

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 UC English Language Writing Requirement (ELWR). This requirement can also be satisfied with a passing grade on the AWPE, or via scores on AP, ACT, SAT, or IB exams.

Writing 2

Writing 2 satisfies Area A1 in the UCSB General Education (GE) Program.

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, 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. You can find out more about the minor at the WP website and from the WP undergrad advisor.

Business Communication

Civic Engagement

Multimedia Communication

Professional Editing

Science Communication

Other GE/WR Courses

Writing 18: Intro to Public Speaking

Writing 126: Writing for Web & Social Media

Writing 160: Writing Center Counseling

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