

## **Competency and Proficiency in Written English and Mathematics**

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1.0 Competency in standard written English and in basic mathematics is essential to successful university study. Before enrolling in baccalaureate-level writing, mathematics, and other specified courses, students pursuing a baccalaureate degree shall satisfy the following requirements:

a) CSU English Placement Test (EPT)

b) CSU Entry Level Mathematics Examination (ELM)

1.1. All new freshmen shall fulfill within one year of enrollment the two competency requirements, namely: CSU English

Placement Test, CSU Entry Level Mathematics Examination.

1.1.1. Students shall fulfill the California State University (CSU) English Placement Test requirement by one of the following:

a) Completion of the CSU English Placement Test (EPT) at San Diego State University or at another CSU campus

b) Completion before matriculation at San Diego State University of an acceptable college transfer course in English composition of three semester units or four quarter units with a grade of C or better

c) Satisfactory score on the Verbal section of the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) or Scholastic Assessment Test (SAT I)

d) Satisfactory score on the English Usage section of the American College Test (ACT)

e) Satisfactory score on the CSU English Equivalency Examination

f) Satisfactory score on either the Language and Composition or the Composition and Literature Examination of The College Board Advanced Placement Program

g) Satisfactory score on The College Board Achievement Test in English Composition with Essay.

1.1.2. Students shall fulfill the CSU Entry-Level Mathematics Examination (ELM) requirement by one of the following:

a) Satisfactory score on the CSU Entry-Level Mathematics Examination at SDSU or at another CSU campus

b) Completion of an approved General Education mathematics transfer course of three semester units or four quarter units that satisfies the General Education Breadth quantitative reasoning requirement with a grade of C or better

c) Satisfactory score on the Mathematics section of the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) or Scholastic Assessment Test (SAT I)

d) Satisfactory score on the Mathematics section of the American College Test (ACT)

e) Satisfactory score on The College Board Advanced Placement Test in Mathematics, Level AB or BC

f) Satisfactory score on The College Board Mathematics Achievement Test, Level 1, or College Board Mathematics Subject Test, Level 1

g) Satisfactory score on The College Board Mathematics Achievement Test, Level 2, or College Board Mathematics Subject Test, Level 2C.

2.0 Proficiency in Writing

2.1. San Diego State University students shall demonstrate proficiency in writing skills as a requirement for graduation. Such skills shall incorporate basic rules of good writing, subject to the argument, format, logical development, demonstration of evidence, and style appropriate to various disciplines. Furthermore, departments and schools should insist upon effective expression in their courses and should stress the need for improving substandard writing.

2.2. Certification of Upper Division Writing Proficiency: Students shall enroll in one intensive upper division writing course (W) or two disciplinary writing courses (DW).

a) Completion of an approved writing course(s) with a minimum grade of C or Cr shall mean the student has met the Certification of Upper Division Writing Proficiency.