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ROBERT C. DYNES, PRESIDENT
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Re: Amendment to Senate Regulation 636

Dear Bob and Rory:

At its January 30, 2008 meeting, the Academic Assembly approved an amendment to Senate Regulation (SR) 636, which governs the University of California Entry Level Writing Requirement (ELWR). Specifically, the amendment would eliminate the names of specific tests that can be use to pass the ELWR, as well as remove redundancies and add clarification to the regulation. The list of approved tests and the corresponding acceptable scores are available at <http://www.ucop.edu/sas/awpe/index.html>, but they are no longer contained within the regulation language itself. The proposed amendments to SR 636 were approved by the Academic Council at its December 19, 2007 meeting. The University Committee on Rules and Jurisdiction has also found the proposed amendment consonant with the Code of the Academic Senate. In accordance with Senate Bylaw 116, Authority of the Assembly – Part II.E., “The Assembly is authorized to approve modifications to the University Academic Senate legislation. . . Except for Bylaws marked “[Protected – See Bylaw 166.E]”, . . . modification of Regulations requires the approval of a majority of all voting members of the Assembly present. . . . Modification of legislation shall take effect immediately following approval unless a different date is specified or required.”

Academic Council originally considered two amendments to SR 636—one that would cap ELWR class-sizes at no more than 20 students and another that eliminates the names of specific tests that can be use to pass the ELWR. Academic Council only recommended approving the latter amendment which eliminates the names of the tests. Council finds meritorious the class-size cap recommendation because it is in alignment with both Comparison Eight institutions and national standards, but we are uneasy about imposing another unfunded mandate on the system.

For your information and reference, I have enclosed the amendments to the regulation. Please inform the relevant units and personnel at both UCOP and the campuses about the changes to SR 636. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Michael".

Michael T. Brown, Chair
Assembly of the Academic Senate

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Amendment to Senate Regulation 636

Current Language

636. University of California Entry Level Writing Requirement (Am 19 Feb 2004)

- A. University of California Entry Level Writing Requirement is a reading and writing proficiency requirement. Each student must be able to understand and to respond adequately to written material typical of reading assignments in freshman courses. This ability must be demonstrated in student writing that communicates effectively to University faculty. (Am 30 Nov 83; Am 23 May 96; Am 19 Feb 2004)
- B. Prior to enrollment at the University of California, each student may satisfy the University of California Entry Level Writing Requirement either (Am 19 Feb 2004):
 1. by attaining a score approved by the University Committee on Preparatory Education on one of the following examinations:
 - a. the University of California Analytical Writing Placement Exam [formerly called the Subject A Examination] (Am 19 Feb 2004)
 - b. the SAT II Writing Test
 - c. the Advanced Placement English Language and Composition Examination
 - d. the Advanced Placement English Literature and Composition Examination,
 - e. the International Baccalaureate Higher Level Examination in English (Language A only); or
 2. by earning at least 3 semester credits or 4 quarter units of transferable college credit in English composition with a letter grade not below C. (Am 6 Mar 74; Am 28 May 80; Am 26 May 82; Am 30 Nov 83; Am 4 May 86; Am 23 May 1996)
- C. (1) A student who has not satisfied the University of California Entry Level Writing Requirement prior to enrollment in the University of California must satisfy the requirement by passing an examination or successfully completing a course in English composition or another course or program of study. Any such course or program of study or examination must be approved for this purpose by an appropriate agency of the Academic Senate Division of the student's campus. To satisfy the University of California Entry Level Writing Requirement by successfully completing a course or program of study, a student must enroll for a letter grade and earn a grade of C or above. A student who receives a final grade of C- or below may repeat the course. (Am 19 Feb 2004)

(2) A student must satisfy the University of California Entry Level Writing Requirement as early as possible during the first year in residence. A student who has not done so after three quarters or two semesters of enrollment will not be eligible to enroll for a fourth quarter or third semester. Exceptions to this

