

Writing Intensive Courses

The following courses will offer Writing Intensive sections during the **SPRING 2025** 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 221W*	ENGL 153W*	JOURN 101W	PSCI 382W
AFST 300W	BUS 160W	ENGL 157W*	LCD 206W	PSCI 383W
ANTH 361W	BUS 341W	ENGL 161W*	MATH 114W*	PSCI 384W
ANTH 208W	ECON 228W*	ENGL 162W*	MATH 342W*	PSYCH 213W
ANTH 239W	EECE 201W	ENGL 165W	MATH 385W*	SEYS 201W
ARTH 254W	EECE 310W	ENGL 170W	MEDST 201W	SEYS 363W
BALA 103W	ENSCI 373W	ENGL 200W	MEDST 223W*	SEYS 381W
BALA 201W	FREN 41W*	ENGL 201W	MESDT 321W	SOC 381W*
CHEM 395W	GEOL 313W	ENGL 202W	MEDST 326W*	URBST 265W*
CLAS 250W	GERM 41W*	ENGL 210W	MEDST 343W	URBST 330W*
DATA 212W	GRKMD 41W*	ENGL 211W	MEDST 344W*	URBST 371W*
EAST 130W*	HNRS 126W	ENGL 391W	MEDST 364W*	URBST 373W*
HEBRW 350W	ITAL 41W	ENGL 399W	MUSIC 301W	WGS 101W*
CMLIT 101H	RUSS 150W	FNES 161W*	PHIL 104H	WGS 201W
CMLIT 101W*	ENGL 130H	FNES 250W	PHIL 383W	
CMLIT 102W*	ENGL 151W*	HIST 391W	PHYS 320W	
CMLIT 215W*	ENGL 152W*	HIST 392W	PSCI 381W	

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.