The California State University System (CSU) adopted the Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement (GWAR), requiring that all undergraduate students demonstrate competency in writing skills at the upper division level as a requirement for the baccalaureate degree within the California State University System (CSU). (Students seeking a second bachelor's degree in nursing have satisfied the GWAR with their first baccalaureate degree from a college/university accredited by a regional accrediting association.)

At San Diego State University, the Writing Placement Assessment (WPA) was used as the first step in assessing competency in writing skills at the upper division level.

The WPA was discontinued by the CSU Chancellor’s Office at the end of the spring 2022 semester and students may enroll directly into an upper-division writing course in order to fulfill the Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement. The WPA is no longer an option.

Students, in high unit majors, whose graduation will be delayed by completing an upper-division writing course may be eligible for a waiver for the GWAR. If you think you may be eligible for such a waiver, please consult with your academic advisor as soon as is convenient.

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