

GRADUATE WRITING EXAMINATION (GWE)

The Graduate Writing Examinations (GWE), a voluntary test for which a \$35 fee is charged, is available to students five times per semester, in September, November, February, April, and June or July. Students must earn a score of 8 or higher to satisfy the GWE. Students may take the test a second time if necessary. The test may be taken only two times. After two attempts at the test, students must then take a certifying course. Information on test dates and registration procedures are available in each semester's Class Schedule, in the Testing Center, North Library 5705, (310) 243-3909, testing@csudh.edu, or at the Testing website <http://www.csudh.edu/testing-center/>.

Provisions are made for students majoring in distance learning programs and other off-campus programs. Although students majoring in these programs can take the GWE on-campus, most students have the option of taking it via a proctor at a location of their choosing. There are three off-campus administrations per academic year, in the fall, spring, and summer. Students exercising this option must register directly with their Program Advisors, who will then provide them with any necessary information and materials.

A provision is made for students who are not native speakers of English. The GWE registration form asks students to indicate whether or not they are native speakers of English. Student who declare themselves non-native speakers, may elect to write their essay in two hours instead of one, though this choice must be made at the time of registration. The essays are scored along with those of native speakers with respect to overall considerations of focus, critical understanding, content, organization, and grammar.

Provisions are made for students who are disabled. Arrangements are made on an individual basis by the Student disAbility Resource Center, Welch Hall 180, (310) 243-3660, in conjunction with the Testing Center. Students must contact the Student disAbility Resource Center at least 10 working days prior to the GWE test date and after registering for the GWE. Students should contact the Testing Center for details: (310) 243-3909, or testing@csudh.edu.