in Fall
 - a. 23'–24' application due November 14th

Global Seminars

1. Five week summer study abroad options
2. UCSD Courses taught by UCSD Faculty
 - a. No need to transfer back transcripts
3. Global Seminars affiliated with USP:
 - a. Weimar, Germany
 - b. Amsterdam, Netherlands
 - c. Bali, Indonesia

Other Opportunities

- UC Education Abroad Program (UCEAP)
 - Two courses can be petitioned for major credit.
 - Popular locations include: Spain, China, Brazil, Argentina
 - Japan tends to be tough for UCSD students due to transfer credits
- Global Seminars
 - Lots of options!
- Opportunities Abroad Program (OAP)
 - Very hit or miss on course transferability

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Student

Organizations

Pre Professional Student Orgs

- Architecture at UCSD (ARCH)
 - The organization seeks to provide a pre-professional platform for students of different backgrounds to gain hands-on experience and knowledge about the field of architecture.
- Triton Real Estate Organization (TREO)
 - The goal of the organization is to provide undergraduate students with the opportunity to learn more about the field of Real Estate in terms of finance, development, management, accounting and more.
- Young Planners Society
 - The Young Planners Society at UC San Diego is a nationally registered pre-professional networking organization under the American Planning Association (APA) California chapter for undergraduate students interested in the field of urban planning to come together in a safe and supportive environment.

Project Oriented Student Orgs

- USP Student Representatives
 - USP Student Representatives act as liaisons between students and faculty/staff, and act as resources to the USP undergrad community. They run Peer Advising as well as the Student Experience Survey.
- Urban Changemakers
 - The Urban Changemakers student organization's mission is to create a more vibrant, inclusive, welcoming, equitable, sustainable and biophilic campus and society.

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Questions