

# General Education Program

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## Courses

### GE 100, First-Year Seminar, 3 Units

First-Year Seminar is designed to introduce students to academic success strategies and foster a sense of belonging at the university through engagement in the curricular and cocurricular life on campus. These small, seminar-style classes form around a broad, interdisciplinary topic or question and are taught by experienced faculty focused on students' critical thinking and communication skills, information literacy, spiritual formation, diversity competency, and wellness. The course helps students clarify their purpose, meaning, and direction, and promotes campus engagement and utilization of campus resources. *Meets the General Education Requirement: First Year Seminar.*

**Corequisite:** MATH 90, MATH 99, or ALEKS 30-100 or satisfaction of GE Quantitative Literacy requirement.

### GE 101, Academic Success Lab, 1 Unit

The Academic Success Lab is designed to support student admitted to the University in the Academic Success Launch Program. Through this course students will gain an increased awareness of on campus resources, create personal and academic goals and will be able to implement success strategies to maintain good academic standing at APU.

**Prerequisite:** Admission into the Academic Success Launch Program

### WRIT 101, Writing Lab, 1 Unit

WRIT 101 is a one-unit course designed to support students currently enrolled in any course at APU where assistance is needed to meet college-level writing expectations. The Lab will provide a space for students to engage with the foundational concepts introduced in APU's writing program, such as developing a writing process, understanding rhetorical situations, and crafting sound arguments. Within a casual, interactive workshop format that is practical and tailored to the unique needs of the group members, students meet four times weekly to further develop their writing skills and their individual writing processes. Students should expect to bring assignments or projects from their class to each Lab meeting.

**Prerequisite:** Students must be enrolled at APU.

### WRIT 110, Writing 1: The Art and Craft of Writing, 3 Units

Writing is a skill that can be practiced and improved. In this course, students learn about writing by approaching it from theoretical, historical, pedagogical, and practical perspectives. Students engage with writing processes, literacies, and genres by reading and writing about research and arguments dealing with all aspects of writing. Students also craft arguments of their own based on their research on the art and craft of writing. \*Students must earn a C- or higher in Writing 1 in order to register for Writing 2. *Meets the General Education Requirement: Writing 1: The Art Craft of Writing.*

### WRIT 120, Writing 1 Lab, 1 Unit

For students who have chosen through advising and self-placement to receive the extra support that will encourage success in their Writing 1 course, the Writing 1 Lab provides weekly tutorials on Writing 1 assignments and brief assignments that provide enrichment in reading/writing/rhetoric/grammar in ways that support their work as writers in Writing 1. During weekly one hour sessions, students will work with a writing coach to further develop their writing processes, their handling of language conventions at the sentence and paragraph level, and deepen their reading and writing through peer editing sessions with a writing coach. Work will include tutoring on Writing 1 assignments, including rough drafts for Writing 1, and additional small assignments designed for the lab to link reading, writing, logic, and grammar. Students should expect to work two additional hours outside of the session. 1 unit course.

**Prerequisite:** Co-requisite: WRIT 110

### WRIT 200, Writing 2: Writing for Christian Practice, 3 Units

In this course, students will critically assess the writing styles, questions, and arguments of one or more disciplines in order to better understand what is considered persuasive and effective writing in those fields. Students will respond to and evaluate writing, methodologies, ideas, and arguments and practice rhetorical strategies being employed in their own field. *Meets the General Education Requirement: Writing 2: Genre, Evidence, and Persuasion.*

**Prerequisite:** GE 100, MIN 108; HON 101 or C- or Better in WRIT 110

### WRIT 201, Writing 2: Philosophy of Math, Logic, and Language, 3 Units

Why is mathematics so effective in describing the physical universe? What happens when ordinary reasoning and languages are translated into more abstract mathematical and logical symbolism? Is anything lost in translation? This course introduces students to these and other questions on the nature of mathematics, logic, and language. Students evaluate the arguments, writing styles, rhetorical strategies, and types of evidence employed by the mathematicians, scientists, and philosophers addressing these questions. By critically thinking about formal logical and mathematical discourse, students become better writers in and about that discourse. *Meets the General Education Requirement: Writing 2: Genre, Evidence, and Persuasion.*

