CREATIVE WRITING APPLICATION

The Literature faculty welcomes an application for the Creative Writing concentration of the Literature major from any registered student at UC Santa Cruz. Students are encouraged to apply at the end of the sophomore year or during the junior year, and to complete both introductory and intermediate creative writing courses at UCSC before applying to the concentration (but are required to take only one creative writing course at UCSC before applying to the concentration). **Portfolio applications are due the second Friday of each quarter, and must be turned in at the Literature Department office, Humanities 1, room 303, by 3:00 p.m. on that day.**

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** The Creative Writing concentration requires a substantial amount of reading as well as writing. Please apply only if you are committed to reading as well as writing. Submissions containing gratuitous violence, unnecessarily gruesome violence, and/or stories which appear to rely on violence to create narrative tension are unlikely to be accepted for the creative writing concentration.

Please use the following portfolio guidelines:

1. Portfolios should contain no more than ten pages of poetry or 1,250 to 1,750 words (five to seven pages) of fiction.
2. Manuscripts must be typed using a 12-point font, and fiction must be double spaced.
3. Please include a response to this prompt: Write your autobiography (100-word limit).
4. You must ask for an evaluation from all Creative Writing instructors you have had at UCSC. Email your request to your instructors; they will upload evaluations to a confidential site used by the portfolio review committee. (Students will not receive copies of these evaluations.)
5. Students may apply to the fiction or poetry concentration. Due to available resources in the Creative Writing program, students will not be accepted into both concentrations.

All students applying to the Creative Writing concentration of the Literature major will be notified by electronic mail of their application status on the Friday following the portfolio deadline. Students accepted into the Creative Writing concentration who have completed LIT 1 or its transfer equivalent are encouraged to immediately declare the Creative Writing concentration in order to be able to enroll in advanced Creative Writing courses. Portfolio applications are not returned to applicants.

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Please complete this portion of the form and attach it to your portfolio.

**FICTION or POETRY** (Please circle one.)

CREATIVE WRITING COURSES TAKEN (at UCSC or elsewhere), including quarter, title, and instructor’s name: ________________________________

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PRESENT CLASS LEVEL (Please circle one.):    Frosh    Sophomore    Junior    Junior Transfer    Senior

ANTICIPATED QUARTER OF GRADUATION: ________________________________

NAME ________________________________ STUDENT ID NUMBER ________________

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