Students are admitted to UCSC with a "proposed major" in most cases, and later petition to officially declare the major. Admission to UCSC does not guarantee acceptance into a particular major. Students must be declared in a major by the end of the second year (or equivalent), so learning about and preparing for a major is a primary goal for first-year students.

### Major: LITERATURE

**Importance of an early start:**
This major is not highly sequential or course intensive. Although it is advisable to begin taking courses toward the major in the first year, it is not required.

**Qualification requirements and/or prerequisites for the major:**
- Students must complete Literature 1 or its equivalent prior to declaration.
- Satisfaction of the C1 and C2 general education requirements are required prior to enrolling in Literature 1. For this reason, students who plan to pursue this major should complete the C2 requirement (College Core 80B OR Writing 2) as soon as possible.

**Sample first year plan:**
- Fall: LIT 61J: Any Literature 61 or Literature 80 course and/or Language course level 1
- Winter: WRIT 2: Rhetoric and Inquiry (if C2 general education requirement is not yet satisfied)
  Language course level 2
- Spring: LIT 1: Literary Interpretation
  Language course level 3

**Skills important for success in this major:**
Critical reading skills, critical thinking skills, and analytical writing abilities.

**Other information:**
One year (three quarters or equivalent) of college level study of a non-English language is required for the major. It is important for students to begin taking language courses in the first or second year. Please note that for some languages, level 1 is only offered in the fall terms.

**Links to More Information:**
- [http://admissions.ucsc.edu/academics/majors/](http://admissions.ucsc.edu/academics/majors/) (general info)
- [http://registrar.ucsc.edu/catalog/programs-courses/](http://registrar.ucsc.edu/catalog/programs-courses/) (major requirements, course descriptions, etc.)
- [http://literature.ucsc.edu/undergraduate/literature-major/](http://literature.ucsc.edu/undergraduate/literature-major/) (program website)

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