**Prerequisite:** GE 100, HON 101, or C- or better in WRIT 110; PHIL 310 or MATH 280 or instructor's consent.

## **WRIT 202, Writing 2: Philosophical Writing in C. S. Lewis, 3 Units**

C. S. Lewis was one of the most influential public Christian intellectuals of the 20th century. One of the reasons for this is that he wrote clearly and persuasively about the perennial questions of philosophy but for the common person. In this course, we will study and practice the art of writing well on philosophical matters for a broad audience. Students will critically assess the writing styles, questions, and arguments of philosophical writing for a general audience and will contrast what it takes to do such writing well with related forms of writing such as philosophical writing for a specialist audience and philosophical writing in fictional form. We will do so by analyzing, emulating, and critiquing the work of C. S. Lewis from the standpoint of philosophy. *Meets the General Education Requirement: Writing 2: Genre, Evidence, and Persuasion.*

**Prerequisite:** GE 100, HON 101 or C- or Better in WRIT 110

## **WRIT 203, Writing 2: Writing in Religion, Cinema, and Popular Culture, 3 Units**

In this course, students critically assess the writing styles, questions, and arguments in the discipline of religious studies, with special focus on the study of religion and visual studies in order to better understand what is considered persuasive and effective writing in religious studies. Students respond to and evaluate writing, methodologies, ideas, arguments, and genres, and practice rhetorical strategies employed in the field. *Meets the General Education Requirement: Writing 2: Genre, Evidence, and Persuasion.*

**Prerequisite:** GE 100, HON 101, or C- or better in WRIT 110.

## **WRIT 204, Writing 2: Writing for the Humanities in Spanish, 3 Units**

Students in this course critically assess writing styles, questions, and arguments important to the humanities through a study of great works and life's enduring questions. In order to understand better what is considered persuasive and effective writing in the humanities, students respond to and evaluate writing, methodologies, ideas, and arguments, and practice rhetorical strategies employed in the liberal arts. The entire course, including all assignments, is in Spanish. *Meets the General Education Requirement: Writing 2: Genre, Evidence, and Persuasion.*

**Prerequisite:** GE 100, HON 101 or C- or better in WRIT 110, and SPAN 202

## **WRIT 210, Writing 2: Writing in the Humanities, 3 Units**

In this course, students will critically assess writing styles, questions, and arguments important to the humanities through a study of great works and life's enduring questions. In order to understand better what is considered persuasive and effective writing in the humanities, students will respond to and evaluate writing, methodologies, ideas, and arguments, and practice rhetorical strategies being employed in the liberal arts. *Meets the General Education Requirement: Writing 2: Genre, Evidence, and Persuasion.*

**Prerequisite:** GE 100, HON 101 or C- or Better in WRIT 110

## **WRIT 220, Writing 2: Film Analysis and Criticism, 3 Units**

This course is an introduction to film as a narrative and visual medium, emphasizing the terms, methods, and techniques of film analysis. Students view and discuss films in terms of formal elements - plot structure, character development, themes, genres, and literary sources. Some attention is given to the history of cinema, film criticism and theory, as well as film production from development through distribution. *Meets the General Education Requirement: Writing 2: Genre, Evidence, and Persuasion.*

**Prerequisite:** GE 100, HON 101 or C- or better in WRIT 110, and department consent.

## **WRIT 221, Writing 2: Writing for Visual Thinkers, 3 Units**

In this course, students examine writing styles as expressed in the studio arts and design, whether as criticism, analysis, personal expression, persuasion, or artist and designer statements. Students will learn how to translate their visual world into words, and to evaluate visual ideas, both their own and others; as those gifted for visual expression are able. In order to understand how to write persuasively and effectively, students will examine theoretical approaches that are employed as conceptual frameworks in making art and design. *Meets the General Education Requirement: Writing 2: Genre, Evidence, and Persuasion.*

**Prerequisite:** GE 100, HON 101 or C- or Better in WRIT 110

## **WRIT 222, Writing 2: Writing about Music, 3 Units**

In this course, students examine methods and tools of research and writing in music. They assess and practice various writing styles, as well as questions and arguments associated with (1) the historical fields of research (e.g., musicology, ethnomusicology, music education, music criticism, music analysis, program notes) and (2) music entrepreneurship (e.g., music business, production, marketing, artist management). Students also become familiar with online and hard copy music resources available in Marshburn Memorial Library. *Meets the General Education Requirement: Writing 2: Genre, Evidence, and Persuasion.*

**Prerequisite:** GE 100, HON 101 or C- or Better in WRIT 110

## **WRIT 240, Writing 2: Scientific Writing, 3 Units**

In this course, students critically assess genres of scientific writing, including scientific journal articles, grant proposals, and writing for popular audiences, examining writing styles and forms of argument that are considered persuasive in the sciences. Students also evaluate writing samples, methodologies, ideas, and arguments, and practice writing in scientific genres. *Meets the General Education Requirement: Writing 2: Genre, Evidence, and Persuasion.*

