**Writing Requirement Grading Proposal**

**Changes to Catalog:**

<https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/advising/info/writing-requirement.aspx>

**Writing Requirement**

The University of Florida requires all students to complete a writing requirement. [AICE, AP, CLEP and IB examination credit](https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/advising/info/award-of-incoming-credits.aspx) may count toward this requirement.

To graduate, you must complete courses that involve substantial writing for a total of 24,000 words. Courses approved to meet this requirement will be in one of three categories:

* + Coursework with at least 2000 words,
  + Coursework with at least 4000 words, or
  + Coursework with at least 6000 words.

All sections of qualified courses may not offer substantial writing in a particular term. In the WM column, the [schedule of courses](http://www.registrar.ufl.edu/soc/) identifies the course sections and amount of writing credit (2, 4 or 6) awarded for a given term.

The writing will be evaluated on content, organization and coherence, argument and support, style and mechanics. Evaluations will be on individual work and the evaluated work will be returned to you before the last day of class.

Writing course grades have two components. Instructors will indicate whether or not you met the writing requirement and will assign a course grade. To receive writing credit you must receive a minimum grade of C (2.0) and satisfactory completion of the writing component. It is possible not to meet the writing requirement and still earn a satisfactory grade, so you should review your degree audit after receiving your grade to verify receipt of credit for the writing component.

Writing requirement credit can only be obtained once for a course. If a student meets the writing requirement in a course, repeating the course will not result in any additional writing requirement credit.

All courses that require writing will not necessarily count toward the writing requirement. In writing requirement courses, students will be evaluated as described above.

**Changes to General Education website:**

<http://gened.aa.ufl.edu/writing-requirement-syllabus-policy.aspx>

**Writing Requirement Syllabus Policy**

Every syllabus for a course meeting the writing requirement must fully conform to the [UF syllabus policy](http://www.aa.ufl.edu/Data/Sites/18/media/policies/syllabi_policy.pdf) and *also* include the following the following exact statements:

* "The Writing Requirement (WR) ensures students both maintain their fluency in writing and use writing as a tool to facilitate learning."
* "Course grades have two components. To receive writing requirement credit, a student must receive a grade of C or higher and a satisfactory completion of the writing component of the course. This credit can only be obtained once for each course. If a student earns writing requirement credit in a course, repeating the course will not result in any additional writing requirement credit."

<http://gened.aa.ufl.edu/writing-requirement.aspx>

## UF Writing Requirement (Formerly Gordon Rule)

**The Requirement**

The University of Florida requires that all students complete the Writing Requirement described below. Students must earn a grade of C or higher in courses taken to fulfill this requirement. Therefore, courses intended to satisfy the Writing Requirement may not be taken S-U.

#### To graduate, students must complete courses that involve substantial writing for a total of 24,000 words. Courses that count toward this requirement will be in one of three categories:

E2: Coursework with at least 2,000 words;  
E4: Coursework with at least 4,000 words;  
E6: Coursework with at least 6,000 words.

1. The student must write a minimum of 2,000 - 6,000 words in the course (one double spaced, typed page in 12 point type is 300 words). The level of certification depends on the number of words.
2. This written work must be evaluated on the effectiveness, organization, clarity, and coherence of the writing as well as the grammar, punctuation and usage of standard written English.
3. The student must be provided feedback on the written work submitted.
4. Teamwork or writing done by a group or team, class notes, in-class essay examinations, and term papers submitted too late in the semester to be returned to students in class cannot be used to meet the minimum word requirement. Drafts cannot be counted separately from final drafts as part of the total number of words completed during the course.

**Important considerations:**

* Effective Summer A/C 2009, an additional grading component has been added to successfully complete and receive word credit for courses that meet the university writing requirement (formerly Gordon Rule). Course grades now will have two components. Professors will indicate whether or not students met the writing requirement AND will assign a course grade. Therefore, to receive writing credit students must receive a grade of C or higher AND satisfactory completion of the writing component. It is possible not to meet the writing requirement and still pass the class. Students should review their degree audits after receiving their grades to verify receipt of credit for the writing component.
* Writing requirement credit can only be obtained once for a course. If a student meets the writing requirement in a course, repeating the course will not result in any additional writing requirement credit.

**Finding Appropriate Courses**

The [Schedule of Courses](http://www.registrar.ufl.edu/soc/)lists the General Education courses offered in a specific term. Coures that meet the Writing Requirement are indicated by the code **WR** in the GE column.