

English 134

F r e s h m a n W r i t i n g S t a n d a r d s

Content: The writing presents a clearly defined central idea that is supported with concrete, adequate and relevant detail.

Which of the following theses is clearly defined and narrow enough to handle in short essay?

Love is interesting.

Need.

The university should allow freshman to rush their first quarter.

Love is blind.

The socio-economic policies of the new Bush administration.

Which of the following statements would a superior essay use to develop the statement “CalPoly has a beautiful campus”?

It is magnificently gorgeous.

Anyone would agree.

It's prettier than Los Angeles.

Rolling green hills and oak trees surround the campus.

The parking structures are conveniently located next to the library and behind the dorms.

The sun bathes the campus in pink light when it sets over Bishop's Peak in the evenings.