

**Graduate Studies: Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement (GWAR)**

WHEREAS, CSU Chancellor's Executive Order 665 specifies that each campus adopt a graduate level Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement (GWAR) based on the following three guidelines:

1. Campuses may require demonstration of writing proficiency as a condition for admission to a graduate program.
2. Campuses shall require demonstration of writing proficiency prior to the award of a graduate degree. The level of proficiency shall be no less than the level required for GWAR certification at the baccalaureate level.
3. Campuses may require additional demonstration of advanced-level writing proficiency as a condition for admission to a graduate program and/or award of the graduate degree; and

WHEREAS, The CSUSM GWAR has been the same for both graduate and undergraduate studies since its inception; and

WHEREAS, It is the consensus of the Graduate Studies Committee (GSC), a committee comprised of representatives from CSUSM graduate programs, that master's students should demonstrate advanced-level writing proficiency prior to the award of the graduate degree; no, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That, the Academic Senate endorse the attached procedures and rubric for developing graduate program GWARs; and be it further

RESOLVED, That, the procedures shall serve as general guidelines for individual graduate programs to develop and implement their respective GWAR.