

UNIVERSITY GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

description of the pertinent coursework. CSU, Dominguez Hills Testing Center, North Library 5705, (310) 243-3909.

Statutory Requirements: United States History, Constitution and American Ideals

To qualify for graduation, each student shall demonstrate knowledge of the Constitution of the United States and American history, including the study of American institutions and ideals, and the principles of state and local government established under the Constitution of the state of California.

These statutory requirements may be satisfied by completion of POL 101 American Institutions and HIS 101 History Of United States, or by passing comprehensive examinations in each of these fields. Students who have fulfilled the American History and the United States Constitution and government section of the state requirements may fulfill the California state and local government section by successfully completing POL 312 State and Local Government: Organization and Problems or by passing a comprehensive examination. (Contact the Political Science Department, (310) 243-3434 for further information.) Students transferring from other colleges who have not already met one or more of these requirements may take examinations in those parts not met. Students transferring from other accredited institutions of collegiate grade, who have been certified by such institutions as meeting these requirements, shall not be required to take further courses or examinations therein.

Graduation Requirement in Writing Proficiency (GWAR)

California State University Executive Order 665 states that all students "must demonstrate competency in writing skills at the upper division level as a requirement for graduation." It further states that "certification of writing competency shall be made available to students as they enter their junior year [60 units]."

Undergraduate students must first complete their lower division English composition courses in Area A, General Education, 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 through one of the following options:

- Advanced GWAR-certifying course in the 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.
- Advanced Composition Course offered by the English Department. The English Department regularly offers an advanced composition courses ENG 350 Advanced Composition, 3 units, A-C/NC). Students must earn a grade of C or higher (B or higher for graduate students) to satisfy the GWAR.

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 at the Toro Learning & Testing Center, attaching a copy of the certifying test score or copy of an official transcript and the catalog