

Writing Intensive Courses

The following courses will offer Writing Intensive sections during the FALL 2021 semester:

***The asterisk and bolded class** 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.

ACCT 362W*	EAST 130W*	ENGL 210W	ITAL 45W	PSCI 384W
ACCT 393W	EAST 255W*	ENGL 211W	LABST 101W*	PSYCH 213W
AMST 110W*	ECON 223W*	ENGL 301W	LCD 206W*	RUSS 155W*
ANTH 246W	ECON 228W*	ENGL 303W	MATH 114W*	SEYS 201W
ANTH 290W	ECON 392W*	ENGL 391W	MEDST 201W	SOC 381W
ARTH 254W	EECE 201W	ENGL 394W	MEDST 330W	URBST 245W*
BALA 103W	EECE 310W	ENGL 399W	MEDST 342W*	URBST 330W*
BALA 201W	ENGL 110H-Honors Only	ENSCI 373W	MEDST 364W*	URBST 390W
BIO 345W	ENGL 130H-Honors Only	FNES 161W	MEDST 381W*	WGS 101W*
BUS 160W	ENGL 151W*	FNES 307W	MUSIC 346W*	WGS 201W
BUS 341W	ENGL 152W*	FREN 41W*	MUSIC 347 W*	
CLAS 250W*	ENGL 153W*	GERM 41W*	PHIL 104W*	
CMAL 101W*	ENGL 157W*	GRKMD 41W*	PHIL 116W*	
CMLIT 101W*	ENGL 161W*	HEBRW 350W	PHIL 383W	
CMLIT 102W*	ENGL 162W*	HIST 370W*	PHYS 395W	
CMLIT 215W*	ENGL 165W	HIST 390W	PHYS 396W	
CMLIT 229W*	ENGL 170W	HIST 390W	PSCI 381W	
DATA 212W	ENGL 200W	HIST 392W	PSCI 382W	
DANCE 350W	ENGL 202W	ITAL 41W*	PSCI 383W	

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" (eg. 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.