Welcome to Western's Writing Program. We recognize writing as influenced by complex intuitive, cognitive, rhetorical, social, and ecological processes that develop through social acquisition, training, and reflective practice. Our curriculum is built around five Guiding Principles: Language is social—and so is writing; Writing is work that involves play; Thinking, reading, and writing are intimately connected to each other and to identity; Writing concepts and practices are transferrable; Community is important to the process of writing. Please visit our [website](#) for more on our Guiding Principles.

Catalog Description

100 Introduction to Writing. (3) Introduction to writing as a social act with emphasis on developing flexible reading and writing processes for a range of genres. Required of students placed in the course during initial registration. Designated sections taught in computer labs. Not open to students who have completed ENG 180 or 280 with a grade of C or above. Graded A, A-, B+, B, B-, C+, C, or U.

Objectives

In English 100, students will be introduced to writing as a social activity with the goal of providing them with the knowledge and strategies that will help them develop as writers. Specifically focusing on Writing Processes, students in English 100 will:

- Practice a range of writing processes
    - Learn about invention, drafting, and revision strategies
    - Learn to give and receive feedback for revision
    - Learn the differences among revision, editing, and proofreading
    - Learn about grammar, mechanics, and usage conventions
    - Identify audience, purpose, and context for different writing tasks

Computers in English 100
Even though many sections of 100 will not meet in computer classrooms, you will be required to write with a word processing program, use the Internet for research, and use E-mail and Western Online. Your student fees give you access to computer labs in various locations on campus.

University Writing Center
The University Writing Center offers students at any academic level collaborative, one-on-one consultation on writing projects from any discipline at any point in the writing process. For more information, visit the University Writing Center [website](#).

Grades
In English 100 you can earn a grade of A, A-, B+, B, B-, C+, C, or U. If you receive a U, you must repeat the course before registering for ENG 180. Instructors determine the grading scales used to assign grades; you must earn at least a 73 (C) in order to pass the class. The U grade reinforces our belief that writing is a process that requires considerable time and effort. We believe students who attempt to do the work but fail to meet our standards should not be penalized, but should be permitted to retake the course and continue to improve their writing abilities. You will earn no grade points or credits for a grade of U. However, the U grade is not a penalizing grade because it is not calculated in grade point average (GPA).

An I (incomplete) grade may be given only when you fail to complete course requirements due to documented circumstances beyond your control. The mere failure to complete an assignment does not justify the recording of an