Postbaccalaureate Writing Requirement

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All CSU students are required by Trustee policy to demonstrate competence in writing skills as a requirement for all advanced degrees and all credentials. All post-baccalaureate students at Cal State L.A. who are subject to requirements of the 1984-85 or any later Catalog and who are pursuing a graduate degree or a credential are required to satisfy this Post-baccalaureate Writing Requirement in one of the following ways:

1. Pass the Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement required for the Cal State L.A. baccalaureate. Post-baccalaureate students selecting this option must register to take the Writing Proficiency Examination no later than the deadline to add classes during the first quarter they are enrolled in a graduate or credential program. Failure to register for the GWAR will void enrollment for that quarter.

2. Post-baccalaureate students who hold an earned doctorate or master's degree from an accredited college or university where the primary language of instruction is English may substitute such a degree for passing the Writing Proficiency Examination.

3. Post-baccalaureate students who have passed a writing proficiency examination or a graduation writing assessment examination, in English, from any accredited college or university where the primary language of instruction is English, may substitute such a result for passing the Writing Proficiency Examination.

Post-baccalaureate students must satisfy this Post-baccalaureate Writing Requirement within the first three quarters of their graduate (conditionally classified or classified) or credential program or prior to the completion of 16 units, whichever comes later. Students must satisfy this Post-baccalaureate Writing Requirement within the required time in order to be eligible for continued registration.

Departments/divisions/schools may require of their majors additional discipline-based coursework in writing. See your faculty adviser for requirements in your major department/division/school.

Petitions for certification of the Post-baccalaureate Writing Requirement shall be made at the college level and reported to the Dean of Graduate Studies and Research. A student who has satisfied the Post-baccalaureate Writing Requirement shall continue to be certified with no time limit on such certification. A post-baccalaureate unclassified student is not required to satisfy this Post-baccalaureate Writing Requirement.

See the current Schedule of Classes for details on the Writing Proficiency Examination, i.e. date, examination fee, retake charge, test details, registration procedures, etc.