



**College Curriculum Council
Statement on Writing
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To earn the baccalaureate degree, all Brown students must demonstrate an ability to write well. Why? Good writing is essential to learning. Across the disciplines, scholars, teachers, and students write to explore ideas, uncover nuances of thought, and advance knowledge. Writing is not only a medium through which we communicate and persuade; it is also a means for expanding our capacities to think clearly.

As a Brown student, you are expected to work on your writing in your general studies and in your concentration. You may begin to fulfill this expectation by taking at least one course that engages you in the writing process: a course in which you draft and revise papers, and in which you receive clear feedback on your prose. Starting in fall 2010, these courses will be marked WRIT in the Brown class schedule.

When you declare your concentration in the sophomore year, you will have an opportunity to discuss the writing you have completed at Brown and the writing you intend to do. To hone your skills, you are encouraged to produce an independent research paper, a seminar paper, or an honors thesis in your concentration. Remember to save examples of your best work each year. This evidence will allow you to demonstrate your abilities not only to Brown advisors but also to future colleagues and employers.