

WRITING REQUIREMENT

The SPS writing requirement ensures that students develop the skills necessary to meet the rigorous demands of advanced academic writing. Degree students must complete two expository writing courses, ENGLISH 111 and ENGLISH 205, with a grade of C or higher to satisfy the writing requirement in all SPS bachelor's degree programs.

Writing Requirement Appeals

Students who have been admitted into the degree program as transfer admits may appeal the writing requirement. The writing requirement appeal is reserved for students who can demonstrate the necessary skills for writing university-level research and analytical papers by submitting previous college research papers written within the last three to five years. The papers submitted for the appeal will be evaluated for standards of good expository writing, including: a fully developed thesis; sound logic and adequate evidence in support of the thesis; effective organization, coherent structure, and an overall unity; correct grammar, punctuation, and spelling. A successful appeal does not result in credit for the writing requirement courses; the requirement for ENGLISH 111 and 205 is waived. Students must complete other courses in place of the writing requirement that meet the curriculum requirements of their program. Performance-Based Admission students may not appeal the writing requirement. To appeal the writing requirement, see instructions in the Undergraduate Academic Policies and Procedures (<https://catalogs.northwestern.edu/sps/undergraduate-academic-policies-procedures/>).

Writing Requirement Courses

Course	Title
ENGLISH 111-CN	Writing Seminar II
ENGLISH 111-DL	Writing Seminar II
ENGLISH 205-CN	Intermediate Composition
ENGLISH 205-DL	Intermediate Composition