The Writing Intensive (WI) Thread

The competencies developed in foundation English courses will be extended through one writing intensive (WI) course. It is strongly suggested that this writing course be selected from upper-level courses in the student’s chosen discipline.

Course Criteria
A Writing Intensive course will:

- include both writing-to-learn (informal, ungraded) and low-stakes (informal, with minor grade) writing assignments;
- include one major (formal, graded) writing assignment, done according to the conventions of the discipline;
- include the formal assignment as a substantial portion of the course grade; and
- provide guided revision of at least the formal writing assignment (though other guided revision is encouraged).

Student Learning Outcomes
As a result of their work in a WI course, students will be able to

- Craft well-developed analyses with clear thesis and supporting evidence.
- Focus writing clearly around a main idea, paragraphs clearly around topic sentences that relate to the central claim.
- Demonstrate proficiency in writing conventions, including appropriate manuscript style and standard grammar and mechanics.