



# UCMERCED

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## SATISFY THE ENTRY LEVEL WRITING REQUIREMENT (ELWR)

First-Year Students (freshmen): The Analytical Writing Placement Exam (AWPE) is offered at numerous locations in California on the second Saturday of May. If you have not already satisfied the ELWR by one of the methods listed below you are required to take the AWPE. For more information, please visit <http://www.ucop.edu/elwr/index.html> or email [awpe@ucop.edu](mailto:awpe@ucop.edu), or call (800) 839-8507.

### You can meet this requirement by scoring:

- 30 or better on the ACT Combined English/Writing test; or
- 680 or better on the College Board SAT Reasoning Test, Writing section; or
- 3 or above on either Advanced Placement Examination in English; or
- 5 or above on an International Baccalaureate Higher Level English A: Literature exam (formerly known as Higher Level English A1 exam)
- 6 or above on an International Baccalaureate Standard Level English A: Literature exam (formerly known as Standard Level English A1 exam)

You can check to see if your official ACT or SAT scores were received at the University by visiting: <https://admissions.universityofcalifornia.edu/applicant/login.htm>

Alternatively, admitted freshmen and international students may satisfy ELWR by taking an **approved**, transferable course in university-level English Composition, taken at a U.S. regionally accredited college or university, during the summer prior to enrollment. You must earn a grade of C or better to meet ELWR.

**TIP:** Check [www.ASSIST.org](http://www.ASSIST.org) for applicable courses offered at various California Community Colleges by viewing the articulation agreements for UC Merced General Education Requirement course WRI 001 or contact the UC Merced Admissions Office. See our contact information below.

Finally, if you are not able to satisfy ELWR by one of the methods listed above, you must enroll in WRI 001 during your first year at UC Merced.

**UC Merced Portal Account:** Claim your personal UC Merced portal account now to review your checklist to see if we received your official documents at <https://my.ucmerced.edu>.

**Contact Us:** If you have any questions, please contact the Office of Admissions by phone: (209) 228-7178 or by e-mail: [admissions@ucmerced.edu](mailto:admissions@ucmerced.edu).