

## **Q&A: CHASS Welcome Session**

**Is taking a language a requirement for all majors? Does getting a 3+ on a language AP test cancel that?**

Hi, depending on your major in CHASS, you will be required to complete level 3 or 4 of your chosen language. AP credit will come in as elective credit, and will not meet language requirements.

**How do you apply to CHASS F1rst? Do you apply now or is it a class you register for later?**

Students will register for CHFY 007 workshop which is part of CHASS F1RST learning community.

**What languages are offered at CHASS?**

We offer several languages at UCR, for a list and how to place into those languages please see: <https://complitlang.ucr.edu/language-study>

**The UC Analytical Writing Placement Exam (AWPE) has been cancelled. Do you know how the incoming freshmen will satisfy UC's Entry Level Writing Requirement?**

Please reach out directly to the AWPE coordinator: sheena.thrush@ucr.edu

**Is there a child development major/minor offered?**

At this time we do not offer a child development major/minor. Students that are interested in teaching usually major in Liberal Studies or Education, however neither of these programs focus on child development.

**What is the major of media and cultural studies about?**

The study of all media - newspaper, tv, social media, video games, movies and how they intersect with society and culture.

**What are the requirements for linguistics and psychology?**

The requirements for Linguistics include 6th level of the foreign language and upper division courses focused on language acquisition and theory on language development. For more info please go to: <https://chassstudentaffairs.ucr.edu/deptdocs/LING-Major.pdf>

**If you are majoring in pre-business in CHASS can you minor in something outside of CHASS?**

Yes, as long as you meet any prerequisites.

**When will we know if our AP credits transferred over?**

You should know at orientation. Be sure your AP scores are sent to UCR

**How do we handle setting up a student ed plan if I want to double major in dance(CHASS) and Education with emphasis in Learning and Behavior Studies (GSOE) in order to graduate in a 4- year period?**

Meet with the academic advisors in CHASS and GSOE

**When would we be able to meet with our academic advisors?**

During Highlander Orientation.

**Is the math placement test required for CHASS?**

Only if you're pursuing a major that requires math.

**If my major is theatre, film & digital production, do I need to take the MAE? also can the MAE be used to get rid of a college breadth math class?**

No. The MAE is only a placement exam. TFDP majors do not need to take the MAE. The MAE will place you in a math level, but will not meet the requirement until a course is completed.

**Is there an estimated date for orientation and will it be online ?**

At this time, it is confirmed to be online. More information will be posted soon on the Orientation website: [orientation.ucr.edu](http://orientation.ucr.edu).

**How do pre business majors prepare to go into the college of business?**

There is a 2-year pre-business program that prepares you.

**For first year students, will all CHASS classes be lectures or will there be discussion groups with a smaller number of students?**

Most introductory courses that freshmen take also require discussion sections which host about 20-25 students.

**If a CHASS student wants to pursue a BS degree, can they transition to CNAS if there is no change in the major? What is the pathway they need to explore?**

You will have one year to take the necessary courses to transfer

**Are GE's and breadth courses the same?**

Yes :)

### **Where does Linguistics fall within the breadth requirements**

For Ling courses, some of the lower division courses meet breadth, i.e Ling 020. For lists of breadth courses please go here: [https://chassstudentaffairs.ucr.edu/breadth\\_requirements/index.html](https://chassstudentaffairs.ucr.edu/breadth_requirements/index.html)

### **Where does Creative Writing lie under the CHASS Breadth?**

It is a "Fine Arts" course under "Humanities."

### **Hi, Can I still switch between B.A and B.S?**

Only if you qualify for another college

### **Are there opportunities for double majoring in CHASS?**

Absolutely, but this also depends on what majors you want to pursue.

### **If you have no history in the language that you would like to take, you don't take the placement test or is that something that everyone takes no matter what their history with the language is?**

No need to take the placement exam if you have not studied the language you want to pursue. You will need to complete a language survey to identify this. You can find more info here: [https://placementtest.ucr.edu/foreign\\_lang/](https://placementtest.ucr.edu/foreign_lang/)

### **Is there a specific order we have to complete the breadth requirements?**

No, but you want to complete them your first two years

### **For English major, do we have to take language placement ? World language ex Spanish**

Yes.

### **What does the 3rd quarter of proficiency mean? Does it mean 3 quarters of a foreign language?**

Yes, that is what it means.

