

Writing Proficiency Requirement Criteria

For EWRAP and WPE

To fulfill the writing proficiency requirement, students must demonstrate intermediate proficiency in writing. According to the General Education program, writing proficiency involves **Critical Thinking, Critical Reading, and Elements of Writing**. These capabilities are demonstrated within an essay by the following criteria:

- **Writing with a clear purpose**, which involves having a sustained focus on a position, argument, or inquiry.
- **Effectively utilizing source material**, which involves carefully selecting, integrating, and explaining source material and meaningfully applying that material in service of an essay's purpose.
- **Organization**, which guides the audience from paragraph to paragraph with effective transitions and which connects sentences to form coherent paragraphs.

Note: WPE students should reread their challenge essay to ensure it conveys their intended meaning.