

UCSB Certificate in College and University Teaching

The UCSB Certificate in College and University Teaching (CCUT) is designed for doctoral students who wish to demonstrate superior competence and experience in preparation for teaching at the university or college level. Official CCUT certificates are issued by UCSB's Office of the Registrar and are noted on the student's transcript. The Certificate is awarded in conjunction with a PhD or MFA degree upon completion.

CCUT Competencies

The conferral of UCSB Certificate in College and University Teaching (CCUT) signifies that the graduate has demonstrated the ability to:

- Apply appropriate research, theory, models, and/or principles of student learning to their teaching;
- Successfully plan and conduct classes and sections that incorporate instructional strategies for equitable, inclusive and accessible student learning, engaging learning activities, and formative and summative evaluation of student performance;
- Use a specific instructional design or "teaching innovation" to address a teaching or learning challenge, drawing on insights from the scholarship of teaching and learning, and evaluate the efficacy of the innovation;
- Effectively instruct a class as the Instructor of Record by developing or refining a syllabus, providing feedback to enhance student learning, and appropriately evaluating student performance;
- Cogently discuss their teaching values, practices and professional growth in terms of their teaching philosophy, student feedback on teaching, and relevant pedagogical materials.

The CCUT Competencies are demonstrated through completion of five requirements:

1. Participate in all required TA Training programs and events.
2. Enroll in and complete a CCUT approved course that encompasses college-level pedagogy.
3. Complete a paper or multimedia presentation focused on improving instruction using evidence-based pedagogical approaches.
4. Teach a course as the Instructor of Record.
5. Prepare and submit a teaching portfolio that exemplifies your teaching approach, expertise, and growth. The portfolio is reviewed by a Faculty Advisor Board, who must approve the portfolio in order for the CCUT emphasis and certificate to be awarded.

For more information, see the [UCSB Certificate in College and University Teaching website](#).