

## WWU Writing Requirements

**Lower Level Communication General University Requirement (GUR), Block A:** - Students need to complete English 101, *Writing and Critical Inquiry*, with a minimum grade of C- prior to the accumulation of 45 credits. Requirement will be waived for students demonstrating high English competency on Advanced Placement (CEEB English score of 4). For more information contact the Director of English 101, [Jeremy.Cushman@wwu.edu](mailto:Jeremy.Cushman@wwu.edu), Department of English.

**Upper- Level Writing Proficiency Course(s):** Students need to complete a minimum of three writing proficiency (WP) points in designated WP courses, taken at WWU, with a minimum grade of C-. For more information contact the Learning Commons at [Learning.Commons@wwu.edu](mailto:Learning.Commons@wwu.edu).

WP courses are upper-division classes emphasizing researching and writing in a particular discipline. Students learn the writing style and conventions of their disciplines, as well as the techniques for integrating evidence into academic writing.

### University Guidelines for WP courses:

- Students have opportunities for receiving feedback,
- Instructors provide expectations for revision, and
- Instructors assign course grades based on writing (see grid below):

	Credit Hours Of Course	% of Grade Based on Writing Assignments
<b>WP1</b>	1 credit	75%
	2 credits	50%
	3 credits	25%
	4 credits	20%
	5 credits	15%
<b>WP2</b>	2 credits	75%
	3 credits	50%
	4 credits	40%
	5 credits	30%
<b>WP3</b>	3 credits	75%
	4 credits	55%
	5 credits	45%

### Other Designated Writing Courses at WWU

Communication GUR, **Block C:** While not a requirement for graduation, students may elect to satisfy the second part of the GUR in Communication by taking a Block C writing course. Block C writing courses need to abide by the following criteria (from 2006-08 ACC Handbook, p. 20):

- Has prerequisites of English 101 and 30 credits
- Caps enrollment at 25
- Carries a minimum of 3 credits
- Includes instruction in how to write academic discourse *about* a particular academic topic or domain such as the sciences, humanities, arts, etc.
- Includes writing as at least 75% of the final letter grade, including both formal and informal writing products
- Needs to provide opportunities for revising
- May be a stand-alone course or offered as part of a link or sequence of courses