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To Whom It May Concern:

RE: Core Course and C1 Requirement

This letter certifies that the College Core Courses at University of California Santa Cruz (UCSC) satisfy a Composition general education requirement. All first-year students at UCSC are required to enroll in the Core Course of their assigned residential college. The College Core Course is an introductory class that develops students' English composition and seminar discussion skills while focusing on a particular theme.

Unlike most universities, in which the first half of the college composition requirement is listed as English 1A, UCSC College Core Courses are listed with abbreviations of the college's name (e.g., COWL, KRESG, MERR) and numbered either 80A or 80B. **Satisfactory completion of College Core Course 80A and the University of California Entry-Level Writing Requirement (ELWR) satisfies the first composition (C1) requirement.**

UCSC students who have satisfied the ELWR and successfully completed their college's 80A Core Course with a grade of C or better, or a Pass (equivalent at UCSC to C or better) still need to satisfy the second composition (C2) requirement and may opt to take it at another institution. Entering students who are considered to have satisfied C1 prior to admission are placed in the college course 80B. Satisfactory completion of 80B satisfies the second composition requirement (C2).

I hope this letter clarifies any confusion about whether the UCSC college 80A Core Course should be counted as English 1A or its equivalent; it should.

Please contact me or Barbara Love, Assistant Director for Transfer Partnerships and Articulation Officer, if you have any questions or concerns. Barbara's direct number is (831) 459-1772 and her email is bllove@ucsc.edu. Additionally, more information about UCSC's writing program can be found at <http://writing.ucsc.edu>.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "W. A. Ladusaw". The signature is written in a cursive style.

William A. Ladusaw
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cc: Assistant Director Love