

Writing Program

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The Writing Program offers writing instruction designed to support The College of New Jersey's goals and outcomes for The College Core, specifically those concerning intellectual and scholarly growth. Students should develop confidence as 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.

These include the First-Year Seminar (FYS), taken in the first year; a mid-level writing-intensive course in the major in either the sophomore or junior year; and a senior-level writing-intensive capstone course in the major in the senior year.

In addition, many entering students will also be required to take a writing instruction course to help better prepare them for the demands of their writing-intensive requirements. FYW 102 Academic Writing provides training and practice in the analysis and production of persuasive arguments. Entering students will be required to take FYW 102 unless they gain exemption through the college's Writing Exemption and Placement Exam.

Transfer students who have successfully completed one college-level course in writing prior to their admission to the College (3 semester hours or greater) are exempt from FYW 102. The course must be approved as equivalent to FYW 102.

Finally, 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 FYW 102. These students will take FYW 101: Writing Studio, to help them through their first year writing tasks.