Academic Expectations and the Road to Your Degree

College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences

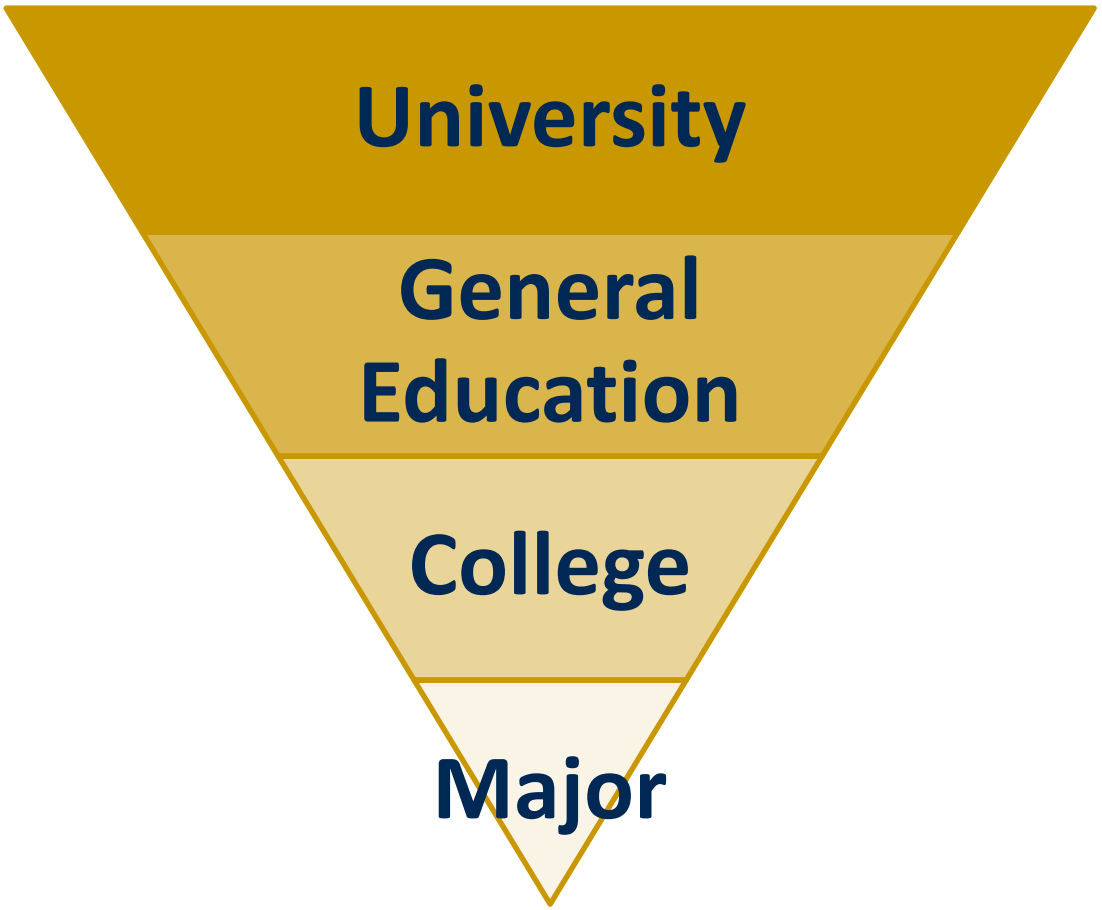
University of California, Davis

Undergraduate Academic Programs

Outline

- We will explain the requirements you need to complete your degree at UC Davis.
- We will discuss what to expect during your first quarter at UC Davis and how to prepare
- We will answer your questions!

