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To Whom It May Concern,

RE: College Core Courses

This letter certifies that the College Core courses at the University of California, Santa Cruz (UCSC), when combined with completion of the Entry Level Writing Requirement (ELWR), fulfill the prerequisite for enrollment in *Writing 2: Rhetoric and Inquiry* (WRIT 2) at UC Santa Cruz. WRIT 2 at UC Santa Cruz satisfies our “Composition” (C) general education requirement, as does English 1B at many California Community Colleges.

UC Santa Cruz recommends that, when a student has completed the Core course (generically referred to in this letter as “College 1”), and is notated as having completed the Entry Level Writing Requirement, that student be permitted to enroll in English-1B-level courses. College 1 courses are coded by college name: CLNI 1, CLTE 1, COWL 1, CRSN 1, CRWN 1, KRSR 1, MERR 1, OAKS 1, PRTR 1, and STEV 1.

All first-year students at UCSC are required to enroll in the Core course of their residential college. College 1 is the first step in UC Santa Cruz's Academic Literacy Curriculum (ALC), which is comprised of College 1 followed by one or two Writing classes (WRIT 1 or WRIT 2). The College Core courses were changed from being numbered “80” to being numbered “1” in fall 2018.

Below are two paths to satisfying the prerequisite for WRIT 2 at UC Santa Cruz:

ELWR satisfied at matriculation	1. Student enters UC Santa Cruz with ELWR satisfied →	2. Student completes College 1 with C grade or higher →	3. Enrollment allowed in WRIT 2; on completion of WRIT 2 with C or higher, C requirement is satisfied	
ELWR not satisfied at matriculation	1. Student enters UC Santa Cruz with ELWR unsatisfied →	2. Student completes College 1 with C grade or higher →	3. Student completes WRIT 1 with C grade or higher →	4. Enrollment allowed in WRIT 2; on completion of WRIT 2 with C or higher, C requirement is satisfied

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College 1 focuses on university-level critical reading and critical thinking, among other topics.

Writing 1 and Writing 2 focus on university level writing, including genre awareness and analytical writing (WRIT 1) and research-based writing and information literacy (WRIT 2).

Besides the grades students earn in their classes (including College 1 and WRIT 1), the official UC Santa Cruz transcript includes a statement of whether the Entry Level Writing Requirement is satisfied.\* If this way of determining readiness for English 1B-level courses is acceptable to your community college, you may identify whether students have met the prerequisite by consulting the transcript.

I hope this letter clarifies how UCSC courses may serve as prerequisites for courses equivalent to English 1B. Please contact me or Molly Thompson, Articulation Officer in the Office of Undergraduate Admissions, if you have any questions or concerns. Molly can be reached at [mflove@ucsc.edu](mailto:mflove@ucsc.edu).

Sincerely,



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Vice Provost and Dean  
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\* Transcript text re: ELWR satisfaction:

**NON-COURSE MILESTONES:**

American History Requirement  
Status: Completed

American Institutions Requirement  
Status: Completed

Univ. of Calif. Entry Level Writing Requirement  
Status: Completed  
Date Completed: 09/18/2015

Senior Seminar in the Major  
Status: Not Completed