

Understanding the GWAR, WEPT, and WICs

What is the GWAR?

GWAR stands for Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement. It is intended to ensure that all students graduating from a California State University have acquired the writing skills necessary for competent written communication. At Sonoma State University, there are two ways students may complete the GWAR -- either by passing the WEPT or by passing a WIC.

What is the WEPT?

WEPT stands for Written English Proficiency Test. It is a two-hour test where students write a persuasive article, essay, or letter on a topic of general interest and are scored on the basis of organization, appropriateness of context, clarity and facility of expression, and mechanics. To fulfill the GWAR, a student would need to score at least an 8 out of 12 on the test. Students may take the WEPT once they've reached Junior-level standing (60+ units). The WEPT is \$35.

What is a WIC?

WIC stands for Writing Intensive Course. These are upper-division writing intensive courses that may be used to fulfill the GWAR, as a substitute for the WEPT, and provides discipline specific writing instruction. To fulfill the GWAR, a student would need to earn at least a C in the course, request an exemption to the WEPT requirement, and pay the \$35 fee. Students may take a WIC once they've reached Junior-level standing (60+ units).

Questions?

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WICs

ARTH 452 / ENGL 484

ARTH 464

CALS 374

CALS 403

CCJS 370

CHEM 496

COMS 402

ENGL 314

ENGL 375

ENSP 307

FR 314

KIN 301

LIBS 321A

LIBS 327

MUS 351

NURS 301

PHIL 302

Check course descriptions for prerequisites or other enrollment restrictions. This list is subject to change term-by-term. Check back periodically for updates.