

Writing Intensive Courses

The following courses will offer Writing Intensive sections during the **SPRING 2023** 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*	CMLIT	215W*	ITAL	45W	ENGL	211W	MEDST	223W	SEYS	201W
ACCT	393W	CMLIT	229W	ITAL	250W	ENGL	301W	MESDT	320W	SEYS	363W
ANTH	239W	CMLIT	334W*	RUSS	150W	ENGL	303W	MEDST	326W*	SEYS	381W
ARTH	254W	DANCE	351W	RUSS	155W	ENGL	391W	MEDST	342W*	DATA	212W
BALA	103W	BUS	160W	ENGL	151W*	ENGL	399W	MEDST	344W*	SOC	381W*
BALA	201W	BUS	341W	ENGL	153W*	FNES	161W*	MEDST	346W*	URBST	239W*
BIOL	345W	ECON	392W	ENGL	157W*	FNES	228W	MEDST	364W*	URBST	330W*
CLAS	250W*	EECE	201W	ENGL	161W*	FNES	307W	MUSIC	347W	URBST	371W*
CMAL	101W*	EECE	310W	ENGL	162W*	HIST	392W	PHIL	383W	URBST	373W*
EAST	130W*	FREN	41W*	ENGL	165W	LABST	101W*	PSCI	381W	WGS	101W*
HEBRW	350W	FREN	45W	ENGL	170W	LCD	206W*	PSCI	382W	WGS	201W
MES	255W	GERM	41W*	ENGL	200W	LCD	244W	PSCI	383W		
CMLIT	101H	GERM	250W	ENGL	201W	MATH	114W*	PSCI	384W		
CMLIT	101W*	GRKMD	41W*	ENGL	202W	MATH	385W*	PSCI	386W		
CMLIT	102W*	ITAL	41W	ENGL	210W	MEDST	201W	PSYCH	213W		

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:

- 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.
- 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.
- Exams [if given] that include essay questions.
- Maximum class-size of 30 students.

How will I recognize W courses?

- Courses that have a number + a "W" (eg. AFST 234W = the Writing Intensive version of "Black Women Writers.")
- 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.