Degree Requirements



University Requirements

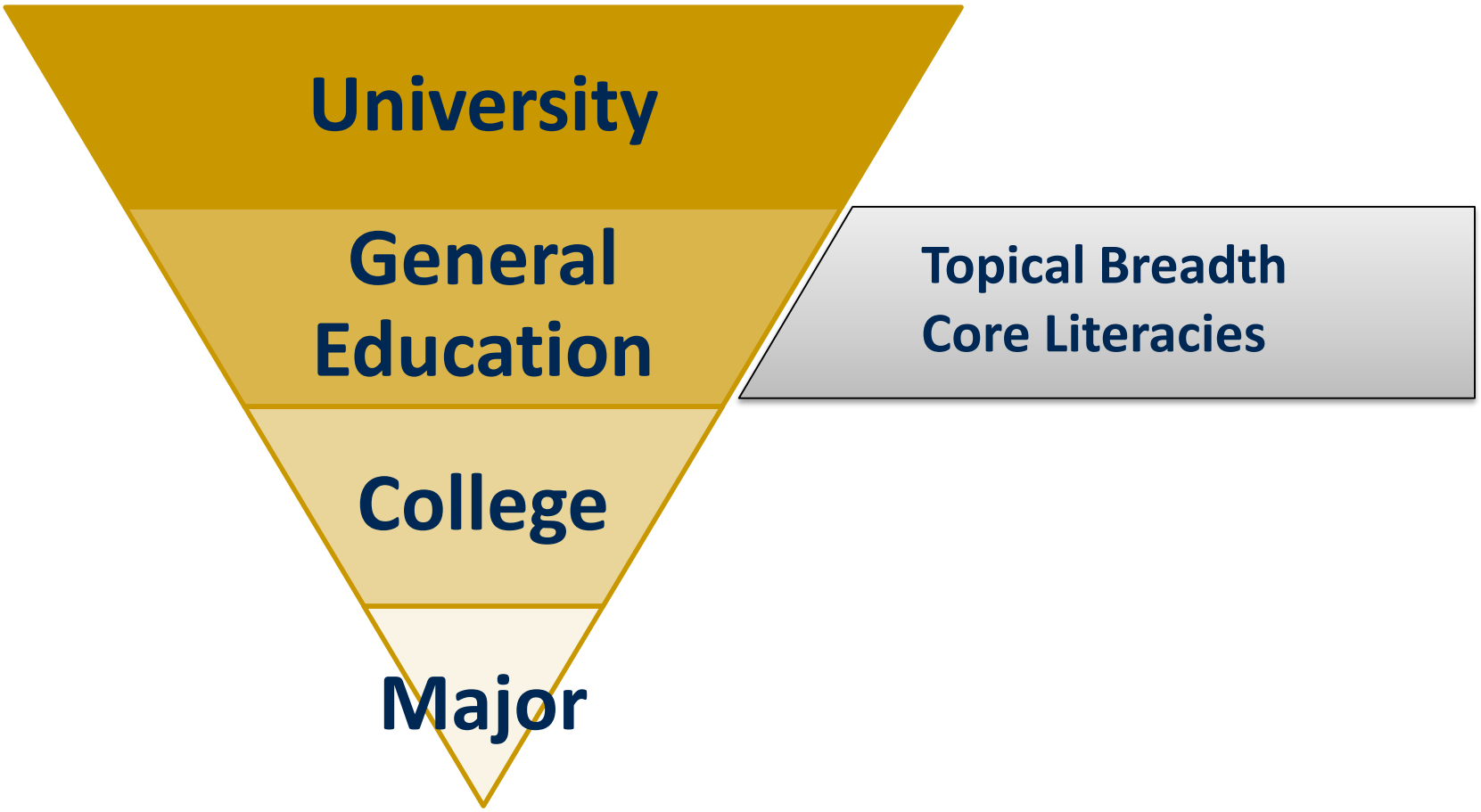
1) Entry Level Writing Requirement
2) American History & Institutions
3) Scholarship Requirement
4) Residence Requirement
5) Unit Requirement

University Requirements

Unit Requirements

Full-Time Student	· 12 units per quarter · Required for Student Housing, Visa/Status, Scholarships, etc.
Minimum Progress	· 13 units per quarter (average) · 39 units per year or Subject to Disqualification
Expected Progress	· 15 units per quarter · 45 units per year for 4 years

Degree Requirements: General Education



A. Arts & Humanities (AH) ▲:	B. Science & Engineering (SE) ▲:	C. Social Sciences (SS) ▲:
12-20 units	12-20 units	12-20 units
☐ Satisfied	☐ Satisfied	☐ Satisfied

(AH) ____ units + (SE) ____ units + (SS) ____ units = ____ (52) units ☐ Satisfied

I. Literacy with Words & Images (20 units)	II. Civic & Cultural Literacy (9 units) ▲	III. Quantitative Literacy (3 units) ▲	IV. Scientific Literacy (3 units) ▲
a. College English Composition Requirement*:	a. American Cultures, Governance & History:		
8 units, or the equivalent	1. Domestic Diversity:		3 units
☐ Satisfied			☐ Satisfied
b. Writing Experience: *▲	3 un		
6 units	2. Other:		
☐ Satisfied			
c. Oral Skills ▲ (or Additional Writing Experience*):	Total (II.a.1. + II.a.2.) 6 units		
3 units	☐ Satisfied		
☐ Satisfied	b. World Cultures:		
d. Visual Literacy: ▲	3 units		
3 units	☐ Satisfied		
☐ Satisfied			

Summary

Topical Breadth:

A. Arts & Humanities	☐ Satisfied
B. Science & Engineering	☐ Satisfied
C. Social Sciences	☐ Satisfied

Core Literacies:

I. Literacy with Words & Images	☐ Satisfied
II. Civic & Cultural Literacy	☐ Satisfied
III. Quantitative Literacy	☐ Satisfied
IV. Scientific Literacy	☐ Satisfied

Remaining GE Requirements:

1

2

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1 – Topical Breadth
2 – Core Literacies

Topical Breadth

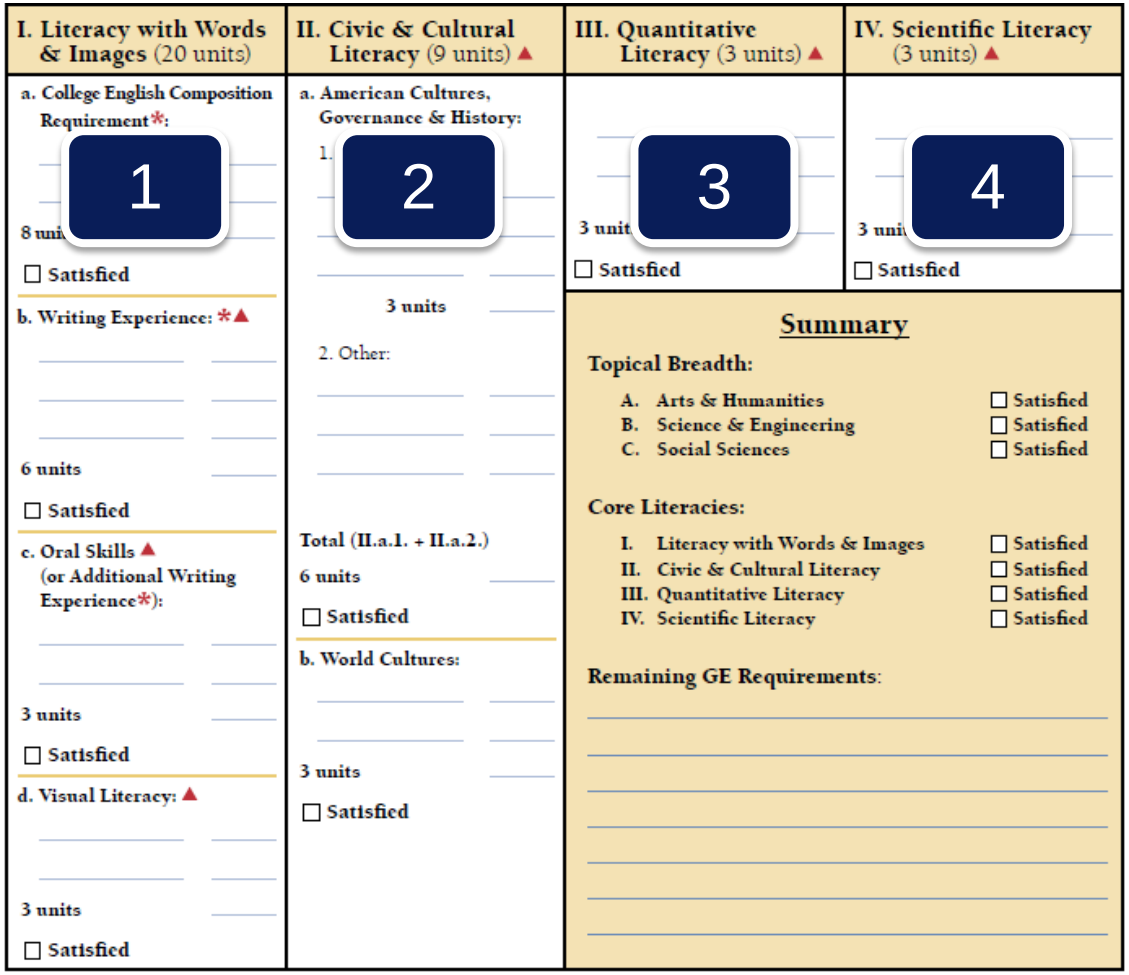
- **Requires 52 units total in 3 different areas**

