

### **\*\*\* WPA Changes -- Spring, 2009 \*\*\***

Effective January 1, 2009, several changes will take place in the administration of the SDSU Writing Proficiency Assessment, the exam used to meet the CSU Graduate Writing Assessment Requirement (GWAR).

First, starting with the February administration, students will now have up to 120 minutes (two hours) to complete the Assessment. Previously, the exam was 90 minutes in length.

Second, students completing their Assessment in the first 110 minutes of testing time will now be allowed to leave the exam room. In the past, all examinees had to remain in the room until the scheduled testing time had expired. To avoid distracting examinees who are still trying to complete their responses, no one will be permitted to leave the testing room during the final ten minutes of the WPA administration.

Third, students are reminded that the University's General Catalog limits the number of times the WPA may be attempted to at most two.

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