

How will my first-year WRI class prepare me for the other writing I will be doing at WFU?

One aim of first-year writing at Wake is to introduce students to a vocabulary and theory for understanding how writing operates in different contexts. While your WRI course cannot prepare you for every writing situation you might encounter at Wake Forest (or beyond), we hope the class will help you to see some of the big questions that motivate writing across fields, such as purpose (why are we writing this?), audience (for whom are we writing), context (what other components of this situation matter to my writing), and genre (why are we using this form and another?). Knowing these concepts can help you to figure out what other professors are really asking you to do when they assign writing.

We also offer you space to cultivate your own writing habits and practices and to figure out what works best for you in terms of drafting, seeking out feedback, and revising. Developing and articulating your own writing process can help you feel much more confident navigating new writing situations.

