

Writing Intensive Courses

The following courses will offer Writing Intensive sections during the **Spring 2026** 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. *CUNYfirst Data Retrieved on 10.22.2025*. For the most updated list of SP'26 Writing Intensive courses, please visit:

<https://apps.qc.cuny.edu/courseinfo/>

ACCT 362W*	CMLIT 334W	ENGL 165W	GERM 41W*	MATH 385W	RUSS 150W
AFST 201W*	CMLIT 382W*	ENGL 170W	GERM 250W	MEDST 201W	RUSS 244W
AFST 232W*	DANCE 351W	ENGL 200W	GRKMD 41W*	MEDST 223W	SEYS 201W
ANTH 254W	DATA 212W	ENGL 201W	HEBRW 350W	MEDST 320W	SEYS 363W
BALA 103W	EAST 130W*	ENGL 202W	HIST 104W*	MEDST 321W	SEYS 381W
BALA 201W	ECON 392W	ENGL 210W	HIST 105W	MEDST 326W	SOC 381W*
BUS 160W	EECE 201W	ENGL 211W	HIST 163H	MEDST 343W	SPAN 53W
BUS 341W	EECE 240W	ENGL 301W	HIST 200W	MEDST 364W	URBST 330W
BUS 392W	EECE 310W	ENGL 303W	HIST 392W	MEDST 381W	URBST 371W
CHEM 395W	ENGL 130H	ENGL 391W	HNRS 126H	MUSIC 301W	URBST 373W
CLAS 250W*	ENGL 151W*	ENGL 399W	HTH 230H	PHIL 104H	WGS 101W*
CMLIT 101H	ENGL 152W*	ENSCI 373W	ITAL 41W	PHYS 320W	WGS 210W
CMLIT 101W*	ENGL 153W*	FNES 161W*	ITAL 45W	PSCI 381W	
CMLIT 102W*	ENGL 157W*	FNES 250W	JOURN 101W	PSCI 382W	
CMLIT 215W*	ENGL 161W*	FREN 41W*	MATH 114W*	PSCI 383W	
CMLIT 229W	ENGL 162W*	GEOL 382W	MATH 342W	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.