

## English Language Proficiency Requirement

Based on your performance on the DELNA, we believe you could benefit from some additional services aimed at improving your proficiency in academic English. We are confident you can succeed at the UW. However, in order to support your academic progress at the UW, we would like to encourage you to take advantage of some resources.

Reading and writing proficiency are critical to your success at the UW. College is about sharing ideas; you will be expected to provide critical response to the material in your courses. You will have to write in nearly all of your courses, in formats ranging from journal entries to major research papers. Academic English is very different from social English. Developing these skills is difficult, and almost everyone could benefit from some amount of improvement.

### Resources and Recommendations

- **Meet with advisers** before registering in order to gauge how much writing might be expected in a course and to get feedback about balancing your schedule. Check in with advisers during the quarter, too, to talk about your progress.  
[www.washington.edu/uaa/advising](http://www.washington.edu/uaa/advising)
- **Academic Achievement Courses** are 3-credit General Studies 101 courses you can add onto social science or biological science courses in order to learn strategies to improve your note taking, essay writing, reading, and study skills. As a part of the course, you will also meet with a tutor-mentor three hours per week to work on class assignments and learn about university resources.  
[depts.washington.edu/aspuw/achievementcourses.php](http://depts.washington.edu/aspuw/achievementcourses.php)
- **Use online resources**, like the Course Evaluation Catalog and Suggested Areas of Knowledge Courses, to find out more about classes before you register for them.  
[www.washington.edu/uaa/gateway/advising/registration/overview.php](http://www.washington.edu/uaa/gateway/advising/registration/overview.php)
- There are a number of **writing centers** on campus, including the CLUE Writing Center, the Odegaard Writing & Research Center, and the Instructional Center's Writing Center, where you can get assistance and feedback during any stage of a writing assignment. [www.washington.edu/uaa/gateway/advising/help/writecen.php](http://www.washington.edu/uaa/gateway/advising/help/writecen.php)
- There are many **study centers** on campus, including CLUE and the Instructional Center. You can also take advantage of a variety study skills workshops.  
[www.washington.edu/uaa/gateway/advising/help/studycenters.php](http://www.washington.edu/uaa/gateway/advising/help/studycenters.php)
- **Check in with professors and TAs** after your papers have been graded to go over them.
- If you feel like you're falling behind, **seek help** right away. A good place to start is the "Help!" section of the Undergraduate Advising website:  
[www.washington.edu/uaa/gateway/advising/help/overview.php](http://www.washington.edu/uaa/gateway/advising/help/overview.php)

### For students whose first language is not English

- English Language Programs offers courses to help you in this area, including **Academic English Program** courses (ENGL 101, 102, 103, 104; [www.outreach.washington.edu/aep](http://www.outreach.washington.edu/aep)) and the **Intensive English Program** ([www.outreach.washington.edu/elp/programs/2311](http://www.outreach.washington.edu/elp/programs/2311)).
- If you are taking ENGL 103, consider signing up for the **linked ENGL 103/131 courses**. These linked courses are designed to support the reading and writing coursework requirements of English 131. For more information, contact Amy Renehan ([arenehan@uw.edu](mailto:arenehan@uw.edu)).
- If you will be taking a composition course (like ENGL 111, 121, 131, or 197/8), consider signing up for an academic writing studio course (selected sections of **General Studies 391**). These 2-credit (C/NC) studio courses meet two days a week for 50 minutes and are designed to support English language learners who are concurrently enrolled in a writing course and want to continue developing their ability to understand and produce academic writing. For more information, contact Amy Renehan ([arenehan@uw.edu](mailto:arenehan@uw.edu)).