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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) are writing courses, and fulfill a portion of UCSC's Composition general education requirements. 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 English composition and seminar discussion skills while focusing on a particular theme.

Unlike most universities, in which a course of this sort might be listed as *English 1A*, UCSC College Core Courses are listed with abbreviations of the college's name (e.g., COWL, KRESG, MERR) and numbered 80A, 80B, 80C, or 80D. The 80A and 80B classes are one-quarter courses; 80C and 80D are two parts of a two-quarter sequence. Students are placed into Core Courses in their first UCSC term based on their level of preparation in university-level writing.

UCSC's first-year writing requirements include ELWR (Entry Level Writing Requirement), C1 (Composition 1) and C2 (Composition 2), and must be completed in that order. The chart below indicates which Core Courses satisfy each element of the first-year writing requirements.

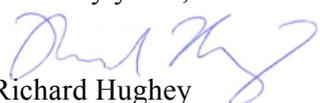
Students must satisfy ELWR before any course will be considered as satisfying a composition requirement. Courses must be passed with grades of C (or Pass) or better.

80C and 80D	Both must be completed to satisfy the C1 requirement. Students identified as needing significant attention to their writing are placed in an 80C course, and take an 80D course the next term.
80A	Satisfies the C1 requirement. Students are placed into different 80A courses based on whether they have satisfied the ELWR at the time of initial enrollment at UCSC.
80B	Satisfies the C2 requirement. Only students who have already satisfied ELWR and C1 are able to enroll in an 80B course.

UCSC students who have satisfied the ELWR and completed their college's 80A Core Course or their college's 80C and 80D Core Course sequence still need to satisfy the second composition (C2) requirement and may opt to take it at another institution.

Please contact me or Christina Sandoval-Paquette, Assistant Director for Transfer Partnerships and Articulation Officer, if you have any questions or concerns. Christina's direct number is (831) 459-4191 and her email is cgsandov@ucsc.edu. Additionally, more information about UCSC's writing program can be found at <http://writing.ucsc.edu>.

Sincerely yours,


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