

WRS 102: Writing in the Disciplines

An introduction to Academic Writing

What it is

WRS 102 is a blended-format course that meets once a week for one hour but requires several hours per week of work online in the Game of Writing application.

The course requires students to write 4 major writing assignments. For each assignment students will:

- Choose which version of the assignment they want to work on depending on their discipline (for example, a science student might choose the version relevant to science writing).
- Write drafts and track progress within the Game of Writing application.
- Submit drafts for review by peers, peer tutors, TAs and the instructor.
- Comment on the drafts that other students write.
- Revise their work based on peer-comments and tutor comments.
- Attend once a week in-person class meetings.
- Participate online within the Game of Writing application: view video, read course materials, and complete online tasks.

Who should take it

WRS 102 is a first year course and so is aimed at an introductory or junior-level student in any program across the University who is fluent in English.

Most of the work of the course takes place online in the Game of Writing application; students who sign up for the course will need to participate in the online environment regularly (every week) and for extended time (several hours). You'll need to be a self-starter, motivated to do well, and willing to help the other students in the course through your reviews of their work.

The gamified online environment will provide you with extensive feedback about your writing as your progress through the course. Examples of this feedback include:

- how much you are writing,
- how many of the writing tasks you have completed for each major assignment, and
- how useful your comments are about other students' writing.

To succeed, you will need to be comfortable studying and participating in an online environment.

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