

EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW: The First-Year Writing Requirement

English placement information for new students is identified on the **Advising and Placement Form**, and registration for the appropriate level course will be completed during the advising session. If **exempted** from the first-year writing requirement as a result of transfer credit, or AP or IB scores, students are encouraged to take a writing-intensive course in the fall term, even though they are not required to do so. These courses need not be in the English Department.

Please review the following essential information about enrollment in first-year writing courses.

Students with Dual Enrollment in English: Students with dual enrollment credit in English usually take English 104. Those who wish to discuss their placement should contact the Chair of the English Department, Marcia Robertson, (*robertson@sbc.edu*) before the first day of classes. These students have the option to take a special placement exam to be administered by the Department.

Students eligible to fulfill their FYW requirement by enrolling in “hybrid” English classes (108, 109, 138) can do so on a first-come, first-served basis.

WARNING - Dropping or Withdrawing From These Required Courses or Changing Sections: Students may not drop or withdraw from the English course in which they have been placed without the mutual consent of the Chair of the English Department, the instructor, and the Dean’s Office. Also, students may not change sections within these courses or, once they have registered for either English 108, 109, or 138, switch from one course to another without the consent of the Chair of the English Department and the instructors involved.

Enrollment Caps for These Courses: Enrollments in these required English courses are capped at 15 per course or section. Unless you have truly intractable scheduling conflicts, please do not seek permission to enroll in a course or section that is already full.

Other English Courses for First-Year Students

All first-year students are eligible to take English 106, “Introduction to Creative Writing” and English 149, “Introduction to Film Studies,” if spaces are available. These courses do not substitute for any English course the student is required to take to fulfill the first-year writing requirement.

Students who are exempt from the first-year writing requirement as a result of transfer credit, or AP or IB scores are also eligible to take 200-level English literature courses (and 100-level English literature courses, if spaces are still available after students using these courses to fulfill their first-year writing requirement have registered). They may also be eligible for the creative nonfiction workshop, English 271, “The Art of the Personal Essay,” if the Department agrees and if the course is offered.

Any student who has done a substantial amount of creative writing during high school and is seriously considering an English & Creative Writing major should contact John Gregory Brown about possible enrollment in one of the 200-level creative writing workshops. Normally, English 106 is still required for the English and Creative Writing major.