Department of Chemistry & Biochemistry
UC Santa Barbara

Transferring Major Course Work

(Course Articulations/Substitutions)

Students who have completed or who wish to complete Chemistry courses at an institution other than UCSB and who are unable to determine course equivalents using ASSIST (i.e. students who have completed a partial sequence at a CA Community College, any course(s) at another UC, or any course(s) at another four-year institution), must follow the instructions below.

1. Contact your Major Undergraduate Advisor to discuss your plan to complete a course at an institution other than UCSB.

2. Check with the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry Student Affairs Advising staff (ugrads@chem.ucsb.edu) to determine whether or not the course you are planning to take is equivalent to UCSB's Chemistry course.

3. If it is determined that the course needs to be reviewed by faculty, submit a detailed course syllabus (with textbook information, chapters/topics covered, and experiments performed) for the quarter you intend on taking the course, to ugrads@chem.ucsb.edu.

     *Please note syllabus review typically takes 1-2 weeks, but may take longer.

4. You will receive an email response, once the course has been reviewed, regarding equivalency.

5. If the course is considered equivalent, confirm with your Major Undergraduate Advisor that this will work for your major. After completing the course and receiving a grade, please email your unofficial transcript, and what course you will receive credit for, to your Major Undergraduate Advisor. We will communicate directly with your Major Undergraduate Advisor about clearing the course for you. You must also send an official transcript to the Office of the Registrar.

     *If you take a course at a community college or a non-UC, only the course credit will transfer. Grades will only transfer if the course is taken at a UC.

You can find more information regarding the College of Letters and Science policies on transferring credit on their advising website (http://www.duels.ucsb.edu/advising).