College writing is different from high school writing.

This summer, The Cooper Union is offering a unique opportunity to get a head start on one of the most important aspects of your college career: writing and thinking at the college level.
The Cooper Union Summer Writing Program Online is a three-week course designed to prepare students for college-level writing. The program teaches vital skills for writing across the disciplines. It is open to students who have completed high school or will be entering their senior year.

Why it’s needed When students enter college, they are asked to move beyond the skills that got them there. Students are often surprised by the immediate demand for more sophisticated writing and thinking. Even the most accomplished high school writers can struggle when asked to write in new modes for new audiences, and less-confident writers can be overwhelmed. But college’s challenges should be exhilarating rather than intimidating. Our informed, knowledgeable approach to writing and thinking can provide students with tools for college success.

How it works Each class is limited to 12 students. Students receive individual attention in a supportive yet rigorous environment. During our online sessions, students do hands-on, interactive work with a range of texts in the humanities and social sciences. Students will learn how to:

- Move beyond the limits of the five-paragraph essay
- Create critical arguments based upon close reading
- Develop arguments fully and completely
- Develop an approach to working with challenging texts
- Use writing as a means to generate analysis and sophisticated ideas
- Create writing that they are interested in
- Make writing more enjoyable and more productive

Cooper Union’s unique approach The Summer Writing Program is modeled after the unique work we do at Cooper Union. Our approaches have been designed for students with a diversity of interests and learning styles. The Summer Writing Program develops skills crucial to college work in the liberal arts as well as scientific, technical, and studio-based majors.

Schedule
The Cooper Union Summer Writing Program Online runs from July 16 through August 2, 2012. Classes meet Mondays through Thursdays. Students will gather online for guided instruction followed by interactive assignments to be completed both individually and collaboratively.

Technical Requirements
Course delivery and communication takes place via screen, so students will benefit from a consistent, secure access to a personal computer with up to date word processing and graphic software (Flash and video players). A high-speed Internet connection is also recommended.

Costs
Tuition is $2500. Anticipate an additional $50 for required reading materials.

Registration
Space is limited. A non-refundable deposit of $500 is due by June 30. The balance is due by July 15.

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