**Prerequisite:** GE 100, HON 101 or C- or better in WRIT 110; and BIOL 152, BIOL 250, CHEM 152, PHYC 156, or PHYC 166.

### **WRIT 241, Writing 2: Physical Activity and Health Promotion, 3 Units**

Students in this course have multiple opportunities to share knowledge through written assignments and brief verbal responses. The course activities challenge the student to consider the audience and platform for communication, develop a concise argument, persuade readers, and critically evaluate research articles. Students also enhance their skills in literature searches using library databases, and gain proficiency in citing using APA formatting. *Meets the General Education Requirement: Writing 2: Genre, Evidence, and Persuasion.*

**Prerequisite:** GE 100; HON 101 or C- or better in WRIT 110; C- or higher in BIOL 230 or BIOL 250; students must be kinesiology majors, other majors may enroll by instructor consent.

### **WRIT 242, Writing 2: Entrepreneurial Tech Start-ups, 3 Units**

In this course, students critically assess the writing styles, questions, and arguments of business, computer science, and technology in order to better understand what is considered persuasive and effective writing in these fields. Students respond to and evaluate writing, methodologies, ideas, and arguments, and practice rhetorical strategies being employed in their own field while analyzing and contributing to current trends in the field through the creation of relevant business-tech documents. *Meets the General Education Requirement: Writing 2: Genre, Evidence, and Persuasion.*

**Prerequisite:** GE 100, HON 101 or C- or better in WRIT 110

### **WRIT 243, Writing 2: Mathematical Careers and Callings, 3 Units**

In this course, students explore a variety of mathematical careers, assess writings from subdisciplines of mathematics, evaluate arguments regarding the purpose or value of mathematics, and explore the value of mathematical work in their individual contexts. Students critically assess the writing styles, questions, and arguments of mathematicians in a variety of careers in order to better understand what is considered persuasive and effective writing in those fields, and also practice rhetorical strategies. Course material includes Christian perspectives on the value of work and culture in general and the value and purpose of mathematical work in particular. *Meets the General Education Requirement: Writing 2: Genre, Evidence, and Persuasion.*

**Prerequisite:** HON 101 or WRIT 110 with C- or better

### **WRIT 260, Writing 2: Psychology Subdisciplines and Career Trajectories, 3 Units**

This course provides a foundation for students to think, write, and communicate as psychological scientists. The specific style of writing is based on the American Psychological Association (APA) format, which reflects the precepts of the discipline. The course focuses on the general writing process as well as the particular writing conventions in the social sciences to build critical skills in communication. As students learn to write thoughtfully and persuasively, they also engage in a comprehensive overview of the major subfields in the discipline of psychology and the variety of career trajectories that students may consider in behavioral settings. In the process of career exploration as it relates to central concerns, themes, and professional trajectories, students critically assess the writing style, questions, and arguments from multiple subdisciplines. Students also develop skill in formatting written work utilizing APA style, in order to develop skills in effective writing, researching, and identifying credible sources in the field. *Meets the General Education Requirement: Writing 2: Genre, Evidence, and Persuasion.*

**Prerequisite:** GE 100, HON 101, or C- or better in WRIT 110.

### **WRIT 261, Writing 2: Writing in Business, 3 Units**

In this course, students critically assess the writing styles, questions, and arguments found in the organizational environment in order to better understand what is considered persuasive and effective writing in business and management. Students respond to and evaluate writing, methodologies, ideas, and arguments, and practice rhetorical strategies being employed in their own field. *Meets the General Education Requirement: Writing 2: Genre, Evidence, and Persuasion.*

**Prerequisite:** GE 100, HON 101 or C- or Better in WRIT 110

### **WRIT 262, Writing 2: Criminal Justice Research Methods, 3 Units**

This course introduces students to research writing in the social and behavioral sciences, including the basic methods of research design, measurement, and data collection in criminology and criminal justice. Students compare research writing to other genres of writing, taking into account audience and rhetorical situation (as learned in Writing 1). Students also learn the techniques used to define research problems, select and appropriately measure variables, state hypotheses, and select experimental methods, culminating in each student completing a research proposal on a topic of their own choosing. *Meets the General Education Requirement: Writing 2: Genre, Evidence, and Persuasion.*

