

## 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, which provides training and practice in the analysis and production of persuasive arguments; 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, some entering students, through our Directed Self-Placement survey, will choose to take a writing instruction to help better prepare them for the demands of their writing-intensive requirements. All incoming students complete a Directed Self-Placement survey in order to assess their own readiness for the writing in the FYS. Students who indicate they want to take the First-Year Writing Studio (FYW 101) concurrently with the FYS to help them through their first-year writing tasks will submit a writing sample before we enroll them in the course. Transfer students who have successfully completed 7.5 units prior to their admission to the College (30 semester hours or greater), have completed a full year at a four-year institution, or have completed an equivalent course are exempt from the FYS.