

Writing Intensive Course Policy

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Policy Statement

Writing Intensive courses at UMKC are undergraduate courses of at least 3 credit hours, at the junior or senior level, generally designated by WI or WL following the course number. Students must complete the RooWriter Writing Assessment before being allowed to register for Writing Intensive classes. For more information about the RooWriter, go to the RooWriter website at

At the end of a Writing Intensive course at UMKC, students should be able to:

- Write in genres, participate in activities, and perform assignments that are appropriate to the respective discipline.
- Demonstrate their ability through writing to read closely and analyze critically the texts of their disciplines.
- Produce writing through the recursive process of brainstorming, research, drafting, peer review, and revising.
- Articulate and support a coherent thesis or purpose in their writing and develop it according to the

conventions of a given discipline or audience.

- Use research methods and documentation that meet the standards of the discipline.
- Articulate and discuss their work with peers or the instructor.

For example, to achieve these goals Writing Intensive course design emphasizes and teaches writing as a recursive process, some class time is devoted to helping students complete writing assignments, writing assignments are distributed throughout the semester, and differ in length and purpose, the course requires 5,000-10,000 words (approximately 20-40 double-spaced pages) of revised, final-draft quality writing, and writing assignments account for at least 40 percent of the course grade. Complete guidelines and mandatory requirements for the design of and best practices for teaching a Writing Intensive course at UMKC appear on the University Writing and Reading Board (UWRB) website, , or can be obtained by contacting the UWRB at uwrb@.

Reason for Policy

This policy was developed to support student academic success and to provide consistent, quality delivery of academic programs and services.

Who Should Read this Policy?

All faculty; Academic advisors; Registrar's office personnel;
All students

Instructions, Procedures and Related Information

Registrar's Office, University Writing and Reading Board (UWRB)

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Exclusions

Graduate and Professional Programs

History & Updates

None

Appendices

None