- requirement may be made by an appropriate agency of the Academic Senate Division of the student's campus. (Am 26 May 82; Am 23 May 96; Am 19 Feb 2004)
- D. Students may satisfy the requirement by passing an examination or by successful completion of a one-quarter or one-semester University of California Entry Level Writing Requirement course in English composition or other approved course or program of study. The examination satisfying the requirement must meet the standards established by the University Committee on Preparatory Education. The University of California Entry Level Writing Requirement course must be taken for a letter grade and passed with a grade of C or higher. Students receiving a final grade of C- or below may repeat the course. (Am 28 May 80; Am 26 May 82; Am 19 Feb 2004)
 - E. Any award of baccalaureate credit for University of California Entry Level Writing Requirement course(s) must be consonant with [SR 761](#). (En 30 Nov 83) (Am 19 Feb 2004)
 - F. Students who, prior to initial enrollment at UC, have earned at least four quarter units of transferable college credit in English composition with a grade not lower than C have satisfied the University of California Entry Level Writing Requirement. (Am 30 Nov 83; Am 6 May 86; Am 19 Feb 2004)
 - G. Any student who has not satisfied the University of California Entry Level Writing Requirement prior to enrollment at UC must satisfy it by passing an approved course or other program prescribed by the student's UC campus of residence for satisfying the requirement. Only after satisfaction of the University of California Entry Level Writing Requirement can students take for transfer credit a course in English composition after enrollment at UC. (Effective for students enrolling at UC in Fall 1986 or thereafter.) (En 4 Mar 86; Am 19 Feb 2004)

New Language

636. University of California Entry Level Writing Requirement (Am 30 Jan 2008)

- A. University of California Entry Level Writing Requirement is a reading and writing proficiency requirement. Each student must be able to understand and to respond adequately to written material typical of reading assignments in freshman courses. This ability must be demonstrated in student writing that communicates effectively to University faculty. (Am 30 Nov 83; Am 23 May 96; Am 19 Feb 2004)
- ~~B. Prior to enrollment at the University of California, each student may satisfy the University of California Entry Level Writing Requirement either (Am 19 Feb 2004):~~
 - ~~1. by attaining a score approved by the University Committee on Preparatory Education on one of the following examinations:~~
 - ~~a. the University of California Analytical Writing Placement Exam [formerly called the Subject A Examination] (Am 19 Feb 2004)~~

- ~~b. the SAT II Writing Test~~
- ~~c. the Advanced Placement English Language and Composition Examination~~
- ~~d. the Advanced Placement English Literature and Composition Examination;~~
- ~~e. the International Baccalaureate Higher Level Examination in English (Language A only); or~~
- ~~2. by earning at least 3 semester credits or 4 quarter units of transferable college credit in English composition with a letter grade not below C. (Am 6 Mar 74; Am 28 May 80; Am 26 May 82; Am 30 Nov 83; Am 4 May 86; Am 23 May 1996)~~

B. There are three ways a student may satisfy the University of California Entry Level Writing Requirement prior to enrollment at the University of California: by passing the University of California Analytical Writing Placement Examination, by attaining an acceptable score on another approved test of Writing, or by earning at least 3 semester credits or 4 quarter units of transferable college credit in English composition. (Am 30 Jan 08)

- 1. The content of the University of California Analytical Writing Placement Examination shall be approved by the University Committee on Preparatory Education, which shall also set the passing standard on the University of California Analytical Writing Placement Examination. (Am 30 Jan 08)**
- 2. The list of approved tests of Writing shall be determined by the University Committee on Preparatory Education, with the concurrence of the Academic Council of the Academic Senate. The acceptable scores for each test of Writing shall be determined by the University Committee on Preparatory Education. (The current list of approved tests and the corresponding acceptable scores is available at <http://www.ucop.edu/sas/awpe/index.html>.) (Am 30 Jan 08)**
- 3. The student must earn a letter grade of at least C in any transferable college English composition course used to satisfy the University of California Entry Level Writing Requirement. (Am 30 Jan 08)**

