

Instructions

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Before filling out this form, please read the Graduate Studies webpage for the Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement (GVAR) available by clicking this [link](#).

All graduate students in the CSU are required to demonstrate competency in written English by passing a GVAR-approved course. The graduate advisor may approve and submit this petition for consideration if the student has fulfilled one or more of the requirements below. However, a program may still require that a student take a graduate-level, GVAR-satisfying course even if the student has fulfilled one or more of the requirements listed below. A successful petition fulfills the GVAR requirement but not the associated units. Thus, approval requires selecting an additional elective in consultation with the graduate advisor.

Student Information

Last Name		First Name, M.I.	
Student ID	Email	Program	
Year Admitted Daytime			
Phone Number	Name of	Student Signature	Date
Graduate Advisor			
Signature Advisor		Approve	Deny
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 petition approval is based on demonstrated competency as defined by S19-3.

Complete Transcripts

Personal statement with clear explanation as to why the GVAR requirement has been previously satisfied.

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 GVAR 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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Associate Dean, College of Graduate Studies	Approved	Denied
Signature	Date	
Comments		