

FIRST YEAR WRITING

The First-Year Writing Program, a unit within the department of Writing, Rhetoric, and Discourse, provides courses to nearly all university students. The goal of First-Year Writing is to help students learn to read and write critically within the context of the university and to prepare them for reading and writing in the world beyond.

Learning Outcomes

Students will be able to:

- Identify and use key rhetorical concepts, including purpose, audience, and context, through analyzing and composing a variety of texts.
- Integrate critical thinking, reading, and writing.
- Reflect on and develop their own writing processes.
- Appropriately apply knowledge of linguistic structures, genre, and citation.

The First-Year Writing requirements in the Liberal Studies Program comprises the following courses:

Course	Title	Quarter Hours
WRD 103 or WRD 103X	COMPOSITION AND RHETORIC I COMPOSITION AND RHETORIC I (FOR MULTILINGUAL WRITERS)	4
WRD 104 or WRD 104X	COMPOSITION AND RHETORIC II COMPOSITION & RHETORIC II (FOR MULTILINGUAL WRITERS)	4

Students must earn a C- or better in WRD 103 and WRD 104 (or WRD 103X and WRD 104X). Some students may be required to take preparatory writing classes before being eligible to enroll in WRD 103 COMPOSITION AND RHETORIC I, while other students may have one or both FYW courses met by test scores or transfer credit.