### **Is it possible to get an internship under a professor under CHASS?**

Yes, absolutely

### **I'm a sociology major but also pre-med, so for my coursework during orientation will I be able to take my required classes?**

It is good that you know this ahead of time. You can begin to enroll in your pre-med courses as long as there is availability. Make sure you take the MAE. That will be important.

**Is media and cultural studies similar to visual communications or is there another major like that?**

MCS is the study of how society and community intersect with all of the media that surround us - newspaper, movies, tv, video games and social media.

**As an undeclared would I be guaranteed entry into college of business if I meet the minimum GPA requirement?**

Only if you meet GPA and course requirements

**I was admitted as Undeclared, is there any way I can declare a major before classes start in the fall?** Yes, if you meet admission requirements.

**If I'm thinking of transferring majors, can I take the MAE regardless of the fact that my current major doesn't require it?**

Yes, and it is encouraged.

**How will we be able to choose courses with orientation being online?**

You will work with advisors remotely.

**How will we know if we need to take the MAE? Will it appear in MyUCR portal? I got one for the ELWR but I'm not sure about how to approach either.**

You only need it if you want a major that requires math.

**Breadth requirement is for college graduation??**

Yes, all breadth requirements must be completed, in addition to your major requirements in order to graduate.

**How many units can we take per year?**

Per year you are encouraged to take 45 units in order to be considered making progress toward graduation.

**Could I be in both Honors and CHASS?**

Yes!

**Is CHASS 1st year credit? or would it be taking up a space for other credit classes**

Yes, you earn credit. You could receive up to 6 units per year

**Is there a guarantee that you can get into your major of choice if you weren't admitted to that**

**major initially?**

No. You would need to take required courses and be successful

**Is the breadth the same for those in the pre-business program?**

It's very similar

**Approximately what percent of first year students go into the 1st year chass program**

Over 90%.

**Can we take classes in community colleges over the summer and transfer the credits at UCR in Fall?**

Yes, please be sure and check on assist.org for articulation credit and also speak with your advisor to make sure you are not trying to duplicate credit.

**Which GE does the CHASS F1RST replace?**

Students will enroll in CHFY 007 workshop course which will satisfy as an elective course.

**Is there a limit on how many times you can change your major in the ucr portal?**

No, but you need to be admissible to the major.

**Can I minor in Arabic or do I have to use it as a major course if I choose to continue with it?**

You can only minor in Arabic if you choose to do so. We do not currently have an Arabic major.

**How soon can we chat 1x1 with our advisors?**

You'll meet with advisors at orientation and then can make appointments in the fall.

**I got a 5 score in Ap studio art 2D last year, Can I transform it to UCR?**

With a score of 3, 4 or 5, this will meet one breadth course requirements in the Humanities B section:

Studio Art: Drawing, 2-D Design, 3-D Design 3, 4, 5 Humanities B (Fine Arts).

**I am in a declared major in CHASS. Can I switch to undeclared now so I can explore courses?**

Yes - you should still be able to do this via myUCR.

**If I take required courses and get the grades that I need to get for psychology and try to change to that major will i be guaranteed admission or will i be denied due to space**

No, as long as you do so within 2 years and are successful in the courses.

**How many electives do you need to graduate? i also have ap spanish lang credit but i heard it only counts as elective credit**

This will vary depending on your major. Your advisor will go over this during orientation. Yes, we do not give course credit for AP Spanish - you will get units however.

**Is it possible to minor in music and also major in Pre-Business? Or should I ask my advisor?**

Yes, it is

**What happens if you have excess elective credits?**

Excess units will help you meet the required 180 units to graduate. When finishing your major, sometimes there are additional units needed that elective units help you meet. Nothing, it's OK as long as you are under 216 units.

**If it's possible to switch to an art major is a portfolio required?**

To change to an Art major, a portfolio submission and approval is required.

**Does having a minor cost more money (outside of books)?**

No.

**What happens if you go over 216 units**

A petition will need to be submitted to the Dean's office for review and approval. You will do this with your academic advisor.

**How does neuroscience differ in CHASS and in CNAS**

They are just about identical.

**Will we begin by instantly taking classes specific to our majors? Or other general Ed classes as well?**

Yes, you can start taking major classes.

**If we plan to minor in a fine art, would we have to submit a portfolio or attend an audition?**

No, not as an incoming freshman. No portfolio.