

Writing Intensive Courses

The following courses will offer Writing Intensive sections during the **SUMMER 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.

ACCT	362W	CMLIT	334W	ENGL	202W	HIST	104W	MEDST	326W	RUSS	244W
AFST	201W	CMLIT	382W	ENGL	210W	HIST	105W	MEDST	343W	SEYS	201W
AFST	232W	DANCE	351W	ENGL	211W	HIST	163H	MEDST	381W	SEYS	363W
ANTH	239W	DATA	212W	ENGL	301W	HIST	200W	MUSIC	269W	SEYS	381W
ARTH	254W	EAST	130W	ENGL	303W	HIST	392W	MUSIC	301W	SOC	381W
BALA	103W	ECON	392W	ENGL	391W	ITAL	41W	MUSIC	452H	SPAN	53W
BALA	201W	EECE	201W	ENGL	399W	ITAL	45W	PHIL	104H	URBST	330W
BUS	160W	EECE	240W	ENSCI	373W	JOURN	101W	PHIL	383W	URBST	371W
BUS	341W	EECE	310W	FNES	161W	LCD	206W	PHYS	320W	URBST	373W
BUS	392W	ENGL	151W*	FNES	250W	MATH	114W	PHYS	396W	WGS	101W
CHEM	395W	ENGL	152W*	FREN	41W	MATH	342W	RUSS	150W	WGS	210W
CLAS	250W	ENGL	153W	GEOL	328W	MATH	385W	PSCI	381W		
CMLIT	101W*	ENGL	157W*	GERM	41W	MEDST	201W	PSCI	382W		
CMLIT	102W*	ENGL	162W*	GERM	250W	MEDST	223W	PSCI	383W		
CMLIT	215W	ENGL	165W	GRKMD	41W	MEDST	320W	PSYCH	213W		
CMLIT	221W	ENGL	200W	HEBRW	350W	MEDST	321W	RUSS	155W		
CMLIT	229W	ENGL	201W	HIST	104H	MEDST	321W	RUSS	244W		

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" (e.g. 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.