



PLANNING YOUR WRITING PROGRAM COURSES

The UCSB Writing Program offers lower-division and upper-division courses that satisfy GE Area A requirements, along with a Professional Writing Minor that's a perfect complement to any major.

Lower-division

Within your first six quarters at UCSB, you should fulfill the ELWR and Area A1 of the GE program. You can do this by taking the courses below or in several other ways. See the WP undergrad advisor for more information.

Writing 1

Passing Writing 1 with a C or higher satisfies the English Language Writing Requirement (ELWR). This requirement can also be satisfied via the Collaborative Writing Placement, scores on AP/IB exams, or community college courses.

Writing 2

Writing 2 satisfies Area A1 in the UCSB General Education (GE) Program. Writing 2 offers an introduction to academic writing, disciplinary genres, and rhetorical strategies.

Upper-division

To satisfy Area A2 of UCSB's GE requirement, take a course numbered 105, 107, or 109 (or Writing 50). Visit the WP website to find the course that best meets your interests and needs. We have 30+ courses from which to choose!

Writing 105

These are interdisciplinary courses on a range of topics, including rhetoric, grammar, science writing, multimedia, ethics, and more.

Writing 107

These courses focus on professional writing—for instance, business communication, legal writing, public relations, and technical writing.

Writing 109

Courses in this set address writing in academic and disciplinary contexts. Develop analytical and communication skills specific to your major.

Professional Writing Minor

Consider applying to this highly regarded minor, where you'll hone your professional communication skills in one of the tracks below.

Business Communication

Civic Engagement

Journalism

Multimedia Communication

Professional Editing

Science Communication

GE WR Special Subject Courses

Writing W 6R: Rome: The Game

Writing 124: Web Media Internship

Writing 160: Writing Center Counseling

For more information, visit <https://writing.ucsb.edu>