A. Arts & Humanities (AH) ▲:	B. Science & Engineering (SE) ▲:	C. Social Sciences (SS) ▲:
12-20 units	12-20 units	12-20 units
☐ Satisfied	☐ Satisfied	☐ Satisfied

(AH) _____ units + (SE) _____ units + (SS) _____ units = _____ (52) units ☐ Satisfied

Core Literacies

- **Requires 35 units total in 4 different categories**



I. Literacy with Words & Images (20 units)

a. College English Composition Requirement*:

1

8 uni

☐ Satisfied

b. Writing Experience: *▲

6 units

☐ Satisfied

c. Oral Skills ▲ (or Additional Writing Experience*):

3 units

☐ Satisfied

d. Visual Literacy: ▲

3 units

☐ Satisfied

II. Civic & Cultural Literacy (9 units) ▲

a. American Cultures, Governance & History:

1.

2

3 units

2. Other:

Total (II.a.1. + II.a.2.)

6 units

☐ Satisfied

b. World Cultures:

3 units

☐ Satisfied

III. Quantitative Literacy (3 units) ▲

3

3 unit

☐ Satisfied

IV. Scientific Literacy (3 units) ▲

4

3 uni

☐ Satisfied

Summary

Topical Breadth:

A. Arts & Humanities	☐ Satisfied
B. Science & Engineering	☐ Satisfied
C. Social Sciences	☐ Satisfied

Core Literacies:

I. Literacy with Words & Images	☐ Satisfied
II. Civic & Cultural Literacy	☐ Satisfied
III. Quantitative Literacy	☐ Satisfied
IV. Scientific Literacy	☐ Satisfied

Remaining GE Requirements:

GE Core Literacies

Requires completion of Entry Level Writing Requirement (ELWR)

1. Literacy with Words or Images (20 units)	
College English Composition Requirement *	**8 units or the equivalent**
Follow your specific College English Composition Requirement.	
Writing Experience *	6 units
Oral Skills or additional Writing Experience *	3 units
Visual Literacy	3 units

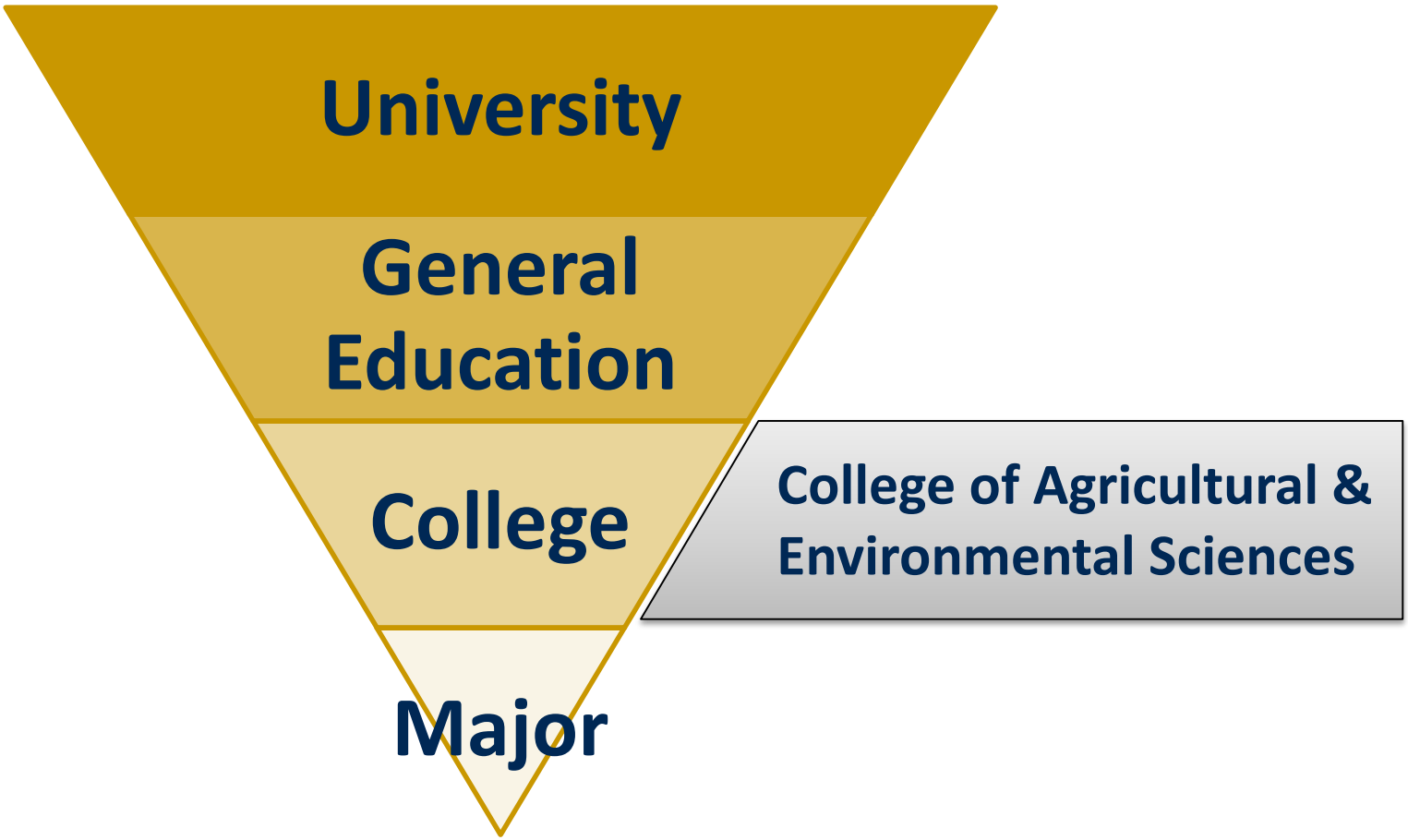
GE Core Literacies

2. Civic and Cultural Literacy (9 units)	
American Cultures, Governance and History	6 units
Must include 3 units of Domestic Diversity courses	
World Cultures	3 units

