

## WRITING-INTENSIVE COURSES

The faculty expects all students to become effective writers. To this end, students are given opportunities to improve their writing throughout their curriculum.

### First-Year Writing Requirement

All first-year students must satisfy a first-year writing requirement. Students take a placement exam on the first day of class or may take an exam online before classes begin (by August 1 for the fall semester and by December 1 for the spring semester; see

[www.english.neu.edu/writingprograms/placement/](http://www.english.neu.edu/writingprograms/placement/)).

Depending on the results of the placement exam, students may satisfy the requirement in one of the following ways:

- ENG U111, College Writing
- ENG U110, Introductory College Writing *plus* ENG U111
- ENG U102, College Writing for Speakers of Other Languages
- ENG U101, Introductory Writing for Speakers of Other Languages *plus* ENG U102

In addition, depending on performance in ENG U110, the second half of the two-course sequence may be waived, as determined by the Department of English. Students must earn a C or better in the required writing course to satisfy the first-year writing requirement.

*Note:* ENG U101 and ENG U110 are not credited toward graduation in the College of Engineering.

### Advanced Writing Requirement

Once students have earned 56 semester hours of academic credit, they are expected to register for the second course of the University-wide requirement: Advanced Writing in the Disciplines (AWD). Students are encouraged to take AWD before they have accrued 96 semester hours. A variety of AWD courses are offered, and different courses satisfy the requirement for students in different colleges. In consultation with their advisor, students should choose the AWD course that best fits their needs from among the available options. (AWD sections for non-native speakers of English and international students are available.) Transfer credit cannot be used to satisfy this requirement. Students must earn a C or better to satisfy the advanced writing requirement.

Please see the Writing Programs site for more details: [www.english.neu.edu/writingprograms/](http://www.english.neu.edu/writingprograms/).

### Writing-Intensive Courses in the Major

Each major includes at least two additional writing-intensive courses. These courses are characterized by frequent and regular writing, assessment and revision of student work, and the opportunity for students to improve their work.