

## Writing Proficiency Office

### Request for Waiver of the Writing Proficiency Requirement

(Only students that hold a previous Bachelor's, or higher degree, may apply for the Waiver)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

UMS Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of previous University: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please submit the following if the previous degree was awarded by a university that is not accredited by one of the regional accreditation agencies of the United States:*

- Three (3) writing samples (original graded papers—five pages or longer—from courses taken at UMB). If you do not have any substantial writing samples, you may not apply for a waiver.

#### Grading Criteria (if the previous degree was granted by an unaccredited university):

\_\_\_\_\_ Presence of thesis statement or organized central idea

\_\_\_\_\_ Identification of key issues in multiple sources

\_\_\_\_\_ Effective use of own ideas

\_\_\_\_\_ Organization of an argument in a clear and appropriate sequence of ideas

\_\_\_\_\_ Level of synthesis of multiple sources

**Comments:**

**Decision:**

**Waiver Granted:**

**Waiver Denied:**

**Signed:**

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Harry N. Makrinos, Interim Director of Writing Assessment