

Admission Status: Classified, Conditionally Classified and Denied Entrance

A Classified student has fulfilled the following three criteria:

- 1) A BA in English **or** have already completed 24 upper-division approved English semester units (UD English GPA minimum required- 3.0)
- 2) A passing score on the Writing Proficiency Exam (UDWPE) **OR** a score of 3 or higher on the GRE-Analytical Exam
- 3) A GPA of 3.6 or greater in upper division English and a 3.0 in their last 60 units **OR** score in the 80th percentile in the verbal portion of the general test of the **Graduate Record Exam (GRE)**

A Conditionally Classified student has a BA in English or has already completed 24 upper-division approved English semester units with a minimum 3.0 GPA, and needs to fulfill one or more of the following criteria:

- 1) A passing score on the Writing Proficiency Exam (UDWPE) **OR** a score of 3 or higher on the GRE-Analytical Exam
- 2) A GPA of 3.6 or greater in upper division English and a 3.0 in their last 60 units **OR** score in the 80th percentile in the verbal portion of the general test of the **Graduate Record Exam (GRE)**

Denied students fall into one or more of these categories:

- 1) Do not have a BA in English
- 2) Do not have 24 upper-division approved English semester units
- 3) Do not have the required minimum GPA of 3.0 in U.D. English units

*Denied students may not take any graduate level courses (500-600). Denied students may take qualifying courses (300-400 level) through the Tseng College of Extended learning to improve GPA or lack of units.

Conditionally classified students may take graduate classes as they work on fulfilling the GRE and UDWPE conditions required for classified status. **However, students cannot go beyond 12 units of coursework** until classified status is achieved. Note that the English Department's requirements for classification are more stringent than the university's requirements.

PLEASE NOTE: All students with a GPA of 3.59 or less in their upper-division English units **must take the GRE at least once**. For students who have taken the GRE once and who do not score in the 80th percentile, we have to wait for the GPA of the first 12 graduate units. If a student's GPA in the first 12 graduate units is 3.5 or higher, the original GRE score will stand and the student does not have to retake the GRE. If a student's GPA in the first 12 graduate units is between 3.00 and 3.49, he or she will have to achieve the designated GRE score that matches the GPA in the table below. Students not classified at 12 units must get approval from Dr. Baxter to take classes.

Minimum GPA (first 12 units)	GRE Verbal Score
3.50 - 4.00	No minimum (However, must take exam)
3.40	153
3.30	153
3.20	154
3.10	156
3.00	157

Upper-Division Writing Proficiency Exam

Students who have graduated from a California State University (CSU) have fulfilled the WPE requirement. Students who receive a score of 3 or higher on the GRE-Analytical Exam are exempt from this requirement. All other students must receive a passing score (8) on the WPE to become classified.

The test consists of a 75-minute written essay response to an assigned topic. Including admission and instructions, expect to be in the testing room for up to 1 ½ hours. Register early as space is limited- registration closes when capacity is full, which may be before posted deadline. For more information: <http://www.csun.edu/testing/upper/>

2014-2015 WPE Test Dates and registration dates: Look on UDWPE website for more information

Test Dates	Registration Opens	Test Dates	Registration Opens
October 18, 2014	September 22, 2014	March 14, 2015	January 12
November 1, 2014	October 13, 2014	April 25, 2015	March 16, 2015
January 10, 2015	November 3, 2014	May 30, 2015	April 27, 2015