

Writing Intensive Courses

The following courses will offer Writing Intensive sections during the **FALL 2024** 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	101W*	ITAL	41W	ENGL	210W	MATH	342W*	PHIL	383W
AFST	232W	CMLIT	102W*	ITAL	45W	ENGL	211W	MATH	385W*	PHYS	320W
AFST	300W	CMLIT	215W*	RUSS	155W	ENGL	301W	MEDST	201W	PHYS	395W
ANTH	246W	CMLIT	220W	ENGL	130H	ENGL	303W	MEDST	223W	PHYS	369W
ANTH	361W	CMLIT	381W	ENGL	151W*	ENGL	391W	MEDST	321W*	PSCI	381W
ARTH	254W	DANCE	350W	ENGL	152W*	ENGL	399W	MEDST	341W*	PSCI	382W
BALA	103W	DATA	212W	ENGL	153W*	FNES	161W*	MEDST	342W*	PSCI	384W
BALA	201W	DRAM	344W	ENGL	157W*	FNES	307W	MEDST	343W	PSYCH	213W
BUS	160W	ECON	228W*	ENGL	161W*	HIST	102W*	MEDST	362W*	ENSCI	373W
BUS	341W	EECE	201W	ENGL	162W*	HIST	200W	MEDST	364W*	SEYS	201W
CMAL	101W*	EECE	310W	ENGL	165W	HIST	392W	MEDST	381W*	SOC	381W*
EAST	130W*	FREN	41W*	ENGL	170W	LABST	101W*	MUSIC	268W	URBST	239W*
HEBRW	350W	GERM	41W	ENGL	200W	LCD	206W*	MUSIC	269W	URBST	330W*
MES	255W	GERM	250W*	ENGL	201W	LCD	244W	MUSIC	301W	WGS	101W*
CMLIT	101H	GRKMD	41W*	ENGL	204W	MATH	114W*	PHIL	104H	WGS	201W

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.