Description of the Writing Requirement Special Subject Area

Objective: In Writing Requirement courses, students study and practice writing, reading, and critical analysis within specific disciplines. Students will demonstrate their abilities with these outcomes by producing written work that is independent of or in addition to written examinations and that is a significant consideration in the assessment of student performance in the course.

Learning Outcomes: Students who successfully complete the Writing requirement will be able to:
• Produce writing that uses rhetorical conventions appropriate to different disciplines and, if appropriate, languages
• Identify the roles that types of writing play in the production and circulation of knowledge within specific disciplines
• Identify the role of evidence in writing within specific disciplines
• Locate, interpret, and use discipline-specific evidence appropriately
• Use conventions of organization, style, coherence, structure, syntax, and mechanics appropriate to specific disciplines
• Use citational style and form appropriate to specific disciplines

Petitioning Courses for Writing Requirement Credit
Students in the College of Letters and Science may petition for Writing Requirement credit for any UCSB or EAP course that does not currently carry Writing Requirement eligibility.

Criteria for determining whether GE Writing Requirement credit should be granted:

1. One to three papers totaling at least 1800 words, exclusive of such elements as footnotes, table of contents, title page, equations, figures, tables, and bibliography.

2. The required paper(s) must be independent of or in addition to written examinations (when given).

3. The paper(s) must receive significant consideration in the assessment of student performance in the course and constitute at least 25% of the course grade.

4. The documents submitted should show that the course offered direct instruction in writing and/or instructor feedback on student writing.

A Completed petition form must include:

1. A non-returnable copy of the syllabus from the course for the quarter in which it was completed.

2. A non-returnable copy of each paper that was written for the course.

3. A brief (1-2 paragraph) explanation of the instruction and/or feedback in writing that was provided by the course.
NOTE:

In lieu of a syllabus or paper, a letter written by the instructor may be submitted. The letter must be written on department stationery with an original signature and must provide the following information: (1) description of the writing assignment(s); (2) total number of pages/words required; (3) portion of the overall grade derived from the writing assignment; verification that the writing assignment was separate from the midterm and the final examination.

Answers to the most commonly asked questions:

- Lab reports including discussion and analysis will be considered, provided they are typed and written in complete sentences. (Lab reports from Chemistry courses will not be considered.)
- Papers in languages other than English will be considered.
- Papers from courses taken through UCSB sponsored programs (e.g., UCDC, EAP) will be considered.
- Papers from courses taken at other colleges will not be considered.
- Petitions will not be accepted for courses that have not been completed.
- For students admitted for fall 1999 or later, no more than 2 petitions will be approved.

*Approvals are granted on an individual student basis and do not apply to other students enrolled in the course.*

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Instructions for the Petition for University
And General Education Requirements

1. **Completed courses**: Only courses that appear on your record in GOLD may be petitioned.

2. **In-Progress courses**: UCSB in-progress and intended courses may be petitioned and will be applied to your record upon successful completion of the course.

3. **Courses from other institutions**: Courses from other institutions may NOT be petitioned until after the course has been completed and determined to be UC transferable by the Office of Admissions. Final transcripts must be sent to the Office of the Registrar for processing.

   You may request pre-approval of courses from other institutions, based on a review of the content of course(s). Be aware that pre-approval by the College of Letters and Science does not guarantee UC transferability. You must inform the College of Letters and Science once the course appears on your GOLD record in order for the petition to be processed.

4. Petitions submitted without supporting documentation will be denied.
Petition for University and General Education Requirements

Please review the instructions for this petition prior to completion.

Please attach supporting documentation (course description, syllabus, etc.) for review. Petitions for Writing requirements must also include a copy of the paper(s).

Name
Last
First
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Perm #

Umail address
Phone#

Major(s)
Expected Date of Graduation (quarter/year)

ONE COURSE PER PETITION

Course Department and Number (as it appears on your GOLD)
Course Title (as it appears on your GOLD)

College or University where course was taken
City and Country (if done abroad)

Apply course to the following area(s) (check all boxes that apply):

- Area A: English Reading and Composition
- Area B: Foreign Language
- Area C: Science, Mathematics, and Technology
- Area D: Social Sciences
- Area E: Culture and Thought
- Area F: Arts
- Area G: Literature
- American History and Institutions
- Writing (UCSB and UC EAP courses only)
- Quantitative
- Ethnicity
- World Cultures
- European Traditions
- Entry Level Writing

Student's Signature: ___________________________ Date: ____________

The decision regarding this petition will be sent to your umail account. Please allow 3-4 weeks for a decision.

For internal use only
Department Recommendation: ___________________________ Dean: ___________________________
Comments: ___________________________ Approve ___________
Deny ___________
Date Processed: ____________