

Marshall College Webinar Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Where do I view my enrollment date and time?

A: Students can find their enrollment start time through the following steps:

1. Visit MyTritonLink (mytritonlink.ucsd.edu) and log-in using your PID and password
2. Go to “Classes & Enrollment” and click on “WebReg”
3. Select the appropriate term and click “Go”
4. At the top of the screen, you will see blue words that say “Appointment Time”. Click on this to find your specific appointment time.

Q: How are enrollment registration times determined?

A: The UC San Diego Office of the Registrar creates a random lottery for incoming students to determine their registration time.

Q: I received a late enrollment registration time. Can I change it?

A: No, because the Office of the Registrar has to ensure all students receive a registration time, some students will have later registration times than others. Exceptions cannot be made.

Q: Is there an advantage to enrolling as soon as my registration time occurs?

A: Students are encouraged to enroll as soon as their specific registration time opens, as available seats can fill quickly.

Q: Are academic departments going to provide additional seats in courses for new student enrollment?

A: Yes, many (not all) academic departments will open seats for new student enrollment closer to the start of the new student enrollment period.

Q: How do I know if my course has a prerequisite or corequisite?

A: Students can refer to the [UCSD General Catalog](#) and review course descriptions to determine if a course has a prerequisite and/or co-requisite.

Q: Are we able to ask for recommendations on which classes to enroll in according to our records before the enrollment period?

A: Yes, we encourage students to do so through the [Virtual Advising Center](#) when the “Ask a Question” tab is available to you. You may want to start by having a discussion with your major advisors to learn what is commonly taken in the first quarter (or see plans.ucsd.edu). It is also helpful if you have specific courses in mind that you’d like to review with college or major advisors.



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Q: What do I do if my recommended courses are all full?

A: If courses are full when your enrollment begins, look for alternative courses that can count toward other major or GE requirements. Students are not encouraged to waitlist for a course unless it is absolutely necessary. Instead, consider enrolling in elective courses of interest that will still count toward unit requirements toward graduation. Please note, students must be enrolled in a minimum of 12 units to be considered full-time.

Q: What is the Degree Audit?

A: The Degree Audit is UC San Diego's system to monitor student progress toward their degree. The Degree Audit is a helpful tool that will track student progress through college, major, and university requirements.

Q: Where can I find my Degree Audit?

A: Students can find the Degree Audit through the following steps:

1. Visit [MyTritonLink](#) and log-in using your PID and password
2. Go to "Advising & Grades" and click on "Degree Audit"

Q: There is an error on my Degree Audit. How can I fix it?

A: The Degree Audit continues to be updated throughout the summer while transcripts and test scores are evaluated. If students believe the Degree Audit has not been updated by the start of the quarter, please contact Academic Advising.

Q: How can I confirm my transcripts were received and evaluated on time?

A: Transcripts sent by the July deadline will appear on the Academic History section of [TritonLink](#) once they have been received and evaluated. Please contact Marshall Academic Advising if transcripts do not appear by the start of the quarter.

Q: How can I find out if my AP or IB Scores apply to my requirements?

A: Students can find the [AP Chart](#) and [IB Chart](#) to determine how various exam scores can count toward degree requirements at UCSD.

Q: Can I change my major?

A: Yes, students can change your major into an "open" major once they have officially enrolled in courses. Students can change their major using the Major/Minor Tool in [TritonLink](#). Students will have to apply for entry into one of the "selective" majors on campus.

Q: How do I know if a major is "selective"?

A: UC San Diego has a list of ["selective" majors online](#).



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Q: How can I switch into a selective major?

A: Students should contact the major department directly to review the screening requirements for entry into the selective major.

Q: How can I add a double major or minor?

A: Students should wait until the quarter begins before considering a second major or minor. Students can begin meeting with a Marshall Academic Counselor at the start of the quarter to discuss these options.

Q: Do I have to take the Math Placement Exam?

A: Students who are required to or are interested in completing a Calculus course are required to take the [Math Placement Exam](#) unless they have a [qualifying score](#) that already places them in an appropriate UCSD Calculus course.

Q: Do I have to take the Chemistry Placement Exam?

A: Students are not required to take the [Chemistry Placement Exam](#). However, students are recommended to take the Chemistry Placement Exam if they have no Chemistry background and are interested in pursuing a major in which Chemistry is a requirement.

Q: Do I have to take the Foreign Language Placement Exam?

