

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.