**Prerequisite:** GE 100, HON 101 or C- or better in WRIT 110; MATH 115 or MATH 130; and CJ 110

### **WRIT 263, Writing 2: Writing Ethnography in the Social Sciences, 3 Units**

Ethnography is a research methodology used in business, education, health care, and ministry. In this course, students critically assess genres of ethnographic writing in the social sciences, including analytical journals, journal articles, and writing for popular audiences. Students examine writing styles and forms of argument that are considered persuasive in the social sciences. Students evaluate writing samples, methodologies, ideas, and arguments, and practice writing in social scientific genres. *Meets the General Education Requirement: Writing 2: Genre, Evidence, and Persuasion.*

**Prerequisite:** GE 100, HON 101 or C- or Better in WRIT 110

### **PRWR 110, Writing 1: The Art and Craft of Writing, 3 Units**

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## **PRWR 112, Writing 1A: Writing and Rhetoric for Professional Students, 2 Units**

Writing is a skill that can be practiced and improved. In this course, students learn about writing by approaching it from practical perspectives, engaging with writing processes, literacies, and genres by reading and writing about research and arguments dealing with all aspects of writing. *Meets the General Education Requirement: Writing 1 (PRWR112+PRWR113), Writing 1 (PRWR112+PRWR115).*

## **PRWR 113, Writing 1B: Research and Writing for Professional Students, 2 Units**

In this course, students build upon the foundation they established in PRWR 112, continuing to develop their writing processes and their writing portfolios by further revising, editing, and proofreading the major assignments from PRWR 112. They also improve their information literacy and research skills and write a comprehensive argument. Students must earn a C or better in PRWR 113 to enroll in Writing 2. *Meets the General Education Requirement: Writing 1 (PRWR112+PRWR113).*

**Prerequisite:** PRWR 112 Writing 1A: Writing and Rhetoric for Professional Students

## **PRWR 115, Writing for Prior Learning, 3 Units**

Writing is a lifelong skill that can be practiced and improved. In this course, each student writes a Prior Learning Essay, a key requirement for submitting a Prior Learning Assessment Portfolio (PLP). Writing the essay involves learning how to describe past experience, make reflective observations, articulate abstract principles, communicate personal competencies, perform self-guided research, and express one's professional goals. *Meets the General Education Requirement: Writing 1 (PRWR112+PRWR115).*

**Prerequisite:** Writing 1 or PRWR 112

## **PRWR 260, Writing 2: Psychology Subdisciplines and Career Trajectories, 3 Units**

This course provides a foundation for students to think, write and communicate as a psychological scientist. The specific style of writing is based on the American Psychological Association (APA) format that reflects the precepts within the discipline. The course focuses on the general writing process as well as the particular writing conventions in the social sciences to build critical skills in communication. As students learn to write thoughtfully and persuasively, students also engage in a comprehensive overview of the major subfields in the discipline of psychology and the variety of career trajectories that students may consider in behavioral settings. In the process of career exploration as it relates to central concerns, themes and professional trajectories, students will critically assess the writing style, questions, and arguments from multiple sub-disciplines. Students will also develop skill in formatting written work utilizing the style adopted by the APA in order to develop skills in effective writing, researching and identifying credible sources in the field. *Meets the General Education Requirement: Writing 2: Genre, Evidence, and Persuasion.*

**Prerequisite:** C- or better in PRWR 110 or PRWR 113

## **PRWR 261, Writing 2: Writing in Business, 3 Units**

In this course, students critically assess the writing styles, questions, and arguments found in the organizational environment in order to better understand what is considered persuasive and effective writing in business and management. Students respond to and evaluate writing, methodologies, ideas, and arguments, and practice rhetorical strategies being employed in their own field. *Meets the General Education Requirement: Writing 2: Genre, Evidence, and Persuasion.*

**Prerequisite:** C- or better in PRWR 110 or PRWR 113

## **PRWR 262, Writing 2: Criminal Justice Research Methods, 3 Units**

This course is designed to introduce students to research writing in the social and behavioral sciences. Students will examine the basic methods of research design, measurement, and data collection in Criminology and Criminal Justice. Students will compare research writing to other genres of writing, taking into account audience and rhetorical situation (as learned in Writing 1). Additionally, this course will focus on teaching students the techniques used to define research problems, select and appropriately measure variables, state hypotheses, and select experimental methods, culminating in each student completing a research proposal (topic of their own choosing). *Meets the General Education Requirement: Writing 2: Genre, Evidence, and Persuasion.*

**Prerequisite:** C- or better in PRWR 110 or PRWR 113, and PRCJ 110