

Are First-Year Writing classes hard?

First-year writing classes are geared towards students in their first or second year of study, and are considered introductory. Think of them as a bridge to help you transition from high school to college writing. Other students in your first-year writing class will be new to WFU just like you and will be experiencing transitions to college life and study similar to the ones you are. Your WRI instructors understand all that and plan their courses and assignments with that in mind.

The first-year writing requirement takes four credit hours to complete, where most courses at WFU are three hours. The additional hour is to account for conferences that are conducted outside of class to discuss your writing in process. WRI 111 completes these four credit hours in a single semester, WRI 109/110 completes these four credits in two consecutive semesters. WRI 109/110 moves at a slower pace than WRI 111, but all first-year writing courses share the same learning goals.

In WRI 109/110, and 111 you will read, discuss, do in-class activities, write, and meet with your instructor and peers to discuss your writing in a class with no more than sixteen students. You should expect to do more than one draft of major assignments. The specific requirements, number and length of assignments, and grading practices will vary between course sections. Early in the semester, your instructor will give you a syllabus outlining these requirements and assignments preparing you to organize your work throughout the semester.

