

# Writing Intensive Courses

The following courses will offer Writing Intensive sections during the Fall 2019 semester (The information is subject to change-retrieved on 04/04/2019):

\*The asterisk and bolded classes indicates that the course *may also* be offered without a Writing Intensive designation, so please make sure to choose a "W" section when registering if you wish to meet a Writing Intensive requirement.

<b>ACCT 362W*</b>	<b>DANCE 350W*</b>	ENGL 211W	MEDST 201W	PSCI 381W
ACCT 393W	EAST 130W	ENGL 301W	<b>MEDST 320W*</b>	PSCI 382W
<b>AFST 201W*</b>	EAST 255W	ENGL 368W	<b>MEDST 330W*</b>	PSCI 383W
<b>AFST 232W*</b>	<b>ECON 219W*</b>	ENGL 391W	<b>MEDST 341W*</b>	SEYS 201W
<b>AFST 234W*</b>	<b>ECON 228W*</b>	ENGL 399W	<b>MEDST 343W*</b>	SOC 381W
<b>AMST 110W*</b>	ECON 392W	ENSCI 373W	<b>MEDST 344W*</b>	URBST 239W
BUS 160W	EECE 201W	FNES 161W	<b>MEDST 346W*</b>	<b>URBST 265W*</b>
BUS 341W	EECE 310W	FNES 307W	<b>MEDST 360W*</b>	URBST 330W
ANTH 246W	<b>ENGL 151W*</b>	<b>FREN 41W*</b>	<b>MUSIC 246W*</b>	URBST 390W
ARTH 254W	<b>ENGL 152W*</b>	<b>GERM 41W*</b>	<b>MUSIC 247W*</b>	WGS 101W
<b>CLAS 250W*</b>	<b>ENGL 153W*</b>	<b>GRKMD 41W*</b>	<b>MUSIC 346W*</b>	WGS 390W
<b>CLAS 300W*</b>	<b>ENGL 157W*</b>	<b>HIST 276W</b>	<b>MUSIC 347 W*</b>	
CMAL 101W	<b>ENGL 161W*</b>	HIST 392W	PHIL 104H	
<b>CMLIT 101W*</b>	<b>ENGL 162W*</b>	<b>ITAL 41W*</b>	<b>PHIL 116W*</b>	
<b>CMLIT 102W*</b>	ENGL 165W	JOURN 101W	PHIL 383W	
<b>CMLIT 215W*</b>	ENGL 170W	JOURN 200W	PHYS 320W	
<b>CMLIT 220W*</b>	ENGL 201W	<b>LABST 101W*</b>	PHYS 395W	
<b>CMLIT 229W*</b>	ENGL 210W	LCD 144W	PHYS 396W	

## What is a "W" Course?

Courses are designated W ("Writing Intensive") by the Academic Senate on the recommendation of the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee (UCC) and its Writing Intensive Subcommittee (WISC). To be considered for the W designation, a course must meet the following four criteria:

1. 10-15 pages of evaluated writing in three or more assignments (either separate papers or one term paper done in stages) so that students have the opportunity to develop and improve.
2. Some attention to writing in class in one or more of the following possible forms: discussion of papers before they are written and after they are returned; reading aloud of successful papers or models; discussion of the rhetorical strategies or writer qualities of course readings; the use of informal, ungraded writing to stimulate class discussion; peer editing; opportunities for students to give each other feedback on first drafts; discussion of goals for student writing and evaluation criteria.
3. Exams [if given] that include essay questions.
4. Maximum class-size of 30 students.

## How will I recognize W courses?

1. Courses that have a number + a "W" (e.g. AFST 234W = the Writing Intensive version of "Black Women Writers.")
2. Writing tutorials that are linked to content area courses; for example, 151 Great Works of English Literature co-linked with English 134W, which is a Writing Tutorial. Student would need to register for and take both together.

## Why should I take W courses?

- W courses are required.
- In order to be eligible for graduation, all students must fulfill the College's writing requirement. To fulfill the writing requirement, all students who entered the college between **Fall 1997 and Spring 2013 semester must accrue 3 W units, and all matriculants as of Fall 2013 semester must accrue 2 W units.** Students may be able to transfer up to two "W" units from their previous institution/s; however, one (1) W unit must be completed in residency at Queens College for ALL students (freshmen and transfers) regardless of matriculation date.
- Writing about a subject area helps you learn.
- Writing forces you to think more deeply about a certain topic. When you write, you organize your ideas. And by writing not only do you articulate what you understand about the topic but you are also able to discover the gaps in your knowledge. Good writing skills help you succeed in any profession.
- Poor writing is among the most criticized skill gaps by employers.
- Whatever your career goal - accountant, technician, engineer, lawyer, police officer - you can be sure that it will involve writing. In fact, most employers ask for a writing sample as part of the interview process.

Believe it or not, writing can be fun! For many, writing is relaxing and entertaining. Honing your skills in a W course can advance your writing in many creative venues: email, journal, poetry, novels, memoir, personal web site, etc.