



## **UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA**

### **REGENTS' READING AND WRITING EXEMPTION REQUIREMENTS**

“By a policy statement issued in 1972, the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia instituted the requirement that each institution of the University System of Georgia ensure that students obtaining a degree possess certain minimum skills of reading and writing. These skills are referred to as the Regents' Writing and Reading Skills. There are two System-mandated courses in writing and in reading that are designed to meet the Regents' Writing and Reading Skills requirement.

Students enrolled in undergraduate degree programs leading to the baccalaureate degree must pass the Regents' Reading Skills (RGTR 0198) and Regents' Writing Skills (RGTE 0199) courses as a requirement for graduation. Students may exempt these courses through examination by passing the Regents' Reading Test and the Regents' Essay Test or an approved alternative test in reading comprehension and in writing.” (<http://www2.gsu.edu/~wwwrtp/overview.htm>)

**NOTE: The University's Registrar automatically assesses student applications and academic records to determine if any of the approved alternative tests exempt a student from the Regents' Reading Test and Regents' Writing Test and enters exemptions on students' records.**

Listed below are the approved alternatives to taking the Regents' Reading Skills and Regents' Writing Skills courses.

#### **REGENTS' READING SKILLS COURSE (RGTR 0198)**

The Regents' Reading Skills course may be exempted in the following circumstances:

- Regents' Reading Test score of 61 or higher
- SAT Critical Reading Section score of 510 or higher
- ACT Reading exemption score of 23 or higher

#### **REGENTS' WRITING SKILLS COURSE (RGTE 0199)**

The Regents' Writing Skills course may be exempted in any one of the following circumstances:

- Regents' Writing Test score of 2 or higher
- SAT Writing Section score of 560 or higher
- SAT Writing Section score of 500 or higher AND SAT Critical Reading score of 510 or higher
- ACT Combined English/Writing exam score of 24 or higher
- ACT Combined English/Writing exam score of 22 or higher AND ACT Reading score of 23 or higher
- College Board Advanced Placement (AP) English Language or Literature score of 3 or higher
- SAT II English Writing score of 650 or higher
- International Baccalaureate (IB) higher-level English exemption score of 4 or higher

*The following four exemptions for RGTE 0199 are available only for students entering USG institutions before Summer 2008:*

- SAT Critical Reading Section score of at least 530 AND a grade of "A" in English 1101, or
- SAT Critical Reading Section score of at least 590 AND a grade of "B" in English 1101, or
- ACT English score of at least 23 AND a grade of "A" in English 1101, or
- ACT English score of at least 26 AND a grade of "B" in English 1101

#### **FOR MORE INFORMATION**

For more information about the Regents' Reading Test and the Regents' Writing Test, speak with your academic advisor. Details about the Regents' Test requirement are also available on our website at [www.uga.edu/ovpi](http://www.uga.edu/ovpi).

For complete information regarding the Regents' Test policy, including sample Reading Tests, approved Essay topics, see the Board of Regents web site - <http://www2.gsu.edu/~wwwrtp/>.