

Writing Program-1

Writing Program

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The Writing Program offers writing instruction and writing intensive courses designed to support The College of New Jersey's goals and outcomes for liberal learning, specifically those concerning intellectual and scholarly growth. Students should develop confident identities as good writers who can communicate clearly and effectively to an array of audiences for a range of purposes. All students, therefore, are required to take three writing intensive courses during their tenure at the College. The first of these is First Seminar, taken in the fall semester of the first year; in the sophomore or junior year, students take another writing intensive course of their choice, inside or outside of their major; and then in the senior year, students take a writing intensive capstone course in the major.

In addition, some entering students may also be required to take a writing instruction course to help better prepare them for the demands of their writing intensive requirements. WRI 102 (Academic Writing) provides training and practice in the analysis and production of persuasive arguments. Entering students who do not score at or above 580 in BOTH the verbal and math portions of the SAT will be required take WRI 102 unless they gain exemption through a score of 4 or higher in an AP English or History exam, or through the college's Writing Exemption and Placement Exam.*

*Transfer students gain exemption either through their SAT scores, AP scores, or with one 4-credit or two 3-credit first year writing courses (numbered 100 or above) which have been approved as equivalent to WRI 102. Transfer students are not eligible to take the TCNJ exemption exam.

In addition, some students' scores on the Exemption and Placement Exam indicate the need for additional assistance as early as the fall semester, when students are enrolled in their First Seminar. These students will receive a faculty writing tutorial (WRI 101) to help them through their first year writing tasks.

COURSES

WRI 101/First Year Writing.

0 course unit

(every semester)

Prerequisite: placement

First Year Writing offers writing support for FSP First Seminar and WRI 102 Academic Writing. A zero-credit, ungraded, repeatable tutorial, First Year Writing must be taken concurrently with FSP or with WRI 102. May be repeated.

WRI 102/Academic Writing

1 course unit

(spring)

Academic Writing offers students the opportunity to develop, advance, and practice skills in the production of academic prose. Within a framework of sophisticated readings, highly coordinated writing workshops, and instructor feedback, students practice the modes of writing necessary to succeed in college. Students read critically, cultivate habits of effective and ethical research, practice conventions of documentation, and use information technologies. Topical readings may vary among sections. Students may earn exemption from WRI 102 through AP scores, SAT scores, or an exemption test offered only prior to matriculation; for more information, see

<http://www.tcnj.edu/~writing/> .

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WRI 202/Researched Writing in the Disciplines

1 course unit

(occasionally)

Prerequisite: WRI 102 or exemption from WRI 102.

Researched Writing is designed as a “writing in the disciplines” experience and assumes a basic competence in the 3-7-page argumentative or expository prose essay. Students will read essays in the natural sciences, the social sciences, and the humanities, and write essays in these traditions, including a longer researched argument in their intended major field of study. This course is intended to act as a bridge between the writing tasks typical of the first year classes, and those of upper division courses in students’ major fields.