

# Writing Intensive Courses

The following courses will offer Writing Intensive sections during the **FALL 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 03-11-26*. For the most updated list of FA'26 Writing Intensive courses, please visit: <https://apps.gc.cuny.edu/courseinfo/>

<b>ACCT</b>	<b>362W*</b>	<b>CMLIT</b>	<b>220W</b>	<b>ENGL</b>	<b>157W*</b>	ENSCI	373W	<b>MEDST</b>	<b>326W*</b>	PSCI	384W
AFST	201W	CMLIT	229W	<b>ENGL</b>	<b>161W*</b>	<b>FNES</b>	<b>161W*</b>	<b>MEDST</b>	<b>341W*</b>	PSYCH	213W
<b>AFST</b>	<b>234W</b>	CMLIT	383W	<b>ENGL</b>	<b>162W*</b>	FNES	307W	<b>MEDST</b>	<b>342W*</b>	RUSS	155W
AFST	300W	DANCE	350W	ENGL	165W	<b>FREN</b>	<b>41W*</b>	MEDST	343W	SEYS	201W
ARTH	254W	DATA	212W	ENGL	170W	GERM	45W	MEDST	344W	<b>SOC</b>	<b>381W*</b>
BALA	103W	DRAM	344W	ENGL	200W	<b>GRKMD</b>	<b>41W*</b>	<b>MEDST</b>	<b>362W*</b>	SPAN	53W
BALA	201W	<b>EAST</b>	<b>130W*</b>	ENGL	201W	HEBRW	350W	<b>MEDST</b>	<b>381W*</b>	URBST	239W
<b>BUS</b>	<b>160W</b>	<b>ECON</b>	<b>228W*</b>	ENGL	204W	HIST	392W	MUSIC	268W	URBST	265W
BUS	341W	EECE	201W	ENGL	210W	ITAL	41W	MUSIC	269W	URBST	330W
CHEM	395W	EECE	240W	ENGL	211W	JOURN	101W	MUSIC	301W	URBST	371W
CHEM	3311W	EECE	310W	ENGL	290W	JOURN	200W	PHIL	104H	WGS	101W
CMLIT	101H	ENGL	110H	ENGL	301W	<b>LABST</b>	<b>101W*</b>	PHIL	383W	WGS	201W
<b>CMLIT</b>	<b>101W*</b>	<b>ENGL</b>	<b>151W*</b>	ENGL	303W	<b>MATH</b>	<b>114W*</b>	PHYS	395W		
<b>CMLIT</b>	<b>102W*</b>	<b>ENGL</b>	<b>152W*</b>	ENGL	391W	MEDST	201W	PHYS	396W		
CMLIT	215W	<b>ENGL</b>	<b>153W*</b>	ENGL	399W	MEDST	223W	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:

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. Exams [if given] that include essay questions.
4. Maximum class-size of 30 students.

## How will I recognize W courses?

1. Courses that have a number + a "W" (eg. AFST 234W = the Writing Intensive version of "Black Women Writers.")
2. 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.*