~~C. (1) A student who has not satisfied the University of California Entry Level Writing Requirement prior to enrollment in the University of California must satisfy the requirement by passing an examination or successfully completing a course in English composition or another course or program of study. Any such course or program of study or examination must be approved for this purpose by an appropriate agency of the Academic Senate Division of the student's campus. To satisfy the University of California Entry Level Writing Requirement by successfully completing a course or program of study, a student must enroll for a~~

~~letter grade and earn a grade of C or above. A student who receives a final grade of C or below may repeat the course. (Am 19 Feb 2004)~~

~~(2) A student must satisfy the University of California Entry Level Writing Requirement as early as possible during the first year in residence. A student who has not done so after three quarters or two semesters of enrollment will not be eligible to enroll for a fourth quarter or third semester. Exceptions to this requirement may be made by an appropriate agency of the Academic Senate Division of the student's campus. (Am 26 May 82; Am 23 May 96; Am 19 Feb 2004)~~

C. There are two ways a student may satisfy the University of California Entry Level Writing Requirement subsequent to enrollment at the University of California: by passing the University of California Analytical Writing Placement Examination, or by successfully completing a course or program of study approved for that purpose by an appropriate agency of the Academic Senate Division of the student's campus. (Am Jan 30 08)

1. To satisfy the University of California Entry Level Writing Requirement by means of a course, the student must earn a C or above or its equivalent. A student who receives a final grade of C- or below has not fulfilled the University of California Entry Level Writing Requirement and may repeat the course(s). (Am Jan 30 08)

2. Any award of baccalaureate credit for University of California Entry Level Writing Requirement course(s) must be consonant with [SR 761](#). (Am Jan 30 08)

~~D. Students may satisfy the requirement by passing an examination or by successful completion of a one-quarter or one-semester University of California Entry Level Writing Requirement course in English composition or other approved course or program of study. The examination satisfying the requirement must meet the standards established by the University Committee on Preparatory Education. The University of California Entry Level Writing Requirement course must be taken for a letter grade and passed with a grade of C or higher. Students receiving a final grade of C or below may repeat the course. (Am 28 May 80; Am 26 May 82; Am 19 Feb 2004)~~

D. A student who has not satisfied the University of California Entry Level Writing Requirement prior to enrollment at the University of California must do so as early as possible during the first year in residence. A student who has not satisfied the University of California Entry Level Writing Requirement after three quarters or two semesters of enrollment will not be eligible to enroll for a fourth quarter or third semester. Exceptions to this requirement may be made by an appropriate agency of the Academic Senate Division of the student's campus. (Am Jan 30 08)

~~E. Any award of baccalaureate credit for University of California Entry Level Writing Requirement course(s) must be consonant with [SR 761](#). (En 30 Nov 83) [See [Legislative Ruling 2.85](#)] (Am 19 Feb 2004)~~

E. Once enrolled at the University of California, a student must satisfy the University of California Entry Level Writing Requirement before earning transfer credit for the purpose of satisfying any subsequent University of California writing requirements by taking courses at other institutions. (Am Jan 30 08)

~~F. Students who, prior to initial enrollment at UC, have earned at least four quarter units of transferable college credit in English composition with a grade not lower than C have satisfied the University of California Entry Level Writing Requirement. (Am 30 Nov 83; Am 6 May 86; Am 19 Feb 2004)~~

~~Any student who has not satisfied the University of California Entry Level Writing Requirement prior to enrollment at UC must satisfy it by passing an approved course or other program prescribed by the student's UC campus of residence for satisfying the requirement. Only after satisfaction of the University of California Entry Level Writing Requirement can students take for transfer credit a course in English composition after enrollment at UC. (Effective for students enrolling at UC in Fall 1986 or thereafter.) (En 4 Mar 86; Am 19 Feb 2004)~~