

**Instructions**

**Do not hand write - Must be typed**

Before filling out this form, please read the Graduate Studies webpage for the Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement (GWAR) available by clicking this link: <http://www.sjsu.edu/gup/gradstudies/policy/gwar/index.html>

All graduate students in the CSU are required to demonstrate competency in written English by passing a GWAR - approved course. The graduate advisor may approve and submit this petition for consideration if it is in the best interest of the student to waive the requirement. Note, however, that a program may choose not to allow a waiver of a graduate-level GWAR - satisfying course even if the student has fulfilled one or more of the requirements listed below. A successful petition waives the GWAR requirement but not the associated units. Waiver requires selecting an additional elective in consultation with the graduate advisor.

**Student Information**

Last Name		First Name, M.I.		
Student ID	Email	Program		
Current Address	City	State	Zip	
Daytime Phone Number	Student Signature	Date		
Name of Graduate Advisor				
Advisor Signature	Approve	Deny		
Advisor Comments				

**Required Documents**

**All petitions submitted for Graduate Studies review must include the student’s personal statement, transcripts, and other items as required.** Consideration for waiver of the GWAR is based on demonstrated competency as defined by S94-7.

Complete Transcripts

Personal statement with clear explanation as to why the GWAR requirement is to be waived

**Check the relevant option or options. Attach all required documentation for each.**

1. Satisfactory completion of 100W course in CSU is recorded by the graduate advisor on the Advancement to Candidacy form. Students who earned their undergraduate degrees from a CSU have satisfied the CSU graduation requirement of competency in written English.
2. Passing of WST test at a level waiving 100W (transcript and exam results attached).
3. Satisfactory completion (B or better) of a discipline-specific upper-division writing course at another university judged by the Associate Dean of Graduate Studies. Substituting courses will be assessed on the basis of GWAR course-certification criteria (3 semester units minimum, 3,000-word requirement, term paper comprising 30% of course grade, and teaching of professional standards). (Transcript, syllabus, single-authored writing samples with instructor feedback visible attached)
4. Publication in a peer-reviewed journal of an article of which the student was the sole author (paper and journal web address attached).
5. Publication of a thesis or dissertation from an accredited institution of which the student was the sole author (transcript and a copy of thesis or dissertation attached).

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Name of Associate Dean of Graduate Studies	Approved	Denied
Signature of Associate Dean of Graduate Studies	Date	
Comments		