INTERDISCIPLINARY WRITING PROGRAM

WELCOME TO THE INTERDISCIPLINARY WRITING PROGRAM!

A winner of the Brotman Award for instructional excellence, the University of Washington Interdisciplinary Writing Program offers expository writing courses linked with lecture courses in various disciplines.

Autumn 2020 courses are here! Every IWP course can be used for "W" or "C" credit, whichever you need.

AUTUMN 2020 FLYER

These writing courses are designed to help students improve their writing skills while further exploring ideas and materials assigned in the lecture courses.

"Because we spent our IWP class time learning to write for the linked lecture course, I'm sure I actually did better in my lecture course overall." -- former IWP student

Assignments in a linked writing seminar always draw on materials from the accompanying lecture course, and often include drafts of papers submitted in the lecture course.

ENGL 197, 198, and 199 are linked with lecture courses at the 100-level. ENGL 297, 298, and 299 are linked with courses at the 200-level and above. Lecture courses which offer writing links vary by quarter.

While ENGL 297, 298, and 299 are called "Intermediate Writing," there is no pre-requisite — students do not need to take a 100-level writing course before enrolling in a 200-level writing link. Any student who enrolls in a lecture course is eligible to take its link, as space permits.

THE BENEFITS OF IWP COURSES

ENHANCED LEARNING

Most students find that pairing a writing course with a lecture course enhances their learning in both.

ONE-ON-ONE CONFERENCES

Linked writing seminars involve frequent individual conferences with writing instructors to discuss drafts of papers. Conferences offer students an opportunity to learn to read their own drafts more critically and to revise them more effectively.

WRITING CREDITS

Writing seminars can be used to satisfy either the University's 5-credit English "Composition" requirement, or half of the 10-credit "Additional Writing" requirement for undergraduates. Students can take up to 15 credits in writing links, provided that each writing course accompanies a different lecture course.

SMALL CLASSES

Linked writing seminars meet for three hours a week and are limited to twenty-one students.
TO REGISTER:

- IWP courses are listed in the Time Schedule under English — ENGL 197, 198, & 199, and ENGL 297, 298, & 299.
  
  Section letters indicate the specific course links (e.g., ENGL 198C might be linked with HSTAA 105, ENGL 198E might be linked with PSYCH 101, and ENGL 298A might be linked with COM 200).
- Students must register separately for writing links and lecture courses through MyUW.
- All students who are eligible to enroll in a given lecture are eligible for its linked writing course, provided there is space. There are no additional pre-requisites.
- Be sure to check the Time Schedule for course availability each quarter.

Questions? Please contact the IWP Program Coordinator, IWPengl@uw.edu.

“The one-on-one student/instructor conferences were the most helpful thing for developing my writing skills.”