

GWAR-CERTIFYING COURSES

Graduation Requirement in Writing Proficiency (GWAR)

The California State University requires that all undergraduate students demonstrate competency in writing skills at the upper division level as a requirement for graduation.

Undergraduate students must first complete their lower division English composition courses in Area 1A of the General Education program, before attempting to complete this upper-division requirement. Fulfillment of GWAR should be undertaken at the beginning of the junior year (or 60 units) and can be met by completing an upper-division GWAR-certifying course in the major or a closely related major. Many departments and programs offer GWAR-certifying courses for their majors. Students should contact their major department to determine if such a course is offered. Students must earn a grade of C or higher to satisfy the GWAR.

Those students whose major department does not offer an upper-division GWAR-certifying course may elect to take one of the following after consulting with their major department:

- BIO 490 Senior Project
- BPH 340 Experimental Biophysics
- BUS 445 International Business
- CDV 320 Mthd & Analysis in Child Study
- CHE 360 Writing in Chemical Sciences
- CHS 300 Critical Issues in Chicana/Chicano Studies
- CJA 339 Research Methods and Communication in Criminal Justice Administration
- CLS 307 Clinical Hematology
- ENG 317 Black English Language and Culture
- ENG 350 Advanced Composition: The English Department regularly offers this GWAR-certifying course. Students must earn a grade of C or higher to satisfy the GWAR requirement.
- ENG 490 Seminar in Literature
- HIS 400 Proseminar in History
- HUS 310 Helping and Professional Relationships
- IDS 490 Interdisciplinary Studies Senior Seminar
- KIN 330 Sport and Exercise Psychology
- LBS 370 Multicultural Studies
- MUS 486 Music History III: 1880 to Contemporary
- POL 300 Research Design in Political Science
- PUB 306 Research Methods in Public Administration
- SOC 309 Writing Skills in Sociology
- WMS 490 Senior Capstone

Transfer Certification

Students who have satisfied the Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement (GWAR) at another CSU campus in 1984 or later, but prior to matriculation at CSU, Dominguez Hills, may petition for fulfillment of GWAR at CSUDH. Students must complete a Petition for Fulfillment of GWAR (<https://www.csudh.edu/mpa/student-services/forms/>), attaching a copy of the certifying test score or copy of an official transcript and the catalog description of the pertinent coursework.