Welcome to Stevenson College, and welcome to the Stevenson Core Course. Stevenson’s two-quarter core course is required of all first-year* students. The course engages students with some of the most challenging and influential texts of global and multicultural discourse. From our first quarter readings, including Plato, Sartre, the Bhagavad Gita and the Qur’an, to our second quarter readings, including Freud, Marx, Virginia Woolf, and Malcolm X, throughout the course we ask two fundamental questions: (1) How should thoughtful or enlightened individuals conduct their lives (i.e., what are the characteristics and goals of what might be called the “ideal self”? (2) How do we work best to establish a good and just social community (i.e., what are the conditions and purposes of the “ideal society”)? These questions reflect the deepest of human concerns: “Who am I, what am I living for, and what are my obligations to my community and the world at-large?”

The Stevenson Core Course provides a unique and important educational experience:

1. It is interdisciplinary: The course integrates a range of academic disciplines, including philosophy, history, literature and politics.

2. It is team-taught: Faculty come from a range of academic disciplines, and the course reflects the creative energies of a diverse group of scholars and teachers.

3. It provides small seminar classes for Stevenson students. Classes of approximately 22-25 students meet two to three times a week.

4. Stevenson Core helps students develop their skills in writing, reading, and critical analysis.

5. The course creates a common intellectual experience unique to Stevenson, one shared not only with your fellow first year students, but also with all Stevensonians.

*Students admitted as transfer students are exempted from the core course but may take the course if they need the C1 or C2 requirement, or at their option on a space-available basis.

You can begin to enroll in Stevenson Core Course via your student portal during Summer Orientation or on August 3.
Please use this **CORE COURSE ENROLLMENT GUIDE** to help you understand how you will enroll in your core course section. Be sure to have your exam scores and transcripts submitted to the Admissions Office by **July 1**. *(If you have AP/IBH scores from multiple years, you may need to specify to the testing services which scores you would like sent to UCSC. The AP/IBH chart showing how your scores are applied to UCSC requirements is available at: [http://admissions.ucsc.edu/publications/ap-ib-chart.pdf](http://admissions.ucsc.edu/publications/ap-ib-chart.pdf).)*

### IF YOU HAVE...

- Taken the Analytical Writing Placement Exam (AWPE) on May 9 and scored 8 or 9
- Scored 680 or higher on SAT Reasoning Test (Writing) or SAT II Writing Test
- Scored 30 or higher on the ACT Combined English/Writing test
- Scored 3 on either of the AP English Exams
- Scored 6 or higher on the IB Standard Level English A Exam
- Taken the AWPE and scored 10 or higher
- Scored 5, 6, or 7 on the IBH Higher Level English A Exam
- Scored 4 or 5 on either of the AP English Exams
- Earned a grade of C or higher in a UC transferable composition course that was minimum of 3 semester/4 quarter units

### You have satisfied the ELWR*.

**You are eligible to enroll in STEV 80A, sections 16 and above--C1 section.**

### IF YOU HAVE...

- Not met any of the above and have already taken the AWPE in May
- Not met any of the above and did not take the AWPE in May

### You have NOT satisfied the ELWR.

**You will need to enroll in STEV 80A, sections 1-15--ELWR section.**

### You will need to take the AWPE* on September 28 and enroll in the appropriate core course section after the exam.

*The **Entry Level Writing Requirement (ELWR)** is a University requirement that needs to be fulfilled by the end of the fourth quarter of enrollment. C1 & C2 are two of the General Education requirements that need to be fulfilled prior to the seventh quarter of enrollment. For more information on UCSC’s Writing Requirement, [http://writing.ucsc.edu/requirements/index.html](http://writing.ucsc.edu/requirements/index.html).

If you have **not** taken the **Analytical Writing Placement Exam (AWPE)** in May and you did **not** have the opportunity to take the AP/IBH exam, you may take the AWPE at UCSC in September to try to satisfy the ELWR and C1 and try to qualify for the C2 section of the Core Course.

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*International students (F1 or J1 visa) who do **not** satisfy the **Entry Level Writing Requirement (ELWR)** will be notified via email regarding their core course placement.*