



Choosing Your Significant Writing Course

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A course with significant writing is defined as “that writing activity in English which is performed outside of the classroom, judged by the instructor to be relevant and appropriate to the discipline and/or course content and requires the further development of expository and analytical skills and is an evidence-based argument.”

An approved course requires a minimum of 10 pages or two 5-page papers of writing, in which the writing (as well as the content) of these papers is evaluated. Midterm and Final Exams are not viewed as satisfying this requirement, even if they are take-home exams. **We also require that the selected course be noncontiguous to the major.** (See Disciplinary Breadth)

Course numbers and content change annually. Each academic year, check the list of courses considered to have significant writing.

Approved Significant Writing Course List for Academic Year 2025-2026

Humanities/Fine Arts

Classical Studies

CLAS 119

History

HIAF 112, 160-190

HIEA 122-124, 126, 129, 150, 151, 160 - 190

HIEU 102-104, 106, 110, 111, 120, 122, 123, 124, 124GS, 125, 128, 132, 137, 138, 147- 149, 154, 156, 158, 159, 160 - 190

HILA 100-102, 114 121A, 121B, 122, 135, 144, 160-190

HINE 112A, 113, 160-190

HISC 107-109, 115, 116, 119, 123, 131, 160-190

HIUS 104, 106B, 113, 114B, 120, 130, 131, 133, 136, 137, 141, 158, 160-190

HITO 105, 114, 133, 155, 170 178, 160-190

Literature

ALL UPPER-DIVISION COURSE OFFERINGS IN ENGLISH UNDER SECTIONS: LTAF, LTAM, LTEA, LTCS, LTEN, LTEU, LTTH, LTWL and LTWR

Music

107, 112-115, 120A-C, 150GS, 151, 153

Philosophy

ALL UPPER-DIVISION COURSES EXCEPT: 120-122, 124, 125, 146

Study of Religion

101, 134, 146, 149, 150, 189

Theatre & Dance

TDHT 101, 103, 107-111, 114, 115, 119, 120

TDPW 101, 102, 104

TDGE 131, 131R

Visual Arts

113AN, 113BN, 113CN, 117A-B, 117E-H, 121B, 122GS, 126AN, 126BN, 127B, 127C, 127P, 128A, 129A-E, 151A-B, 154, 155, 159

Note: This requirement must be completed *outside* of your major's academic discipline. Please refer to your degree audit or Marshall's GE page to verify your major's discipline

For Summer Session 2025 enrollment, please contact Marshall Academic Advising for 2024-25 Writing List

Social Science

Anthropology

ALL UPPER-DIVISION COURSE OFFERINGS UNDER SECTIONS: ANAR, ANTH, ANBI and ANSC

Cognitive Science

100, 151, 153, 157, 171, 179, 180, 184, 188

Communication

106N, 107, 111B, 111G, 113T, 114A, 118T, 120N, 127, 138, 155, 153, 181, 183, 190

Education Studies

117, 128A & 139, 128B & 139, 129A -129C & 139, 130 & 139, 131 & 139, 133 & 139, 135, 136 & 139, 137 & 139, 140 & 139, 141 & 139, 145 & 139, 146 & 139

Political Science

100A, 100M, 100Q, 100Z, 104J, 110F, 113B-C, 113BR, 113CR, 114B, 114BR, 120C-F, 120F-K, 125B, 126AA-AB, 127, 130AD, 130AR, 131C, 131CR, 132, 132R, 135, 137A, 142D, 142J, 143, 145, 145C, 147B, 153, 165, 191A-B, 194

Psychology

114, 115A-B, 116A-C, 117, 131, 189, 193L, 194C, 196C

Sociology

100, 102, 103M, 104, 104Q, 105, 106, 106M, 108, 109M 110, 117, 121, 152, 153, 157, 182, 187E, 188E

Urban Studies & Planning

100, 104, 105, 124, 125, 129, 130, 133, 137, 142A, 143, 144, 170, 171, 173, 179, 182, 186, 187, 193

Interdepartmental/Interdisciplinary

Critical Gender Studies

100A-B, 101, 105, 108, 111, 112, 117-122, 127, 165

Ethnic Studies

100C, 101, 101TV, 103-108, 110M, 111, 119-121R, 124, 126, 127, 130, 132, 133, 138, 139, 140, 144M, 155, 163F, 163FR, 164-166, 168, 172, 174-175, 180, 182, 185, 190

Global Health

101, 105, 110, 111, 129, 143, 146- 148, 150, 181

Japanese Studies

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Latin American Studies

140, 166, 170, 180