

Basic Writing Proficiency Bulletin Language

Current Bulletin Language

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1. Students who have not received transfer or AP credit for **COM 101** at IIT must take the IIT English Proficiency Examination before starting classes at IIT. Within their first year at university, students who do not pass the IIT English Proficiency Examination must demonstrate basic writing proficiency by passing a composition course at IIT. This requirement applies to all students enrolling for an undergraduate degree.
2. Students must complete a minimum of 36 credit hours of courses with a significant written and oral communication component, identified with a **(C)** in this bulletin, with a minimum distribution as follows:
 - a. 12 credit hours in major courses.
 - b. 12 credit hours in non-major courses.
 - c. Full-time students should enroll in two **(C)**-designated courses, and part-time students should enroll in one **(C)**-designated course each academic year.
3. Students must contact the **IIT Writing Center** when referred by course instructors or academic advisers.

Proposed Bulletin Language

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1. Basic Writing Proficiency (BWP). Incoming degree-seeking (not visiting or exchange) students are expected to have a basic level of writing skills, which IIT refers to as the BWP Requirement. There are several ways for incoming students to demonstrate that they have met this requirement:
 - They can take an appropriate optional section of the ACT or SAT exam and pass it. Passing levels are:
 - 8 or higher on ACT Writing
 - 600 or higher on SAT Writing
 - 9 or higher on SAT Essay
 - 33 or higher on new SAT Writing and Language
 - They may present transfer or AP (4 or higher on the English exam) credit for **COM 101** University Writing.
 - If the BWP is not satisfied by either of these two methods, students must take the IIT Basic Writing Proficiency Examination before starting classes in their first semester—passing the exam equals passing the BWP requirement.

- Students who do not pass the BWP via the above methods must take and pass an approved composition course (IIT offers COM 101 each regular semester) within their first academic year at the university.
 - Students who do not pass their Basic Writing Proficiency requirement in their first academic year are highly unlikely to be able to graduate on schedule. This is because passing the BWP is a pre-requisite for enrolling in a required HUM 200-level course, and passing a HUM 200-level course is a pre-requisite for enrolling in required 300- and 400-level Humanities and Social Science courses.
2. Students must take and pass a writing-instruction-intensive 200-level HUM course (see below), or present transfer or AP credit for such a course.
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Current Blackboard BWP Statement

All incoming degree-seeking students (not exchange or visiting) must meet a Basic Writing Proficiency Requirement. The requirement can be satisfied in any of the following ways:

- If you have transfer credit for a University Writing Course (COM101 at IIT).
- If you have a 4 or better on the AP English exam.
- If we have judged your ACT and/or SAT English/Writing scores as sufficient: ACT Writing 8 or better, SAT Writing 600 or better, SAT Essay 9 or better, New SAT Writing and Language 33 or better.

If none of the above apply to you nor are sufficient for placement, we will request you to submit a new essay for us to evaluate.

If we deem that your new essay does not demonstrate Basic Writing Proficiency as defined by IIT, then you will be required to enroll in COM 101 or COM 111 your first semester at IIT.