

April 11, 2006

To: University Senate
From: Geoff Chase, Chair
Undergraduate Council
Re: Action Item: Change to Policy File

Action

Policy File Language – Writing and Math: The Undergraduate Council moves that the Senate approve policy file language changes as noted (see attached) aimed at bringing such language into agreement with changes that have already been made.

Competency and Proficiency in Written English and Mathematics

- 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. ~~SDSU Writing Competency~~
 - e-b CSU Entry Level Mathematics Examination (ELM)
 - d. ~~SDSU Mathematics Competency Failure to satisfy these four competency requirements within two semesters of attendance at the San Diego campus of the university shall result in the loss of registration priority access for the third and subsequent semesters.~~
- 1.1 ~~Students enrolled at the Imperial Valley Campus shall satisfy the SDSU Writing Competency requirement and the SDSU Mathematics Competency requirement by the beginning of their second semester at SDSU Imperial Valley Campus. If these requirements are not satisfied, students shall then attempt the appropriate Academic Skills courses.~~
- 1.2 1 All entering freshmen students shall fulfill before the end of the third semester of enrollment ~~graduation~~ the two four competency requirements, namely: CSU English Placement Test, ~~SDSU Writing Competency,~~ and CSU Entry Level Mathematics Examination, ~~and SDSU Mathematics Competency.~~
- 1.211 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)
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 - g. Satisfactory score on The College Board Achievement Test in English Composition with Essay.

~~1.22~~ Students shall fulfill the SDSU Writing Competency requirement by one of the following:

- ~~a. Satisfactory score on the CSU English Placement Test~~
- ~~b. Satisfactory score on the SDSU Writing Competency Test~~
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- ~~g. Satisfactory score on the CSU English Equivalency Examination~~
- ~~h. Credit for Rhetoric and Writing 92A, 92B, 94, 95, 97A, or 97B at SDSU.~~

~~1.23~~¹² 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
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- 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.

~~1.24~~ Students shall fulfill the SDSU Mathematics Competency requirement by one of the following:

- ~~a. Satisfactory score on the CSU Entry Level Mathematics Examination~~
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- ~~h. Satisfactory score on the Mathematics General Examination or on the College Algebra-Trigonometry section, the Calculus with Elementary Functions section~~
- ~~i. Grade of CR in General Mathematics 90B or 91.~~

1.3 Additional Considerations

~~1.31~~ Students may attempt the SDSU Writing Competency Test twice; after two unsuccessful attempts, students shall make a substantiated effort to improve their writing skills before being allowed a third attempt.

~~1.32~~ Students may attempt the SDSU Mathematics Placement Test three times; after three unsuccessful attempts, students shall make a substantiated effort to improve their mathematics skills before being allowed a fourth attempt.

2.0 Certification of Upper Division Writing Proficiency ~~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.
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