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.
- All courses used to satisfy Part A or B of Reading and Composition must be completed with a letter grade of C- or better.
- Students who have been admitted to Berkeley and have not completed Entry Level Writing (http://guide.berkeley.edu/undergraduate/colleges-schools/letters-science/entry-level-writing-requirement), must enroll in College Writing R1A which satisfies both Entry Level Writing and the first half of R&C. Please note: A minimum grade of C is required in COLWRIT R1A in order to satisfy Entry Level Writing.
- CLASSIC R44 (completed with a C- or higher) may be used to satisfy either Part A or Part B of R&C. This course may also be used to satisfy Arts and Literature, Historical Studies, or Social & Behavioral Sciences breadth.
- With the exception of CLASSIC R44, courses fulfilling the Reading and Composition requirement may not be applied to Seven-Course Breadth (https://ls.berkeley.edu/seven-course-breadth-requirement).

Satisfying Reading and Composition with an Exam

- Advanced Placement (AP) English Literature and Composition - Minimum Score of 4 satisfies Part A
- Advanced Placement (AP) English Literature and Composition - Minimum Score of 5 satisfies Parts A & B
- Advanced Placement (AP) English Language and Composition - Score of 4 or 5 satisfies Part A
- International Baccalaureate (IB) Higher Level (HL) English A: Literature* - Score of 5, 6, or 7 satisfies Parts A & B
- Beginning with students admitted in fall 2018 - International Baccalaureate (IB) Higher Level (HL) English A: Language and Literature* - Score of 5, 6, or 7 satisfies Parts A & B
- GCE A-Level English Literature exam for students entering Berkeley fall 2017 and PRIOR - Score of A, B, or C Parts A & B
- GCE A-Level English Literature exam for students entering Berkeley fall 2018 and BEYOND - No longer accepted for this requirement

* The IB ‘Literature and Performance’ exam, as well as the Standard Level (SL) exams in English A: Literature and English A: Language and Literature are NOT eligible for satisfaction of Reading and Composition.

Satisfying Reading and Composition with Berkeley Courses

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

Satisfying Reading and Composition Requirement with Transfer Courses

- Transfer courses must be taken on a letter-graded basis and be completed with a grade of C- or better.
- For courses from California community colleges, review ASSIST (http://www.assist.org). Note: IGETC certification (http://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/transfer/general-education-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).

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

Satisfies Part A of the Reading and Composition Requirement

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AFRICAM R1B Freshman Composition
ANTHRO R5B Reading and Composition in Anthropology
ASAMST R5B Reading and Composition
CELTIC R5B Voices of the Celtic World
CHICANO R5B Reading and Composition
COM WRIT R4B Reading, Composition, and Research
COMM H1B English Composition in Connection with the Reading of World Literature
COMM N1B English Composition in Connection with the Reading of World Literature
COMM R1B English Composition in Connection with the Reading of World Literature
COMM R2B English Composition in Connection with Reading of World and French Literature
COMM R3B English Composition in Connection with Reading of World and Hispanic Literature
EA LANG R1B Reading and Composition on topics in East Asian Humanities
ENGLISH R1B Reading and Composition
ENV DES R3B Reading and Composition in Energy, Society, and Environmental Design
FILM R1B The Craft of Writing - Film Focus
FRENCH R1B English Composition in Connection with the Reading of Literature
GERMAN R5B Reading and Composition
GWS N1B Reading and Composition
GWS R1B Reading and Composition
HISTART R1B Reading and Writing about Visual Experience
HISTORY R1B Reading and Composition in History
ITALIAN R5B Reading and Composition
LEGALST R1B Reading and Composition in Connection with the Law as a Social Institution
LINGUIS R1B Endangered Languages: Why does linguistic diversity matter?
LINGUIS R2B Language and Linguistics in Science Fiction
MUSIC R1B Reading and Writing about Music
NATAMST R1B Native American Studies Reading and Composition
NE STUD R1B Reading and Composition in Near Eastern Studies
NW MEDIA R1B New Media Reading and Composition
PHILOS R1B Reading and Composition Through Philosophy
RHE TOR R1B The Craft of Writing
SASIAN R5B India in the Writer's Eye
SCANDIN R5B Reading and Composition
SEASIAN R5B Under Western Eyes
SLAVIC R5B Reading and Composition
SOCIAL R1B Sociological Reading & Composition
SPANISH R1B Reading and Composition Through Readings from the Spanish-Speaking World
THEATER R1B Performance: Writing and Research
XENGLISH R1B Reading and Composition
XLEGALST R1B Reading and Composition in Connection with the Law as a Social Institution

Satisfies Either Part A or B of the Reading and Composition Requirement

CLASSIC R44 Roots of Western Civilization