

Writing Emphasis Courses:

Departments should consult with [Writing Across the Curriculum](#) for course development

Writing Emphasis is a course attribute assigned at the course catalog level, with department requests evaluated and approved by the Course Approvals team in Curricular Affairs. Writing Emphasis Courses:

- must be upper division (300/400 level)
- assign writing as a tool for learning and promote writing development
- at least 60% of the course grade must be based on written work
- can be taught in any language
- can have both the WEC and general education GEAT-WRIT attribute, if all other WEC criteria are met (i.e., 300/400-level)
- must be 3-units or, for 2-unit courses, have minimum 90% of grade based on writing assignments and tasks. Existing 1- and 2-unit courses with WEC attributes may retain the attribute but will be held to this codified standard if any course modification is requested. ([Benchmarking: Active Writing Emphasis Courses with Units](#))
- must be offered on a regular graded basis (i.e. no S/P/F, Pass/Fail grades)

These guidelines and other Writing Emphasis Course FAQs will be published on the [Writing Across the Curriculum website](#).