General Education Writing Requirement

I. Writing

Because of the importance of visual, oral, electronic, and written communication in every academic discipline, in the professions, and in public life, the University is committed to developing a variety of communication abilities in students at all levels and in all areas. The Writing Requirement expresses this broad commitment, but the concern for and attention to rhetorically effective, accurate writing is expected in all courses.

The Writing Requirement consists of two courses at the lower-division level beyond the UC Entry Level Writing requirement and one upper-division course in a discipline.

Except where otherwise noted below, students must satisfy the UC Entry Level Writing requirement prior to fulfilling the UCI writing requirement.

Students who have not completed the lower-division writing requirement before the beginning of their seventh quarter at UCI will be subject to probation. Students transferring to UCI normally should have satisfied the lower-division writing requirement before entering UCI; if, however, they have not, they must complete it within their first three quarters of enrollment or they will be subject to probation. Academic English/English as a Second Language students must complete the lower-division writing requirement before the beginning of the seventh quarter following the completion of their AE/ESL courses or they will be subject to probation.

The third course must be an upper-division writing course, and it must be taken only after the successful completion of the lower-division requirement.

Students enrolled at UCI may take only UCI courses in satisfaction of the lower-division and upper-division writing requirements. Continuing UCI students may not take summer courses at another institution to satisfy lower-division or upper-division writing requirements.

After completing this GE requirement, successful students should be able to do the following:

Lower-division writing

- demonstrate rhetorically effective, accurate academic writing and communication across a variety of contexts, purposes, audiences, and media using appropriate stance, genre, style, and organization;
- develop flexible strategies for generating, revising, editing, and proofreading texts;
- develop abilities in critical reading across a variety of genres and media;
- and demonstrate information literacy skills by locating, evaluating, and integrating information gathered from multiple sources into a research project.

Upper-division writing
demonstrate rhetorically effective, discipline-specific writing for appropriate academic, professional, and public audiences;

demonstrate, at an advanced level of competence, use of discipline-specific research methods, genres, modes of development, and formal conventions;

and demonstrate advanced information literacy skills by locating, evaluating, and integrating information gathered from multiple sources into discipline-specific writing.