Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement (GWAR)
Course Approval Sheet

Department __BECA_____________ College__Creative Arts____________
Course Number___300_______ Course Title___BECA Research__________
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This proposal is a: (please check one)

__X__  Minor Modification to an Existing Course
_______  Substantial Modification to an Existing Course
_______  Completely New Course

Relationship of course to major(s). Please indicate how this course fits in the major.

All BECA majors are required to take 300 as one of three core requirements. 300 is a prerequisite for all other writing courses, and other upper-division BECA courses that count toward the major.

Prerequisite: A prerequisite for the course is the completion of English 214 or its equivalent with a grade of “C” or better. __X__  Yes  ______  No

Please attach a course syllabus to this form.

Please indicate how this course meets each of the GWAR criteria:
(Note: You may respond either in the blanks below or on a separate sheet attached to this form.)

Criterion #1 - Class Size: Courses satisfying the GWAR should have an enrollment of 20 students or fewer.

BECA 300 will be capped at 20 students.

Criterion #2 - Number of Pages/Words: The overall assignments for the course will include a minimum of 15 pages, meaning the equivalent of 4000 words, of formal writing that demonstrates upper-division written English proficiency within the given discipline.

The coursework for BECA 300 includes at least 15 pages of formal writing to be evaluated by the instructor.

Criterion #3 - How Writing Will Affect the Final Grade: At least 60% of the grade in GWAR courses must be based on written assignments and take-home essay exams (e.g., exams designed to allow for revision), which are evaluated for both content and quality of writing.
Formal writing comprises 50% of the final grade; informal writing comprises 10%.

**Criterion #4 - Revision of Assignments:** GWAR courses must include substantive revision of major, graded, written assignments in response to feedback.

All formal writing will undergo revision at least once with instructor feedback.

**Criterion #5 - Types of Assignments:** GWAR courses should include a variety of writing assignments that are distributed throughout the semester, rather than concentrated at the end.

The main paper assignment is divided into parts that reflect a variety of functions and purposes of mass-communications writing. Informal writing includes a variety of writing prompts to encourage reflection and articulation of thought about a range of relevant topics.

**Criterion #6 - In-class Attention to Writing:** GWAR course syllabi should reflect significant class time devoted to instruction in writing conventions within the given discipline.

Each part of the main paper assignment will be discussed at length in class.

**Criterion #7, Number of Units:** GWAR courses should be at least 3 units.

BECA 300 is a 3-unit course.

Department Chair ________________________

Print Name __________________________

Signature _________________________