GRADUATE THEOLOGICAL WRITING REQUIREMENT

Guidelines for Paper Submission to Satisfy the
Graduate Theological Writing Requirement

The design of *PT400 Graduate Theological Writing* is to help students develop necessary skills for competent writing. The class will focus on various topics, such as organization and composition of essays, correct use of source materials, clarity and style in sentence syntax and paragraph construction, including diction, grammar, punctuation, and spelling.

Admitted students have the opportunity to obtain a waiver of *PT400 Graduate Theological Writing*. To do so they must submit an academic paper to the Registrar's office. If the paper is judged to reflect adequate skill in research, composition, grammar, and the use of sources—skills necessary for success at WSC—the student may be exempted from the course.

Students who would like to submit a paper to waive *PT400 Graduate Theological Writing* must follow the paper requirements and submission procedure below:

Paper Requirements:

Students may submit a paper that has been previously submitted for an undergraduate course if it meets the following requirements, or a new paper with a research-orientated topic of their choosing:

- The paper must be typed, written in standard English and be a minimum of 5 pages in length (or about 1500 words excluding the works cited page and title page).
- The paper must be research-orientated, include the use and citation of sources such as monographs and journal articles, and use these sources to support the conclusion(s) of the paper. It is recommended that the paper be formatted according to the Chicago Manual of Style, (15th Edition).
- The paper must include at least ten footnotes, a bibliography and a signed statement reading: "I certify that this writing sample reflects my own efforts and activity in research, reasoning, composition, and editing, unassisted by any other person."

Submission Procedure:

The paper may be submitted to the Registrar by email (registrar@wscal.edu; PDF preferred), mail, or hand delivered to the front office:

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ATTN: Registrar's Office
1725 Bear Valley Parkway
Escondido, CA 92027