## Two great options for highly motivated UCSB students: The College of Creative Studies or Letters & Science Honors

### Philosophy

- **CCS** is often described as ‘a graduate school for undergraduates.’ CCS students enter already focused on an area of study, immersing themselves into it, and are mentored to engage in research or creative activity as early as possible.

- **L&S Honors** students experience the breadth of the university through Honors experiences emphasizing academic excellence. (see ‘Courses’ below.) Many transition to a research project or senior thesis while others have an intensive study abroad as their capstone experience.

### Admissions

- Admission to CCS is by a separate, additional application beyond admission to UCSB. The faculty in each CCS major control admissions, based largely on potential for creative activity or research.

- Admission to L&S Honors is based on GPA and SAT. Or, students may join L&S Honors at the end of freshman year with a 3.5 UCSB GPA. All Regents Scholars are automatically in the Honors program.

### Majors

- CCS offers 8 majors in Art, Biology, Chemistry & Biochemistry, Computing, Writing & Literature, Mathematics, Music Composition, and Physics.

- L&S Honors students can choose any of the 78 majors the College of Letters & Science offers.

### Courses

- Most CCS majors offer introductory classes taught by dedicated CCS faculty with the aim of accelerating students into research and creative work. More advanced CCS students take advanced L&S classes, including graduate level classes.

- L&S Honors students enroll in regular L&S classes, but also have access to small, faculty led Honors seminars and Honors discussion sections. More advanced students can add an ‘Honors contract’ for a one-on-one experience with the faculty.

### Requirements

- All CCS students are required to meet with their faculty advisor at least once each quarter. Most CCS majors offer a ‘mid-career’ review for each student.

- To remain in the L&S Honors program, students must maintain a 3.5 GPA and participate in the Honors experiences described above.

### Summary

- An early immersion into a chosen field of study.

- The pursuit of a transformational capstone academic experience.

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