A: Students are not required to take the Foreign Language Placement Exam unless they are interested in taking a foreign language course at UCSD or their major requires a foreign language.

Q: How many units are recommended in my first quarter at UCSD?

A: Students are required to enroll in a minimum of 12 units per quarter to maintain full-time status. However, we recommend students enroll in 16 units per quarter in order to finish your degree in a timely manner.

Q: What is the maximum amount of units a student can enroll in for the quarter?

A: Students can enroll in up to 22 units for the quarter but we do not generally recommend this since it will be your first quarter transitioning to UCSD and you do not want to risk being overwhelmed.

Q: What is the Pass/Not Pass Policy?

A: Students have the option to take certain coursework for a Pass/Not Pass if they do not want to take the course for a letter grade. Students are not recommended to take coursework for a Pass/Not Pass grade during their first quarter. UCSD policy states that no more than 25% of a student's UCSD units can be taken for P/NP. Coursework for the major and the DOC series (for first-year students) must be completed for a letter grade. Students with additional questions or concerns about this policy should contact Marshall Academic Advising once the quarter begins.



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Q: When and where can we meet with a Marshall academic counselor?

A: Marshall Academic Advising and the Admissions Office are still processing academic information during the summer and this is priority for our office. Because of this, we cannot provide one-on-one academic advising services until the start of the fall quarter. When available, you are encouraged to contact an advisor through the “Ask a Question” tab through the [Virtual Advising Center](#).

Q: When and where can I contact my major advisors?

A: Students can contact department/program advisors through the [Virtual Advising Center's](#) “Ask a Question” tab when available to them. When using this feature, students can select a specific department they would like to contact.

Q: Do student athletes have a specific academic advisor to work with them on their class schedule and athletic requirements?

A: Student athletes will work with the Athletics Department Advisors to discuss NCAA eligibility in tandem with their academic advisors in their major department and at Marshall College.

Q: How do I petition courses I completed at the community college to count toward specific major or college requirements?

A: Students will complete an undergraduate student petition form and submit the completed petition and course documentation (course syllabus or catalog course description) to the appropriate office. Petitions toward major requirements go to the major department and petitions toward GE requirements go to Marshall College.

Q: How does a quarter system work?

A: The quarter system is more accelerated than the semester system. The semester system is usually 16 weeks, whereas the quarter system is 10 weeks long. In addition, there are three academic quarters in a year versus two semesters.

Q: Is it possible to graduate early?

A: Students who are interested in trying to graduate early should plan to meet with academic counselors at Thurgood Marshall College once the quarter begins to discuss their options.

Transfer Specific Questions

Q: When will my [transfer agreement](#) (IGETC or UC Reciprocity) show on my academic record?

A: IGETC Certificates, Partial-IGETC Certificates, and UC Reciprocity Letters are still being evaluated and may not appear on your record until the start of the academic quarter.

Q: How do I know if my IGETC was sent to UCSD?

A: Please check with your community college to determine if the IGETC Certificate was sent in addition to your transcripts. If the community college has sent the IGETC Certificate, then please follow-up with the UCSD Office of Admissions.



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Q: Is it true that transfer students are ineligible to switch their major?

A: Transfer students are able to change their major into open majors using the Major/Minor tool on [TritonLink](#). However, transfer students should meet with academic counselors first to discuss how this can impact their time to degree and ability to graduate within the six quarter limit.

Q: Will my GPA from my previous school transfer to UCSD?

A: The GPA students receive from previously attended institutions will not impact the UC-GPA from UCSD unless the previous institution was another UC campus.

Q: Are transfer students required to complete the DOC sequence?

A: Transfer students should not enroll in any of the DOC 1, DOC 2, or DOC 3 courses since these are for entering first-year students.

First-Year Specific Questions

Q: How can I plan my quarter if my major is undeclared?

A: Incoming first-year students who are undeclared are advised to contact Marshall Academic Advising through the [Virtual Advising Center](#) when able to. With your college advisors, you can explore areas of interest and possible majors to declare. Otherwise, undeclared students can plan to take General Education courses during their first quarter. If a specific major is already considered, students are welcome to contact department/program advisors for more information on their majors.

Q: Do we have to take DOC 1 (Dimensions of Culture) in our first quarter?

A: This will depend on a student's writing placement. If the Entry Level Writing Requirement has been cleared, then yes, it is recommended to take DOC 1 in the first quarter. Otherwise, the Writing Placement Exam is required to place you in the appropriate writing course.