

Recommended version:

The University of Florida requires all students to complete a writing requirement. AICE, AP, CLEP, and IB examination credit as well as dual enrollment or transfer credit may count toward this requirement.

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:

- “2”: Coursework with at least 2,000 words;
- “4”: Coursework with at least 4,000 words;
- “6”: Coursework with at least 6,000 words.

Some sections of qualified courses may not offer substantial writing in a particular term. In the WM column of the Schedule of Courses, the course sections and amount of writing credit awarded (2, 4 or 6) are identified for a given term.

The writing course grade assigned by the instructor has two components: the writing component and a course grade. Therefore, to receive writing credit a student must satisfactorily complete the writing component and receive a minimum grade of C (2.0) for the course. It is possible to not meet the writing requirement and still earn a minimum grade of C in a class, so students should review their degree audit after receiving their grade to verify receipt of credit for the writing component.

Courses intended to satisfy the writing requirement may not be taken S-U.

The writing must be evaluated on the content, organization and coherence, effectiveness, style, grammar and punctuation. Assignments must be returned to students with a grade and comments that address the students' writing skills. Consequently, feedback on all assignments should be provided by the last day of class, or, if provided electronically, by the end of finals. Students will be provided feedback on the written work submitted.

Evaluation of writing is based on individual work. Class notes, quizzes, and in-class writing assignments or essay examinations may not be counted. Team-written documents may not be counted for credit unless clear individual sections are identified for grading, such that individual students' writing may be evaluated and graded. 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.

Students may not take the same course multiple times to meet the writing requirement, unless the course allows for multiple registration based upon rotating course content.

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

Finding Appropriate Courses

The [Schedule of Courses](#) lists the General Education courses offered in a specific term. Courses that meet the Writing Requirement are indicated by the code **WM** in the GE column.

Tracked changes:

The University of Florida requires ~~that~~ all students to complete ~~the~~ a-writing requirement described below. ~~Students must earn a grade of C higher in courses taken to fulfill this requirement. Therefore, courses intended to satisfy the Writing Requirement may not be taken S-U.~~ AICE, AP, CLEP, and IB examination credit as well as dual enrollment or transfer credit may count toward this requirement.

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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:

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

Some sections of qualified courses may not offer substantial writing in a particular term. In the WM column of the Schedule of Courses, the course sections and amount of writing credit awarded (2, 4 or 6) are identified for a given term.

The writing course grade assigned by the instructor has two components: the writing component and a course grade. Therefore, to receive writing credit a student must satisfactorily complete the writing component and receive a minimum grade of C (2.0) for the course. It is possible to not meet the writing requirement and still earn a minimum grade of C in a class, so students should review their degree audit after receiving their grade to verify receipt of credit for the writing component.

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- ~~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~~ The writing must be evaluated on the content, organization and coherence, effectiveness, style, organization, clarity, and coherence of the writing as well as the grammar and punctuation, and usage of standard written English.

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~~The s~~Students must will be provided feedback on the written work submitted.

Evaluation of writing is based on individual work. 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.

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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.~~

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