

CCS GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS (January 2008)

Dear CCS Students:

For those of you who are just beginning your CCS/UCSB academic careers, or for those of you thinking about graduating within the next year, here is a brief overview of your UC, UCSB, and CCS Graduation Requirements (separate from and in addition to your major requirements) that you can use as a checklist for completion of your degree.

1. Completion of a minimum of 180 Quarter Units (includes approved transfer credit).
 2. Cumulative/overall *minimum* GPA of 2.0 for courses completed at UCSB.
 3. Satisfaction of UC Entry Level Writing Requirement (through SAT, ACH, or AP Exam/IB Credit; by passing the Subject A Examination; or satisfactory completion of Writing 1 – or equivalent). Writing 2 is not required for CCS majors. However, all CCS students are strongly encouraged to take and successfully complete courses in which college-level writing is required.
 4. Satisfaction of UCSB American History and Institutions (AH & I) Requirement. Satisfaction with approved AP exams. Or (One (1) four unit applicable course—See UCSB General Catalog for list of courses that satisfy this requirement). Occasionally a CCS course will be offered that satisfies the AH & I Requirement—by petition only.
 5. Satisfaction of Ethnic Studies Requirement. (One (1) four unit applicable course— See UCSB General Catalog for list of courses that satisfy this requirement). Occasionally a CCS course will be offered that satisfies the Ethnic Studies requirement—by petition only.
6. Completion of CCS Breadth (or G.E.) Requirements:
- a) Two (2) Courses taken outside of your CCS major, but related to the major. These should be chosen with and approved by your CCS faculty advisor. These must be solid academic, minimum 3.0 unit courses. (i.e. not Exercise & Sports Science “activities” courses, ESL courses or Writing 1, Music performance classes, certain Dramatic Art & Dance performance classes, etc.)
 - b) Eight (8) Courses taken outside of your CCS major, unrelated to the major, also chosen with and approved by your CCS Faculty Advisor.
- These courses must also be solid academic, minimum 3.0 unit courses (as above, not Exercise & Sports Science “activities” courses, ESL courses or Writing 1, Music performance classes, certain Dramatic Art & Dance performance courses, etc.) Please check with your faculty advisor and/or the undergraduate advisor if you are in doubt as to whether a course will fulfill a CCS GE/unrelated to the major.
- Note: Foreign language courses may fulfill a maximum of two (2) of the above Breadth requirements, and in a defined way. Two quarters of a foreign language are generally required to fulfill one Breadth requirement course.
Ex: Lang Qtrs 1 & 2 or 3 & 4 = One GE/Breadth Requirement.
7. Minimum six Quarters of Residency in CCS (or waiver from CCS advisor of *one quarter* in specific circumstances).
 8. *Major Requirements:* completion of all requirements specific to your CCS major (Art, Biology, Chemistry/Biochemistry, Computer Science, Literature, Mathematics, Music Composition or Physics) as determined by that discipline and your CCS faculty advisor.
 9. Final approval of your CCS faculty advisor on your Graduation Checklist and approval of the CCS Executive Committee.
 10. A Graduation Check no later than two quarters before your intended quarter of graduation or as soon as possible after you have determined the quarter in which you plan to graduate.
 11. OFFICIALLY “DECLARE YOUR CANDIDACY FOR THE BACHELORS DEGREE” with the UCSB Registrar’s Office via the GOLD system, *no later than the end of the second week of the quarter in which you intend to graduate*. Note: This is an inflexible deadline. DON'T MISS IT!

If you think you are near graduation, (or desire a Progress Check at any point in your UCSB/CCS career), please make an appointment to verify completion of your UC, UCSB, and College of Creative Studies Breadth/GE requirements. You must also make an appointment to see your CCS faculty advisor to obtain his/her approval on completion of the requirements for your CCS major and for final approval of your degree.

All CCS students are required to meet with their faculty advisor for sign-off on their proposed curriculum once per quarter. Also, all CCS students are required to read the CCS STUDENT HANDBOOK on-line on the CCS website www.ccs.ucsb.edu. The handbook speaks to all aspects of being a College of Creative Studies student at UCSB. Students are held accountable for knowledge of requirements/expectations contained in the handbook.

Most importantly, never hesitate to ask questions! Our intent is to be here for you to facilitate and help with all aspects of your college career and experience.

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