



To: Graduate Admission or Registrar's Office

Re: Writing Competency

Scoring a 500 or above on the Verbal SAT I, or a 20 or above on the ACTE meets Grove City College's suggested level of writing competency. New freshmen students whose scores fall below these values are advised to enroll in English 102-Effective Writing at Grove City College during their first semester. Any student found later by instructors to have unacceptable writing skills may be required to enroll in a basic writing class.

The College also requires all students to complete a sequence of courses that provide instruction in information literacy, writing, and speaking.

Writing intensive instruction is provided through two curriculum tracks which are designed to provide a general across-the-curriculum introduction plus additional major-specific instruction. First, a foundation is laid for all students through our general education curriculum. There, the initial three courses of the Civilization Series build students' generalized knowledge of resources and culminate with a full research paper.

Therefore the College does not require students to take specific English composition courses, instead preferring to integrate principles of composition within the subject matter of the Civilization Series. The curriculum design of this Humanities core (course prefix HUMA) includes the content equivalent of six to nine (6-9) credit hours of English. These courses are:

- HUMA 101 Civilization
- HUMA 102 Civilization and the Biblical Revelation
- HUMA 201 Civilization and the Speculative Mind
- HUMA 202 Civilization and Literature
- HUMA 301 Civilization and the Arts
- HUMA 302 Modern Civilization in International Perspective

Building upon the general instruction received through the Civilization Series, each department provides discipline-specific instruction to its majors either within a single course or across several courses, concluding in a research paper and frequently an oral presentation.

If you have any questions, please contact the Registrar's Office at (724) 458-2172.

Sincerely,

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Registrar