3. Quantitative Literacy (3 units)

4. Scientific Literacy (3 units)

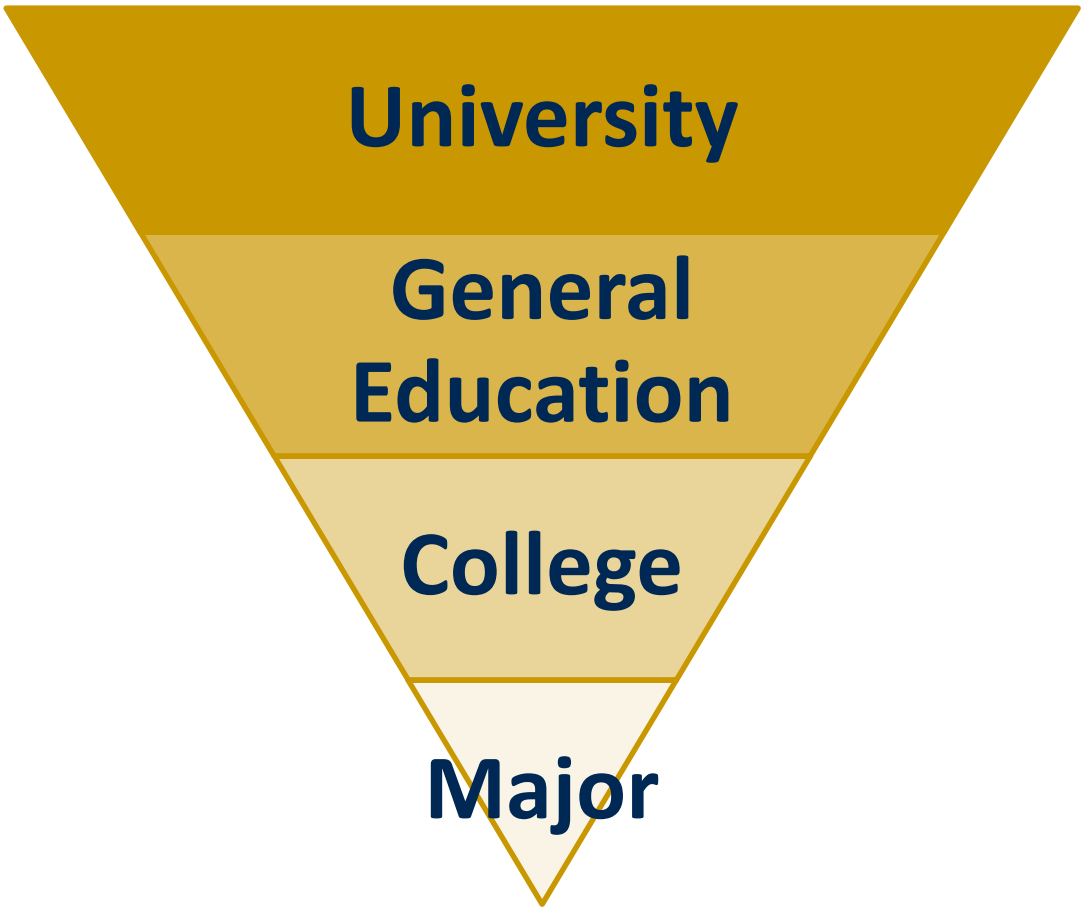
Degree Requirements: CA&ES



College Requirements

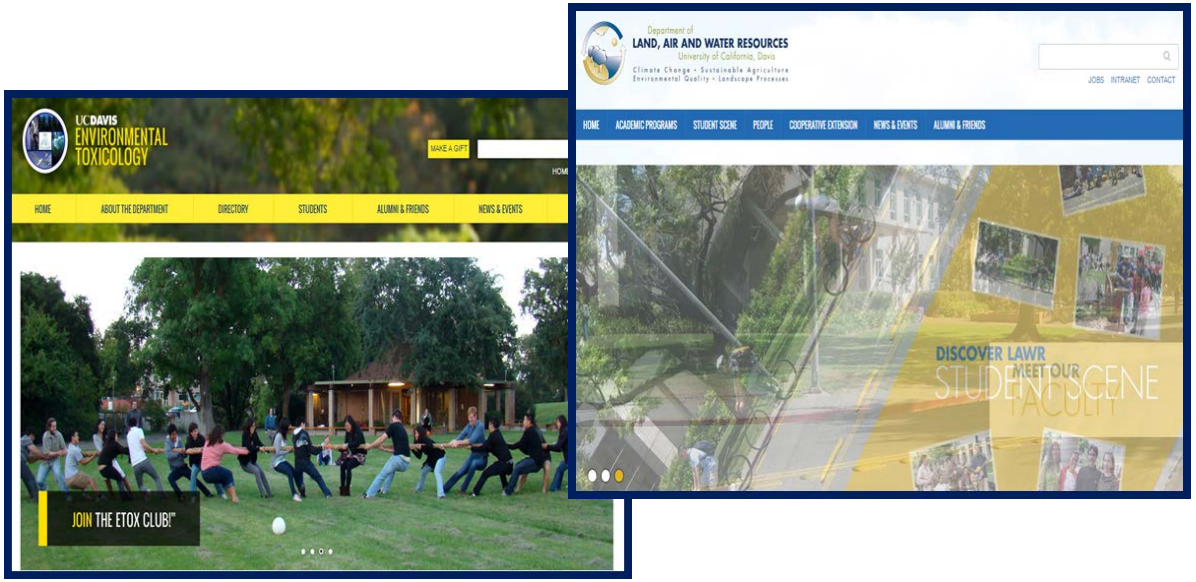
- **No foreign language requirement,** except International Ag Development major
- **No more than 1/3 of your total units P/NP**
- **College Composition**
  - 3 Options – Must receive C- (or P) or better
    1. 2 courses from: ENL3; UWP1, 18, 19, 101, 102, or 104 series; or one course from this list and one from: NEM150 + COM1-4, NAS5, CMN1
    2. AP English of 4 or 5 (or an IB score) + one from above (except UWP1 or ENL3)
    3. Pass the English Composition Exam after completing 70 units

