Reading and Composition Requirement

Guidelines for Reading and Composition Courses

- In order to provide a solid foundation in reading, writing and critical thinking for work in the major, the College requires two semesters of lower division work in composition—Reading and Composition (R&C), parts A and B, in sequential order.
- All undergraduates must complete the Reading and Composition (R&C) requirement by the end of their fourth semester, or their enrollment will be blocked for the following semester.
- A letter grade of C- or better is required.
- Students who have been admitted to Berkeley and have not completed Entry Level Writing (http://www.ucop.edu/elwr), must enroll in College Writing R1A which satisfies both Entry Level Writing and the first half of R&C.
- With the exception of CLASSIC R44, courses fulfilling the Reading and Composition requirement may not be applied to other College breadth requirements.

Satisfying the Reading and Composition Requirement with High School Work

- Advanced Placement Exam in English Literature and Composition—score of 4 satisfies first semester, score of 5 satisfies both semesters.
- Advanced Placement Exam in English Language and Composition—score of 4 or 5 satisfies first semester.
- International Baccalaureate Higher Level Examination in English: Literature (formerly English A1) - score of 5, 6 or 7 satisfies both semesters.
- A-level English Literature Exam—grade of A, B or C satisfies both semesters for students entering Berkeley fall 2017 and prior. Beginning with those students admitted for fall 2018, this exam will no longer fulfill R&C.

Satisfying the Reading and Composition Requirement at Berkeley

- Successful completion with a C- grade or better of two designated Reading and Composition courses in sequence order. Review all approved below.

Satisfying the Reading and Composition Requirement with Transfer Work

- Transfer courses must be taken on a letter-graded basis and be completed with a grade of C- or better. At schools where an equivalent articulated course is offered only on a Passed/Not Passed basis, a Passed grade will be accepted in fulfillment of the requirement.
- For courses from California community colleges, review ASSIST (http://www.assist.org). Note: IGETC certification (http://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/transfer/general-education-igetc/igetc) from a California community college or a letter of reciprocity from a UC campus satisfies the Reading and Composition requirement (and all other L&S breadth requirements).

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- For courses from all remaining institutions, please review Transfer Information (http://admissions.berkeley.edu/transfer_info) for currently articulated courses from non-UC, CSU or CCC institutions. If your institution is not on the list, please email the name of the school and the course you wish to have reviewed to askins@berkeley.edu with the subject line “R&C Articulation Request.” Only courses that satisfy a writing requirement at your institution are eligible for articulation.

Note: Transfer students may satisfy the Reading and Composition requirement with IGETC or UC Reciprocity.

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**COLWRIT R4A**  Reading and Composition  
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**COM LIT H1A**  English Composition in Connection with the Reading of World Literature  
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**COM LIT N1A**  English Composition in Connection with the Reading of World Literature  
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**COM LIT R2A**  English Composition in Connection with Reading of World and French Literature  
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**COM LIT R3A**  English Composition in Connection with Reading of World and Hispanic Literature  
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**ENGLISH N1A**  First-Year Reading and Composition  
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**FRENCH R1A**  English Composition in Connection with the Reading of Literature  
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**GERMAN R5A**  Reading and Composition  
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**ITALIAN R5A**  Reading and Composition  
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**LEGALST R1A**  Reading and Composition in Connection with the Law as a Social Institution  
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**NATAMST R1A**  Native American Studies Reading and Composition  
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**NE STUD R1A**  Reading and Composition in Near Eastern Studies  
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**SASIAN R5A**  Great Books of India  
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**SCANDIN R5A**  Reading and Composition  
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