Analytical Reading & Writing (GW)

Requirement: One 4-credit hour course.

Writing Placement Exam. The Writing Placement Exam is required for all first-year students, transfer and non-matriculating students who have not successfully completed a credit-bearing, college-level composition course with a grade of C- or better.

The placement exam will indicate if the student should register for ENG 0701, ENG 0802, or be exempted from the course. May also be ENG 0711 or ENG 0812, which are the ESL versions.

This course should be taken as soon as possible—ideally in the first semester, but certainly in the first year.

This course addresses the following competencies:

Critical Reading and Thinking

Students can read for the purposes of careful analysis and critique, evaluate both the evidence and reasoning in an academic text, and see relationships (explicit and implicit) between and among multiple texts; they can raise meaningful questions, compare ideas, and extract underlying assumptions.

Self-reflection

Students are able to reflect, seriously and critically, on their own writing processes as well as their written work.

Rhetorical Strategies

In academic writing, students can:

- Define key terms for specific purposes.
- Summarize the ideas and arguments of others.
- Make meaningful comparisons between ideas.
- Analyze and respond to the needs of a specific task/audience.

Argumentation

Students can take a position, marshal and organize relevant evidence, and respond to opposing views.

Revision

Students can substantively revise earlier written work.

Correctness

In their finished papers, students demonstrate a reasonable degree of both fluency and competence with Standard English, and ESL students should demonstrate marked improvement in these areas. All students should be able to effectively edit their own work.

Analytical Reading & Writing Courses

- Analytical Reading & Writing
- English as a Second Language (ESL) Analytical Reading & Writing
- Honors Analytical Reading & Writing