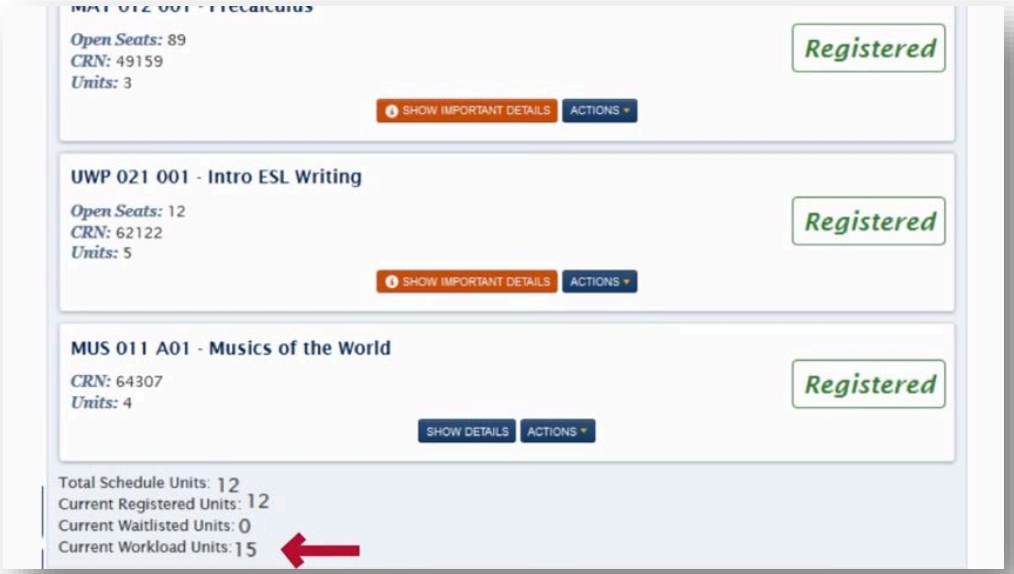
Degree Requirements: Major



Major Requirements

- **Refer to the major departments website and/or the General Catalog**
- **Courses used towards your major can also count toward General Education requirements**





PREPARING FOR YOUR FIRST QUARTER

- What are your goals and aspirations?
- What do you want out of your time at UC Davis?
- What does success mean to you?

Be Engaged!

- Be proactive in the classroom
- Go to office hours
- Meet with advisors

- Use different campus resources

Be Proactive in the Classroom

- Know grading expectations
- Attend class
- Form study groups
- Participate

Non-Verbal

- Go to class
- Take notes during discussions and lectures
- Complete assignments
- Listen to in-class discussions and lectures

