

Structural Parameters for the Writing-Enriched Course Requirement

1. A student may take any “W” course to satisfy the writing requirement. If any department designates a general education W course as any part of the major writing requirement, all students in that major must take an additional “W” course to meet the general education requirement.
2. There is no limit on the number of W courses a student may take. While all must take one, some may choose to take more.
3. Any course may be designated a W course.
4. To as great a degree as possible, W courses should appear in the offerings of all disciplines.
5. While the subject content of the W course should remain the course's primary objective, the writing process should be an integral part of the intellectual and pedagogical fabric of the course.
6. The W course should be taken after the First Year Seminar, though in some cases the two may conceivably be taken concurrently.
7. The W course may simultaneously meet the W requirement and another requirement (e.g., general education, major, minor).
8. Students in these courses will complete at least ten pages of finished, transactional (as opposed to reflective or poetic) writing.
9. Helpful intervention (conferencing, tutoring, peer collaboration, professor comments on ungraded drafts, etc.) will be used in the writing processes of at least two distinct writing assignments.
10. Students must earn a passing grade in the writing portion of the course in order to pass the course.
11. Students required to take IDWR 099 College Writing Workshop as first year students would not take a W course before it or concurrently with it.
12. Class sizes for all “W” courses should be no more than 25 students.