

# Writing Intensive Courses

The following courses will offer [Writing Intensive sections](#) during the FALL 2022 semester.

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Please make sure to register for a course with a W section indicated after the numeric code, to meet a Writing Intensive designation requirement.

ACCT 362W	DANCE 350W	ENGL 301W	MEDST 343W
ACCT 393W	DATA 212W	ENGL 303W	MEDST 346W
AFST 201W	DRAM 344W	ENGL 368W	MEDST 350W
AFST 300W	EAST 130W	ENGL 391W	MEDST 381W
ANTH 208W	ECON 228W	ENGL 399W	MUSIC 301W
ANTH 246W	ECON 392W	ENSCI 373W	PHIL 383W
BALA 103W	EECE 201W	FNES 161W	PHYS 320W
BALA 201W	EECE 310W	FNES 307W	PSCI 381W
BALA 302	ENGL 151W	FREN 41W	PSCI 382W
BUS 160W	ENGL 152W	GEOL 328W	PSCI 383W
BUS 341W	ENGL 153W	GERM 41W	PSCI 384W
CLAS 250W	ENGL 157W	GRKMD 41W	PSYCH 213W
CMAL 101W	ENGL 161W	HEBRW 350W	RUSS 155W
CMLIT 101H	ENGL 162W	HIST 392W	SEYS 201W
CMLIT 101W	ENGL 165W	ITAL 41W	SOC 381W
CMLIT 102W	ENGL 170W	ITAL 45W	URBST 330W
CMLIT 215W	ENGL 200W	MATH 114W	WGS 101W
CMLIT 229W	ENGL 201W	MEDST 201W	
CMLIT 382W	ENGL 210W	MEDST 341W	
CMLIT 383W	ENGL 211W	MEDST 342W	

## 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.