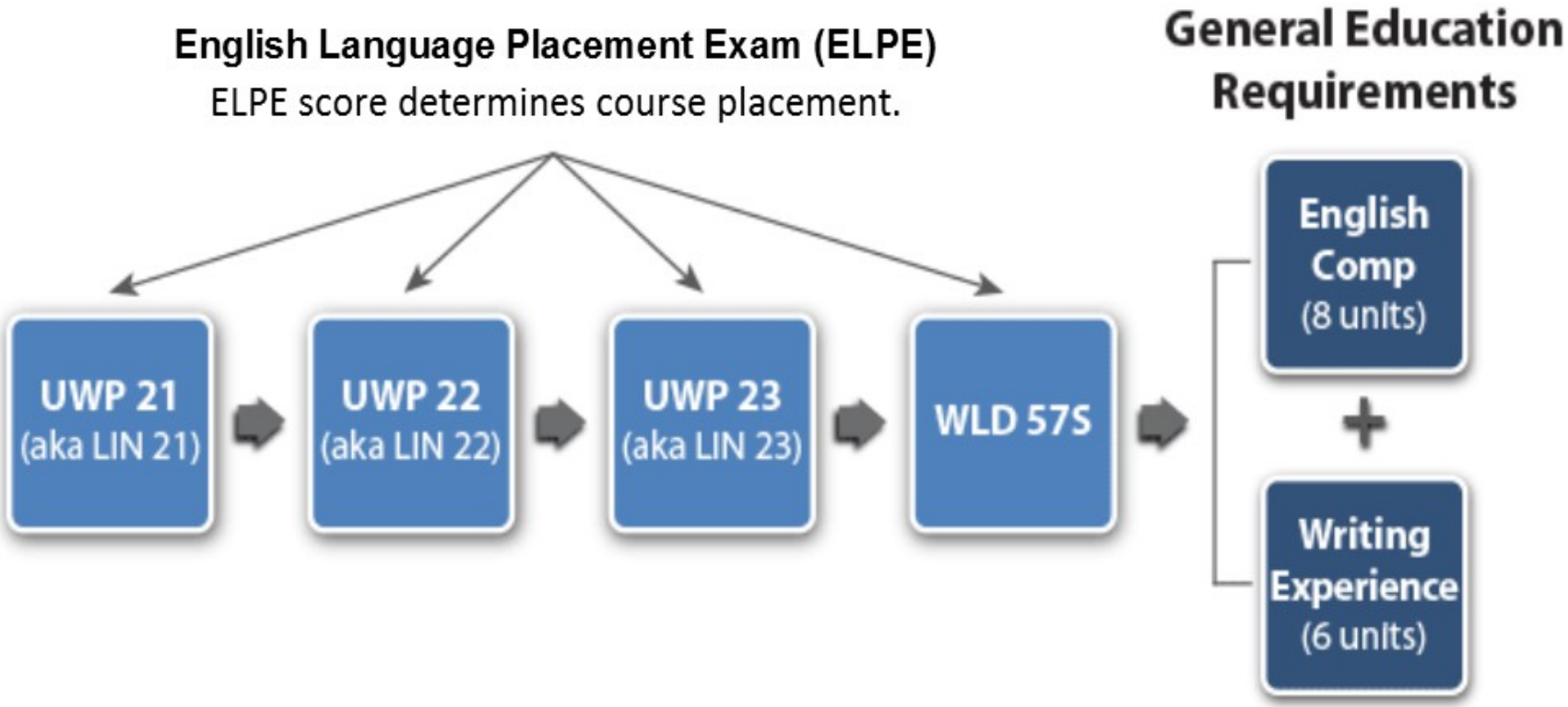
Verbal

- Speak up during large group discussions
- Ask/answer questions
- Speak up during small group discussions

First-Quarter Scheduling

- **Your responsibilities as a student**
  - **Seek advising, use office hours, FREE tutoring in advising centers and SASC, know deadlines**
- **Deadlines: 10 day vs 20 day drop (page 80)**
- **Balanced Schedule**
- **Enroll in appropriate UWP/English course**

UWP and Composition Series



Fall Schedule - AP/IB Exams

- Check for equivalencies/duplicate credit (see pages 68 & 69)

- Common duplication credit:
  - AP English (4,5): do not register for ENL 3 or UWP 1
  - AP Micro/Macro Econ (3,4,5): do not register for ECN 1A/1B
  - AP Psychology (5): do not register for PSC 1

- AP/ IB scores DO NOT count toward GE

- AP/IB scores DO count toward total units for graduation

Be cautious of these courses for the fall:

- ECN 1A
- ECN 1B
- PSC 1
- STA 13
- SOC 1
- VEN 3
- FST 3
- BIS 2A
- Upper Division: Do NOT register for any upper division (100-199) or graduate level (200+) courses

Fall Schedule - First Quarter Scheduling

What to take?

- **Pre-requisites**
- **Career Discovery Group (CDG)**
- **Science and Society (SAS course)**
- **Aggie Ambassadors**
- **Multiculturalism in Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Related Sciences (MANRRS)**
- **General Education (GE) classes**

Next Steps

- **Schedule Checks**
  - **Email this week!**
- **International Academic Advising Workshops**
  - **Registration email next week!**

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Questions?

Useful Resources:

College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences: http://www.caes.ucdavis.edu/
College Brochure: http://www.caes.ucdavis.edu/students/future/visit/brochure
Student Academic Success Center (SASC) : http://success.ucdavis.edu/
Schedule Builder/Class Search Tool
OASIS: (https://students.ucdavis.edu/)