

1 **Postbaccalaureate GRADUATE Writing Requirement**

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4 All CSU students are required by Trustee policy to demonstrate competence in writing as a
5 requirement for all advanced degrees and all credentials. All post-baccalaureate students at Cal
6 State L.A. who are subject to requirements of the 1984-85 or any later Catalog and who are
7 pursuing a graduate degree or a credential are required to satisfy the Graduation Writing
8 Assessment Requirement. Post-baccalaureate GRADUATE students who ARE CONSIDERED TO
9 HAVE MET THE GVAR REQUIREMENT UPON ADMISSION TO THE UNIVERSITY IF
10 THEY (1) hold an earned A doctorate or master's BACHELOR'S degree OR HIGHER from an
11 accredited college or university where ENGLISH IS the primary language MEDIUM of instruction;
12 is English may use such an advanced degree to satisfy the GVAR. Post-baccalaureate students may
13 also satisfy the GVAR with OR (2) ATTAINED a score of 41 or better on the writing portion of the
14 California Basic Educational Skills Test (CBEST) OR A SCORE OF 4 ON THE ANALYTIC
15 WRITING PORTION OF THE GRE OR THE GMAT.

16 Post-baccalaureate students who have passed a Writing Proficiency Examination or a Graduation
17 Writing Assessment Examination, in English, from any accredited college or University where the
18 primary language of instruction is English, may substitute such a result for passing the Writing
19 Proficiency Examination.

20 GRADUATE Post-baccalaureate students must satisfy this Post-baccalaureate Writing
21 Requirement within the first two semesters of their graduate (conditionally classified or classified)
22 or credential program or prior to the completion of BEFORE COMPLETING 12 semester units,
23 whichever comes later. GRADUATE STUDENTS MAY TAKE THE WRITING PROFICIENCY
24 EXAM ONCE. STUDENTS WHO DO NOT PASS ARE REQUIRED TO PASS THE
25 DESIGNATED GVAR COURSE. STUDENTS WHO DO NOT SATISFY THE GVAR
26 REQUIREMENT WITHIN THEIR FIRST 12 UNITS MAY BE SUBJECT TO A
27 REGISTRATION HOLD. Students must satisfy this Post-baccalaureate GRADUATE Writing
28 Requirement within the required time in order to be Advanced to Candidacy.

29 Departments/divisions/schools may require of their majors additional discipline-based coursework
30 in writing.

31 A student who has satisfied the Post-baccalaureate GRADUATE Writing Requirement shall
32 continue to be certified with no time limit on such certification. A Post-baccalaureate unclassified
33 student is not required to satisfy this Post-baccalaureate GRADUATE Writing Requirement.

1 **Graduate Writing Requirement**

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4 All CSU students are required by Trustee policy to demonstrate competence in writing as a
5 requirement for all advanced degrees. All post-baccalaureate students at Cal State L.A. who are
6 subject to requirements of the 1984-85 or any later Catalog and who are pursuing a graduate degree
7 are required to satisfy the Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement. Graduate students are
8 considered to have met the GVAR requirement upon admission to the university if they (1) earned
9 a bachelor's degree or higher from an accredited college or university where English is the medium
10 of instruction; or (2) attained a score of 41 or better on the writing portion of the California Basic
11 Educational Skills Test (CBEST) or a score of 4 on the analytic writing portion of the GRE or the
12 GMAT.

13 Graduate students must satisfy this requirement before completing 12 semester units. Graduate
14 students may take the Writing Proficiency Exam once. Students who do not pass are required to
15 pass the designated GVAR course. Students who do not satisfy the GVAR requirement within
16 their first 12 units may be subject to a registration hold. Students must satisfy this Graduate Writing
17 Requirement in order to be Advanced to Candidacy.

18 Departments/divisions/schools may require of their majors additional discipline-based coursework
19 in writing.

20 A student who has satisfied the Graduate Writing Requirement shall continue to be certified with no
21 time limit on such certification. A Post-baccalaureate unclassified student is not required to satisfy
22 this Graduate Writing Requirement.