## Writing Maiters

Using the New UW-W Writing Standards to Streamline Grading and Improve Student Writing

Tuesday, November 24th in UC 259B, 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. (Lunch Provided)

## RSVP by Wednesday, November 18th



Last summer, 36 faculty members from all four colleges met for five days to examine the state of writing skills and instruction at UW-Whitewater. This group read, ranked, and discussed samples of student essays with the goal of defining a set of core writing competencies that all UW-W students should be expected to achieve and developing a means of communicating those expectations to faculty and students alike. The final result is a document entitled "Writing Matters: A Guide to UW-W Writing Standards," which defines specific standards for developing, competent, and accomplished student writers.

Come to this workshop to learn more about the Writing Matters rubric and hear from instructors who have begun to use it in their classrooms to improve their students' writing and streamline the grading process. There will also be an opportunity to discuss other steps the university might take to improve our students' writing across the curriculum.

The workshop will be facilitated by Marilyn Durham, an associate professor in the Department of Languages and Literatures and Coordinator of Freshman English and Liz Hachten, Assistant Dean in the College of Letters and Sciences and Coordinator of General Education.

