

Frequently Asked Questions Writing Skills Test

Will the 96S course replace LLD 98 and 99?

Not quite. LLD 98/99 was used as a requirement to help students pass the WST, but passing the class did not result in completion of the WST requirement. ENGL/LLD 96S is an alternative method of demonstrating writing competency. Therefore, when students pass the 96S, they will have completed the requirement of passing the WST or Level 1 of the GWAR (Graduate Writing Assessment Requirement). Successful completion of either the WST or LLD/ENGL 96S will allow them to move on to SJSU Studies.

Does this mean that students cannot use the list of classes on the UGS website under the [List of recommended courses for AY 2009-10 if you've failed the WST twice \(pdf\)](#) link to replace LLD 98/99 or ENGL/LLD 96S?

Those courses listed at that link are not being used to replace the WST or Level 1 of the GWAR. They are also not required in order to attempt the WST a third time, as was the case with LLD 98/99. The community college courses on the website are recommended as additional assistance for students having trouble passing the WST, but they are not required and will not replace 96S or the WST.

If they pass 96S they take the WST again, right?

No. If students pass 96S, they can move on to 100W and other SJSU Studies. The level 1 of GWAR will be complete.

How many times do students need to fail the WST before they are eligible for 96S? Is it two times or can students apply to take the class if they failed it the first time around?

A student can take 96S if they have failed the WST at least once. It is anticipated that students would prefer to spend \$25 to attempt the WST for one day rather than spend \$750 to enroll in the course for an entire semester. The policy adopted by the Writing Requirements Committee allows students to choose the 96S course to satisfy the WST requirement at any time.

When will information about 96S come out for Summer classes?

More information regarding 96S in Summer will be released once a schedule has been finalized.

Can students use English 1B in place of passing the WST?

This was always done by exception and contract on an individual student basis; however, as of Spring 2010, such arrangements will no longer be made. English 1B will NOT be used to waive the WST. In fact, there are NO WAIVERS for the WST requirement.

Are there any additional instructions for students with disabilities?

Students with disabilities should register with the Disability Resource Center (DRC) to determine if their WST requirements will be handled differently.