

## Declaring a Major in the Rausser College of Natural Resources

If you are currently a Rausser student, you must meet [the requirements below](#) to declare a new major. If you are not in Rausser College and wish to change colleges and declare a major, [you must meet these requirements](#). To declare or change majors in any other colleges, please consult with the appropriate college.

To see how AP, IB, or A-Level Scores can be used to meet major requirements, you can find [our college's Exam Equivalency Chart here](#).

Please note, these are just the declaration requirements. We have linked the major snapshots in the left hand columns below, which break down the full list of classes needed to complete the degree.

### Requirements to Declare an RCNR Major for *current RCNR students*

- All major courses must be taken for a letter grade, with exception of breadth courses in EEP major.
- [Reading and Composition requirement](#) (example: R1A & R1B)
  - Part A of the R&C Requirement must be completed before declaration.
  - Both halves of the must be completed by the end of the 4th semester.
- Students must have a cumulative GPA of 2.0, with a C- or better in all courses required for their major
- Current UC Berkeley students who enter as freshmen are expected to graduate in a total of 8 semesters.
- Undeclared students must declare a major by the end of their 4th semester. Failure to declare a major by junior standing will result in an enrollment hold.
- Once you have completed these requirements and are ready to declare, please [meet with your intended major advisor](#) before you complete [this Change of College form](#).

<u>MAJOR</u>	MATH (16A, 1A, or 10A)	MATH (16B, 1B, or 10B)	STAT	ECON	CHEM 1A/1AL	CHEM 3A/3AL	ESPM Social Science Core	ESPM Env. Science Core	BIO 1A/1AL or BIO 1B	Other
<a href="#">Conservation &amp; Resource Studies</a>	One Math <u>OR</u> Stats Course Required						✓	✓	✓	Required: ESPM 90 Preferred: Physical Science Breadth
<a href="#">Environmental Economics &amp; Policy</a> <small>Students cannot complete a simultaneous degree with EEP and Economics.</small>	✓	✓	✓	✓						

<a href="#">Ecosystem Management &amp; Forestry</a>	✓				✓		✓	✓	✓	Preferred: ESPM 72
<a href="#">Society &amp; Environment</a>	One Math <u>OR</u> Stats Course Required						✓			
<a href="#">Environmental Science</a>	✓	✓			✓	✓*			✓	Required: PHYSICS 7A is required for the Physical Science Concentration *Social Science Concentration: Chem 1B is accepted in place of Chem 3A+L Preferred: ESPM 15
<a href="#">Genetics &amp; Plant Biology</a>	✓	✓			✓	✓			✓	
<a href="#">Microbial Biology</a>	✓	✓			✓	✓			✓	
<a href="#">Molecular Environmental Biology</a>	✓	Second semester of calculus <u>OR</u> Stats course required			✓	✓			✓	Preferred: CHEM 3B/3BL
<a href="#">Nutritional Science</a> <i>Students can only complete a degree in one Nutritional Science specialization.</i>	✓	✓			✓	✓				Required: NUSCTX 10/NUSCTX 10S; NUSCTX 11 is req. for Toxicology

### Requirements to Declare an RCNR Major for non-RCNR students

- All major courses must be taken for a letter grade, with exception of breadth courses in EEP major.
- Both halves of the [Reading and Composition requirement](#) (example: R1A & R1B) must be completed.
- Students must have a cumulative GPA above a 3.0
  - Students with a GPA between 2.90-2.99 may receive exceptional approval for declaration. For exceptional approval, the following criteria must be met:
    - Students must be in [good academic standing](#) (not on "term probation" from the previous term).
    - Cumulative GPA shows an increase over the **most recent two semesters** with particular success in major requirements with grades of C- or better in those classes.
    - No outstanding Incomplete grades.
    - Must be enrolled full-time or have an approved reduced course load from their home college and/or Disabled Students Program.
  - All major required courses must be completed with a C- or better to be accepted for the major, including breadth requirements
- New first year students are not eligible to change colleges in their first semester. Additionally, students must change colleges in time to complete at least two semesters in residence in Rausser College. A semester can count in residence if the student changes into RCNR before

grades post in their current term. A summer can also count as one of two terms in residence if the student completes at least 6 units in the summer (considered full time for summer).

- Transfer students outside of RCNR are not able to change colleges in their first semester at Berkeley.
- Current UC Berkeley students who enter as freshmen are expected to graduate in a total of 8 semesters.
- Transfer must meet all lower-division requirements, have a cumulative GPA above 3.0, and be on track to graduate in a total of 4 semesters at UC Berkeley.
- Once you have completed these requirements and are ready to declare, please [meet with your intended major advisor](#) before you complete [this Change of College form](#).

MAJOR	Both halves of R&C	MATH (16A, 1A, or 10A)	MATH (16B, 1B, or 10B)	STAT	ECON	CHEM 1A/1AL	CHEM 3A/3AL	ESPM Social Science Core	ESPM Env. Science Core	BIO 1A/1AL or BIO 1B	Other
<a href="#">Conservation &amp; Resource Studies</a>	✓	One Math <b>QR</b> Stats Course Required						✓	✓	✓	<b>Required:</b> ESPM 90 <b>Preferred:</b> Physical Science Breadth
<a href="#">Environmental Economics &amp; Policy</a> <i>Students cannot complete a simultaneous degree with EEP and Economics.</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓						<b>Required:</b> ENVECON 100 or equivalent
<a href="#">Ecosystem Management &amp; Forestry</a>	✓	✓	✓			✓		✓	✓	✓	<b>Preferred:</b> ESPM 72, ECON
<a href="#">Society &amp; Environment</a>	✓	One Math <b>QR</b> Stats Course Required			✓			✓	✓		
<a href="#">Environmental Science</a>	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓*			✓	<b>Required:</b> PHYSICS 7A is required for the Physical Science Concentration <b>*Social Science Concentration:</b> Chem 1B is accepted in place of Chem 3A+L <b>Preferred:</b> ESPM 15
<a href="#">Genetics &amp; Plant Biology</a>	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓			✓	<b>Preferred:</b> CHEM 3B/3BL
<a href="#">Microbial Biology</a>	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓			✓	<b>Preferred:</b> CHEM 3B/3BL
<a href="#">Molecular Environmental Biology</a>	✓	✓	Second semester of calculus QR Stats course required			✓	✓			✓	<b>Preferred:</b> CHEM 3B/3BL
<a href="#">Nutritional Science</a> <i>Students can only complete a degree in one Nutritional Science specialization.</i>	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓				<b>Required:</b> NUSCTX 10, NUSCTX10S <i>NUSCTX 11 is req. for Toxicology</i> <b>Preferred:</b> MCELLBI 32 & 32L, CHEM 3B/3BL

# Additional Questions?

For additional questions, or to connect with our Peer Advisors & Advising Staff, [see our Advising Availability Calendar here!](#)