

Writing in W-Courses

Learning Goals

The W-Course, taken in the sophomore year, is the second stage in a student's writing experiences at DePauw. Proficient writing skills cannot be learned once in a single writing class but must be practiced over time, for many different audiences, in different situations, and in different genres. Because writing conventions vary from discipline to discipline, students should understand the importance of continuing to investigate how to write in new disciplines after their W-Course.

By the end of the W-course students should have continued to improve their understanding of:

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- write and revise in ways that go beyond corrections to spelling and grammar by addressing higher order structural, argumentative, and stylistic elements;
- write appropriately for different writing tasks, demonstrating an ability to control the focus of