

WRITING INTENSIVE REQUIREMENT GUIDELINES

A. Catalog Description: [p.81: Other Degree Requirements]:

Writing Intensive Requirement

Candidates for all bachelor's degrees must complete at least one course designated as Writing Intensive (WI) preferably in their major field. Candidates must earn a grade of C or better in such a course. The designation of a writing intensive course is [WI] following the title of the approved course.

B. Alignment with University Mission: The mission of Texas A&M University-Kingsville is to develop well-rounded leaders and critical thinkers who can solve problems in an increasingly complex, dynamic and global society.

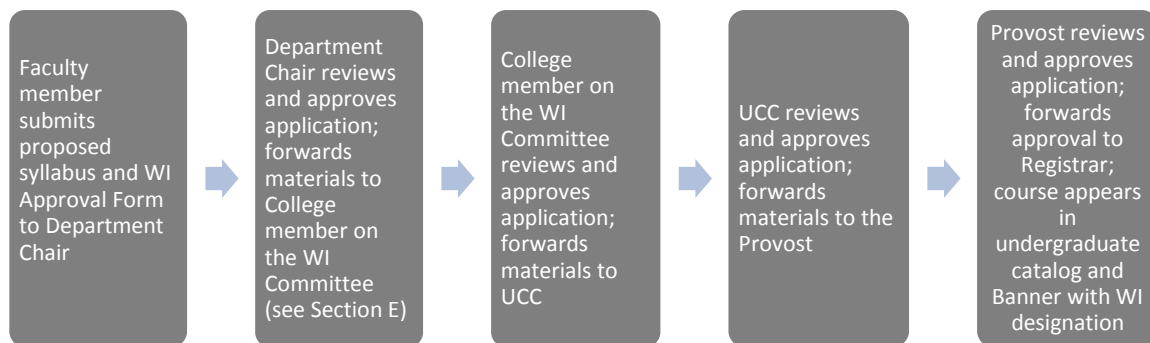
Writing Intensive courses are intended for students to:

- Analyze/Think critically and articulate ideas about discipline-specific subjects and
- Communicate effectively in their professions and/or graduate studies

C. Criteria for a Course to be Designated as Writing Intensive (WI)

- Only 3XXX or 4XXX level courses may be designated as WI.
- Specific learning objectives for the course should include an objective for students to demonstrate through a writing assignment, the ability to critically develop and articulate concepts in the academic discipline.
- The writing assignment(s) must relate clearly to the course content and learning objectives.
- The writing assignment(s) must count toward at least 10%-25% of the overall course grade.
- Assignment(s) in a WI course will require a total of approximately 5000 words (approximately 20 typed, double-spaced pages).
- At least one writing assignment must include revision of a preliminary draft subsequent to feedback from the instructor regarding development and organization of the concept(s), writing style, and format (in accordance with the rules of the documentation style typically used in the discipline).

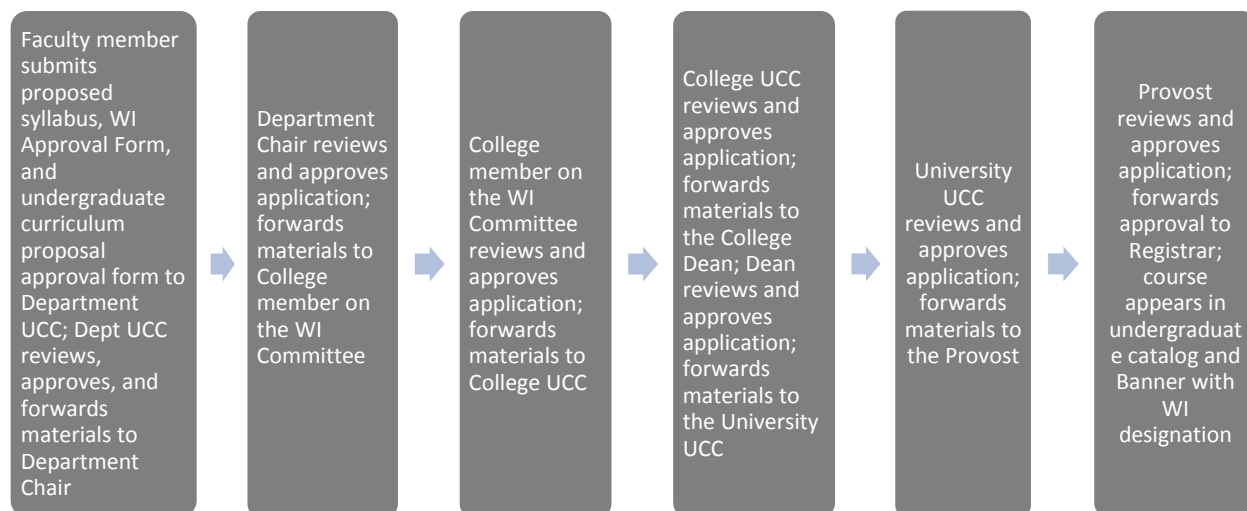
D1. Procedure for Faculty Applying for a WI Designation for an Existing Course



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D2. Procedure for Faculty Applying for a WI Designation for a New Course



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E. Suggested Assignments for WI Courses

- Several 1-3 page writing assignments (lab reports, position papers, etc.) requiring peer feedback and evaluated by instructor prior to writing next assignment
- One long paper requiring multiple sections, with instructor's written feedback/conference regarding the draft
- Several short graded papers (literature review, critiques of scholarly work, etc.) leading to the composition of a long paper
- Suggested models
 - two 3-page papers, revised; one 12-15 page paper with proposal, draft, revision
 - two 2-page papers, one revised; two 8-page papers, one revised
 - two 10-page papers, revised
 - ten 1-page response papers; one 10-page paper, revised
 - two 5-page papers; one 5-page paper, revised; one 5-page take home exam