



MSE Programs, Graduate and Extended Studies

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GRADUATE WRITING ASSESSMENT REQUIREMENT (GWAR) WAIVER REQUEST

In order to waive the GWAR, a number of options are available to students. As listed on the GAPE website, the methods include

- 1) Satisfactory completion of a bachelor's degree from SJSU or another CSU campus after 1981, or
- 2) Satisfactory completion of the SJSU ENGR 100W course. For graduate students, the Writing Skills Test (WST) should be waived before enrolling in ENGR 100W. or
- 3) Completion of a [pre-approved SJSU graduate course \(pdf\)](#), which has been approved by Graduate Admissions and Program Evaluations, is at least three units, and in which a major report is required that is at least 30% of the course grade. Most graduate departments have a number of pre-approved courses that students can take that will complete this requirement. For a list of approved courses see http://www.sjsu.edu/gape/current_students/completing_masters/index.htm#3, or
- 4) Approval by GS&R of a professional publication in which the student was the **sole** author, or
- 5) Completion of an upper division writing course at another university that is approved by our office and is deemed to be equivalent in content and writing requirement to the SJSU 100W.

If you believe you have satisfied at least one of the above five methods of satisfying the GWCR, then complete and submit this form along with the required documentation as specified below.

Documentation To Submit For Method #1

- If you have a bachelors degree from SJSU, just check the appropriate box on this form. No additional documentation is required.
 - If you have a bachelors degree from another CSU, then submit, along with this form, an electronic (soft copy) of your degree diploma and unofficial transcripts form the CSU institution.
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Documentation To Submit For Method #2

- In the form below, Fill in the semester and year in which you successfully completed SJSU 100W
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Documentation To Submit For Method #3

- No additional documentation is needed. In the form below, just indicate which course ([pre-approved SJSU graduate course \(pdf\)](#)) and the semester and year in which you completed the course with a grade of B or better.
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Documentation To Submit For Method #4

- An electronic (soft copy) of a professional publication in which you are the sole author.
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Documentation To Submit For Method #5

- An electronic (soft copy) of unofficial transcripts of the upper division writing course at another university that is approved by GS&R and is deemed to be equivalent in content and writing requirement to the SJSU 100W.
- The URL to the course description of the upper division course at another university.
- At least two electronic (soft copies) of graded writing assignments, with editing mark ups) from the upper division course at another university.



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Date: Last Name: First Name:

Student ID #:

Which method are you using to request a waiver?

- Method #1: Satisfactory completion of bachelors degree from SJSU or another CSU institution
Institution where you received your bachelors degree:
Major:
Date bachelors degree was awarded:
Required documentation accompanies this form submission?:
- Method #2: Satisfactory completion of the SJSU 100W course
When did you pass the WST:
Semester 100W completed: Year 100W completed:
100W Grade:
Required documentation accompanies this form submission?:
- Method #3: Satisfactory pre-approved SJSU graduate course
Course name and number:
Semester completed course: Year completed course:
Grade received:
- Method #4: GS&R approval of a sole authorship professional publication
Publication title and complete publication information

Example publication accompanies this form submission?:
- Method #5: Completion of an upper division writing course at another approved university
Institution:
Course number and title:
URL with Course Description: