**Current University Writing Proficiency in the Major Policy:**

Students must demonstrate writing proficiency in their major. The department of the major determines the requirement which may be a course within the degree or major requirements, a specified course outside the major, or a writing sample evaluated by the faculty.

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**College of Arts and Communication**

**Art**

ENGLISH 370 Advanced Composition, ENGLISH 274 *Creative Writing* or ENGLISH 372 *Scientific and Technical Writing* (or approved substitute including PHILSPHY 271 *Philosophy of Aesthetics*)

**Communication**

Students must complete the writing requirement in a course within their major emphasis. For details see the “University Writing Requirement Contract” available on the department website.

**Music**

In order to pass the writing requirement as a music major, students do one of the following: 1) achieve a grade of B or better in a required paper in one of the following courses: MUSC 438 (Medieval Music), MUSC 445 (Renaissance Music), MUSC 447 (Music of the Classical Period), MUSC 448 (Music of the Romantic Period), MUSC 450 (Survey of World Musics), MUSC 455 (Form and Analysis), or MUSC 463 (Music After 1900); 2) take and pass the writing portion of the PPST (required for all music majors with an emphasis in music education), or 3) pass ENGLISH 370 (Advanced Composition). Students may attempt to pass the writing requirement only once within a single course, but may attempt it again by taking other courses listed above. Students must notify the instructor of the course in writing that they will attempt to pass the writing proficiency.

**Theatre and Dance**

Grade of B or better in the writing portion of one of Theatre History/Lit courses: THEATRE 346, 471. 472 or 478

**College of Business and Economics**

**Required of all BBA degree candidates: ITBE 353 *Business Communication***

**Accounting (additional requirement)**

ENGLISH 370 *Advanced Comp* or ENGLISH 372 *Sci/Tech Writing* or ITBE 356 *Advanced Business Communication*

**Economics**

BA/BS and BSE majors: ITBE 353 *Business Communication*

**Management Computer Systems**

ITBE 353, ENGLISH 370 *Advanced Comp* or ENGLISH 372 *Sci/Tech Writing* (BS majors)

**College of Education**

**Communication Sciences and Disorders**

Writing Proficiency Requirement: See chairperson for course(s) that satisfy this requirement.

Note from Chair Roxanne DePaul (4/1/12): We are revising this for our department as part of LEAP.

**Curriculum and Instruction**

Writing requirement satisfied within the major.

Note from Chair Robin Fox (2/29/12): This is accurate.  However, I would be more specific and state that the use of portfolios is in part how we determine writing proficiency.

**Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Coaching**

Physical Education majors are required to successfully write on a selected topic. This will occur within PEPROF 165 – Introduction to Physical Education. Those who do not pass within PEPROF 165 and transfer students must contact the Department Chairperson for information on alternate examination dates, times and procedures.

Note: Department did not respond to requests to confirm the currency of this statement.

**Occupational and Environmental Health and Safety**

ITBE 353 *Business Comm* or ENGLISH 372 *Sci/Tech Writing*

**Special Education**

Requirement accomplished in several courses within the emphasis course sequence.

Note from Chair Diana Rogers-Adkinson (3/7/12): We also require an exit portfolio that has writing demands.

**College of Letters and Sciences**

**Biological Sciences**

BIOLOGY 200 *Writing in Biology* or BIOLOGY 303 *Planning and Presenting Biological Research or* ENGLISH 372 *Scientific and Technical Writing*

**Chemistry – changes suggested by Baocheng Han 2/29/12**

BSE – ENGLISH 372 *Sci/Tech Writing*

Honors – Honors thesis

Liberal Arts and ACS tracks – CHEM 470/471 *Experimental Physical Chemistry*

Biochemistry track- CHEM 458 *Research in Biochemistry*

**Geography and Geology**

ENGLISH 370 *Advanced Comp* or ENGLISH 372 *Sci/Tech Writing*

**History**

HISTRY 200 *Historical Methods* and HISTRY 499 *Senior Seminar*

**International Studies**

INTRNAR 488 *Topics in International Studies* (includes a significant writing component which will fulfill the writing requirement)

**Languages and Literatures**

English Literature and Writing tracks: ENGLISH 271 *Critical Writing in the Field of English*

Professional Writing and Book Publishing: ENGLISH 372 *Sci/Tech Writing*

Note: All English tracks require students to take additional courses that the L&L department considers to be writing intensive

French, German and Spanish: ENGLISH 370 *Advanced Comp*

Note: All foreign language major programs also provide extensive writing instruction in the target language

**Mathematics and Computer Science**

ENGLISH 370 *Advanced Comp* or 372 *Sci/Tech Writing*

Note from Chair Julie Letellier (2/29/12):We also have writing components embedded in 3 other math major courses:

1. Math 254 Calculus & Analytic Geometry II
2. Math 280 Discrete Mathematics
3. And another course which depends on the student’s emphasis:

* Math 342 Applied Statistics in the Math/Statistics Emphasis.
* Math 464 Advanced Calculus in the Pure Math Emphasis.
* Math 471 Numerical Analysis in both the Applied Math and Computer Math Emphases.
* Math 359 Mathematical Modeling & Statistics in the Secondary Ed Math Emphasis.

**Liberal Studies**

Old curriculum: LIBST 499 *Senior Thesis*

New curriculum: Choose a three-credit course from a pre-approved list of writing skills courses

**Physics**

ENGLISH 370 *Advanced Comp* or 372 *Sci/Tech Writing*

Note from Interim Chair Paul Rybski: There is no specific category in any of our majors that calls out "Writing Proficiency in the Major."  We are currently discussing if we should have such a category or simply indicate that PHYSCS 489 (Senior Seminar) is the capstone written and verbal expression course in the department.

**Political Science**

POLISCI 302 – *Writing in Political Science*

**Psychology**

PSYCH 216 *Research Methods*

**Social Work**

Satisfied within the major, specifically in *SOCIALWORK 402 – Social Work Research*

**Sociology, Anthropology and Criminal Justice**

SOCIOLGY 473 *Contemporary Sociological Theory*

**Women’s Studies**

WOMENST 489 *Advanced Seminar in Women’s Studies*