

CCS Writing and Literature Application Requirements

Letter of Intent

Write a letter to the attention of the CCS Writing and Literature faculty, stating your academic interests, your reasons for wanting to study at CCS, and your writing experience. This letter is separate from the essay required in the UC application. Please save and upload this letter as a PDF in order to avoid formatting distortions.

Work In Evidence of Talent

Writing Samples

Please submit up to 15 pages total; submissions must include both creative writing and expository writing For Example: 3 pages of poetry, a 5 page short story, and a 7 page essay

Creative Sample

These pages do not need to be one continuous piece, but rather might comprise several pieces of short fiction, nonfiction, etc. The creative sample could include poetry of any form, fiction, creative nonfiction, drama, screenplay, or digital compositions, such as a blog, equivalent to the page requirement.

Expository Sample

These pages demonstrate abilities in writing literary criticism or analysis, rhetorical analysis, or other research on writing and literature. These pages do not need to be one continuous piece, but rather might be comprised of several shorter essays. Works Cited will count towards total page amount and can be in any format (MLA, APA, Chicago, etc.)

Two Letters of Recommendation

Letters of recommendation are required for applications to CCS Writing and Literature. Please provide at least two persons well-acquainted with your academic background and your writing ability. The CCS Online Application form will ask for

your recommenders' email addresses and will send them a prompt with a link. This link will direct recommenders to instructions for uploading letters. We suggest notifying recommenders ahead of time that they should be expecting an email from DecisionDesk with instructions to upload their letter. Please request that letters are saved and uploaded as a PDF in order to avoid formatting distortions.

Transcripts

In addition to the copies you send to the UCSB Office of Admissions, there is a section on the CCS Online Application where you must upload copies of your transcripts from every high school and college you have attended. Transcripts do not need to be official, so a scan or a picture of your transcripts may be uploaded (jpeg or PDF). If you are currently enrolled at UCSB, please submit a copy of your course history, which you can obtain using a screenshot from GOLD. It is your responsibility to ensure that attachments uploaded to your application are clear and legible.

Decision by the College

For Fall UCSB applicants, the College of Creative Studies cannot inform applicants of decisions on their CCS applications until the University of California Santa Barbara has mailed the campus' admission/deferral letters in March. CCS decision letters follow immediately thereafter. A denial from CCS does not negatively affect your admission to one of the other colleges at UCSB. The review process normally takes three to six weeks during the academic year. If you are a registered UCSB student, you may take Creative Studies classes even if you are not enrolled in CCS, on a space-available, instructor-approved basis.