



Basic Skills Evaluation Request form

Individuals may satisfy the Basic Skills Requirements (BSR) through multiple different exams. Please review the [BSR Leaflet CL667](#) for all available options. Assembly Bill 130 which was signed by July 9th, expands the option to allow an educator to use coursework to meet Basic Skills and may use a combination of coursework and other previously available options to meet the BSR. This new option allows the Commission-approved preparation programs to verify that a candidate or applicant has demonstrated basic skills proficiency by verifying qualifying college-level coursework from a regionally accredited institution of higher education if the following conditions are met:

- The candidate must have earned a grade of "B" or better ("B-" is acceptable) in the qualifying coursework
- The coursework must have been taken at a regionally accredited college or university
- The coursework must provide three semester units (or equivalent quarter units)
- The coursework must have been taken for academic credit (earned units)
- The coursework must be degree applicable (AA degree applicable is acceptable)
- For Reading, applicable coursework must be in the subject of critical thinking, literature, philosophy, reading, rhetoric, or textual analysis
- For Writing, applicable coursework must be the subject of composition, English, rhetoric, written communications, or writing
- For Mathematics, applicable coursework must be in the subject of algebra, geometry, mathematics, quantitative reasoning, or statistics

***Please note, qualifying coursework does NOT include professional development courses, continuing education units, in service training or workshops.

San Diego State University undergraduate students may fulfill the BSR requirements for reading, writing and math by completing the required SDSU General Education coursework in subareas: A2 (Writing), A3 (Reading) and B4 (Mathematics).

Please note: Specifically for the B4 Mathematics, applicable coursework must be in the subject of algebra, geometry, mathematics, quantitative reasoning, or statistics to be acceptable. Even *if you have taken a course* that meets the CSU undergraduate GE requirements for the area: B4-Math, it DOES NOT guarantee to clear you for the math portion of the CBEST and ***additional documentation/information such as a course syllabus and/or a letter from the math department maybe required by the CTC.

If you are choosing a coursework option, you must follow the instructions below to complete the BSR Request Form on page 2.

STEP 1: Collect copies of your unofficial or official transcripts to review courses you have completed.

STEP 2: Complete the form on the next page. Refer to the instructions on the webpage (<https://education.sdsu.edu/academics/how-to-apply/apply-credential-program/basic-skills-requirement>)

STEP 3: Upload to your Cal State Application for SDSU's credential program. If you are an SDSU student wanting an evaluation on the BSR, please email the completed form along with unofficial transcript(s) to coeadvis@sdsu.edu

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APPLICANT INFORMATION:

Today's Date:

Last Name:

First Name:

Phone:

SDSU Red ID# (if applicable):

Email:

Bachelor's Degree Institution:

Major:

Intended Credential Program:

Expected Start Term/Date:

VERIFICATION OF PROFICIENCY:

Candidate must show proficiency in the SDSU General Education Requirements areas of Reading, Writing and Mathematics to meet the Basic Skills Requirement.

Check ONE box that applies:

NEW OPTION: COURSEWORK WITH A GRADE OF B - OR BETTER

NEW OPTION: COURSEWORK AND EXAMS COMBINATION OPTION (please include your exam score sheet if you are using this option)

READING (COURSES TAKEN FROM CRITICAL THINKING CSU SUBAREA A3 OR ITS EQUIVALENT):

Course Number and Title:

Term:

Grade Earned:

Institution:

MATHEMATICS (COURSES TAKEN FROM MATHEMATICS/QUANTITATIVE REASONING CSU SUBAREA B4 OR ITS EQUIVALENT):

Course Number and Title:

Term:

Grade Earned:

Institution:

WRITING (COURSES TAKEN FROM WRITTEN COMMUNICATION CSU SUBAREA A2 OR ITS EQUIVALENT):

Course Number and Title:

Term:

Grade Earned:

Institution:

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The option above is

APPROVED

DENIED

Date:

Evaluator's name:

Title

Signature:

Additional comments:

Acceptable courses from SDSU:

Reading (courses taken from Critical Thinking CSU subarea A3)

Africana Studies 200, Intermediate Expository Writing and Research Fundamentals (3 units)
American Indian Studies 225, Expository Writing and Research (3 units)
Chicano and Chicana Studies 200, Intermediate Expository Research and Writing (3 units)
English 200, Rhetoric of Written Argument in Context (3 units)
Linguistics 200, Advanced English for International Students (3 units)
Philosophy 200, Critical Thinking and Composition (3 units)
Rhetoric and Writing Studies 200, Rhetoric of Written Argument in Context (3 units)
Rhetoric and Writing Studies 220, Rhetoric of Written Arguments and the Tutoring of Writing (3 units)

Mathematics (courses taken from Mathematics/Quantitative Reasoning CSU subarea B4)

Biology 215, Biostatistics (3 units) **
Computer Science 100, Computational Thinking (3 units) **
Economics 201, Statistical Methods (3 units)**
General Studies 147, Data Literacy (3 units) **
Geography 104, Geographic Information Science & Spatial Reasoning (3 units) **
Linguistics 270, Elementary Statistics for Language Studies (3 units) **
Mathematics 105, College Algebra (3 units)
Mathematics 110, Mathematics for Life (3 units)
Mathematics 118, Topics in Mathematics (3 units)
Mathematics 120, 124, 150, 151, 252; Calculus classes (3 or 4 units)
Mathematics 141, Precalculus (3 units)
Mathematics 210, Number Systems in Elementary Math (3 units)
Mathematics 211, Geometry in Elementary Math (3 units)
Mathematics 245, Discrete Mathematics (3 units)
Mathematics 254, Introduction to Linear Algebra (3 units)
Philosophy 120, Introduction to Logic (3 units)**
Political Science 201, Elementary Statistics for Political Science (3 units)**
Psychology 280, Statistical Methods in Psychology (4 units)**
Sociology 201, Elementary Social Statistics (3 units) **
Statistics 119, Elementary Statistics for Business (3 units) **
Statistics 250, Statistical Principles and Practices (3 units) **

***Coursework that is offered outside of the Math Department may require addition information such as course syllabus*

Writing (courses taken from Written Communication CSU subarea A2)

Africana Studies 120, Composition (3 units)
American Indian Studies 120, Written Communication (3 units)
Chicano and Chicana Studies 111B, Written Communication (3 units)
English 100, Rhetoric of Written Argument (3 units)
Linguistics 100B, English Composition for International Students and English Learners (3 units)
Rhetoric and Writing Studies 100, Rhetoric of Written Argument (3 units)
Rhetoric and Writing Studies 105B, Rhetoric of Written Argument Stretch II (3 units)