FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS
ENGINEERING WRITING TEST

1. What is the Engineering Writing Test (EWT)?

    This is a 2-part, 90 minute test of your writing skills. You will read a short article on a technical subject and write two paragraphs about what you've read. Then you'll analyse the data in a graph or chart and answer questions about it.

2. Who should take the test?

    All students registered in a B.Eng. degree program, preferably within the first 30 credits of their studies. Students with ESL requirements must first complete these courses before attempting the EWT.

    Also, any non-engineering student who wishes to take ENCS 282--Technical Writing and Communication must pass the EWT before registering for the class.

3. How do I register for the test?

    Link to the registration site via the ENCS homepage: http://www.encs.concordia.ca/

    Log in with your ENCS user name and password. You can register for the available tests. If no tests are currently scheduled, you can request an exam; you will be contacted when the exam is posted.

4. When is the test given?

    The test is given approximately 8-10 times per year, according to demand. Exams are given approximately one week before the start of a semester, and again on the first Saturday following the beginning of that semester.

5. What happens if I pass the exam?

    If you pass, your transcript will be updated to read, "Writing Skills Requirement: Satisfied E & Cs Faculty Test" and you can register for ENCS 282. If your transcript has not been updated, you must to register directly at Student Academic Services, EV2.125.

6. What happens if I fail the exam?

    You have two opportunities to pass the exam. If you fail the first time, you may review the exam at the Centre for Engineering in Society (EV2.225) and go to the Tutor on Duty for advice on improving your writing. If you fail the second time, you must take ENCS 272. Passing this course with a C- or better will fulfill the writing skills requirement.

7. What should I bring to the test?

    Bring your student or other photo identification. Also, bring several pens. Cell phones, calculators and other electronic devices are not allowed. **No dictionaries are allowed.**