General Education Request Category Chart

Request Category	Description	Required Documentation	Additional Notes
Entry Level Writing Requirement (ELWR) - Enrollment Requirement	Students who do not satisfy the Entry Level Writing Requirement (ELWR) prior to their third semester of enrollment at UC Merced	● Unofficial transcript ● A statement that includes: a description of the circumstances impacting ability to enroll in and complete ELWR in your first two semesters of enrollment and plans to complete requirement and a plan to be successful should continued enrollment be approved ● Documentation of the circumstances identified in statement	ELWR requests are generally reviewed once per semester and once during the summer.
Entry Level Writing Requirement (ELWR) - Course Equivalency	Students seeking to satisfy the Entry Level Writing Requirement (ELWR) with a course not completed at UC Merced, or for which there is not a UC Merced equivalent approved to satisfy the requirement.	● DegreeAudit ● Unofficial UC Merced transcript ● Unofficial transcript from institution at which proposed substitution was completed ● Course syllabus for proposed course(s)	ELWR requests are generally reviewed once per semester and once during the summer.
SPRK 001 or 010 Enrollment Requirement	Students who do not complete SPRK 001 or 010 with a C- or higher by the end of their second semester of enrollment at UC Merced	● Unofficial transcript ● A statement that includes: a description of the circumstances impacting ability to enroll in and complete SPRK 001 or 010 in your first two semesters of enrollment and plans to complete requirement and a plan to be successful should continued enrollment be approved ● Documentation of the circumstances identified in statement	None

| General Education Requirement - Course Equivalency | *Students seeking a course equivalency must first consult with their advisor and the school (SoE, SNS, SSHA) they are seeking course equivalency from.

**Please submit the form with your respective schools first for course equivalency.

- [SNS course approval form](#)

- [SoE course approval form](#)

- [SSHA course approval form](#)

Students seeking to fulfill a General Education requirement with a course not completed at UC Merced, or for which there is not a UC Merced equivalent approved to satisfy the requirement. | • DegreeAudit
• Unofficial UC Merced transcript
• Unofficial transcript from institution at which proposed substitution was completed
• Course syllabus for proposed course(s) | In general, courses are more likely to be approved if they are: UC transferable, have a semester unit value equivalent to the UC Merced requirement, and are similar in content to courses already approved for the requirement.

This process allows for review of coursework for GE only; contact your academic advisor to discuss how coursework may fulfill a major, minor or School requirement |

Language Requirement - Waiver	Students who would like to demonstrate language competency with a non-credit experience (e.g. completion of a language immersion program prior to attending UC Merced, State Seal of Biliteracy, fluency in a language other than Spanish or French)	● DegreeAudit ● Unofficial UC Merced transcript ● A statement that describes how the experience is equivalent to one of the four options for satisfying the language requirement ● Documentation of experience	In general, courses are more likely to be approved if they are: UC transferable, have a semester unit value equivalent to the UC Merced requirement, and are similar in content to courses already approved for the requirement. This process allows for review of coursework for GE only; contact your academic advisor to discuss how coursework may fulfill a major or minor requirement. Passing the campus-based language test results in waiver of the GE language requirement; however course credit is not awarded.
Other	Students seeking an exception to GE policy not covered by the categories above	● DegreeAudit ● Unofficial UC Merced transcript ● A statement that includes: a citation of the policy for which you are requesting an exception, statement of the circumstances or reason your request should be considered ● Documentation of circumstances identified in statement	None