

College Writing Programs

Overview

College Writing Programs teach writing as a craft, and work with students at all levels of expertise, from those wishing to satisfy the University's composition requirements, through intermediate writers looking to expand their horizons, to seasoned scribes who want to hone their skills in our upper-division courses.

For information regarding the Entry-Level Writing requirement and the Analytical Writing and Placement Exam, see the Undergraduate Education (<https://guide.berkeley.edu/undergraduate/education/>) section in this Guide.

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COLWRIT 1 Grammar and Vocabulary of Written English 2 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Spring 2025, Fall 2024

This course is intended to serve as a course for students who are non-native speakers of English and who wish to work on their written English. The purpose of the course is to develop students' ability to edit their own writing and to identify high frequency non-idiomatic uses of English. Intensive, individualized practice will be provided for students from different language backgrounds.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Self-selected non-native speakers of English

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: College Writing Programs/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Alternative to final exam.

COLWRIT R1A Accelerated Reading and Composition 6 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Summer 2025 10 Week Session, Spring 2025
An intensive, accelerated course satisfying concurrently the requirements of the UC Entry Level Writing Requirement and the first half of Reading and Composition. Readings will include imaginative, expository and argumentative texts representative of the range of those encountered in the undergraduate curriculum and will feature authors from diverse social and cultural backgrounds and perspectives. Instruction in writing a range of discourse forms and in the revision of papers.

Rules & Requirements

Credit Restrictions: Students will receive no credit for COLWRIT R1A after completing COM LIT H1A, COM LIT 2A, ENGLISH 1A, COM LIT R1A, THEATER R1A, RHETOR S1A, DRM ART 1A, AFRICAM R1A, SASIAN R5A, COM LIT R2A, RHETOR R1A, AFRICAM 1A, FR SOPH 44C, NATAMST 1A, SUBJ A 1S, SUBJ A 1H, SUBJ A 1, FR SOPH 44A, DRM ART R1A, WOMENST R1A, COLWRIT 1A, UGIS 55A, UGIS 55B, COLWRIT S2X, COLWRIT N1A, FR SOPH 44B, SUBJ A 1W, RHETOR 1A, WOMENST 1A, S ASIAN 5A, COM LIT 1AC, COLWRIT S1A, COLWRIT S1X, SUBJ A 1C, ASAMST 2A, CHICANO 1A, or COM LIT 1A. A deficient grade in COLWRIT R1A may be removed by taking XCOLWRI R1A.

Requirements this course satisfies: Satisfies the UC Entry Level Writing and first half of the Reading and Composition requirements.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 6 hours of seminar per week

Summer: 10 weeks - 9 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: College Writing Programs/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Final exam not required.

COLWRIT N2 Writing the Bridge: From High School to the University 3 Units

Terms offered: Summer 2013 10 Week Session, Summer 2009 10 Week Session, Summer 2008 10 Week Session

This 3-unit course is intended to serve students enrolled in the Summer Bridge Program. In this course, students will explore their educational experience as they read essays, poetry, and fiction on issues of language, culture, and identity. In their journals and in their essays, students will examine ways in which these forces interact to create a student identity.

Hours & Format

Summer:

6 weeks - 6 hours of lecture per week

8 weeks - 6 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: College Writing Programs/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final exam not required.

COLWRIT 3A Academic Writing - Online 2 Units

Terms offered: Summer 2025 Second 6 Week Session, Summer 2024 Second 6 Week Session, Summer 2023 Second 6 Week Session

This academic writing course teaches skills of critical reading, thinking, and writing to help students meaningfully engage ideas, problems, and issues in our world. This course develops students' abilities to read written and cultural texts critically; to analyze those texts in ways that engage their own experiences and the perspectives of others; and to write about those texts for a range of readers and purposes as a means of participating in broader conversations. Assignments emphasize the analysis and synthesis of sources in the process of making and developing well-constructed arguments.

Rules & Requirements

Credit Restrictions: Students will receive no credit for COLWRIT W3A after completing COLWRIT 3A. A deficient grade in COLWRIT W3A may be removed by taking COLWRIT 3A.

Hours & Format

Summer: 6 weeks - 5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: College Writing Programs/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Alternative to final exam.

Formerly known as: College Writing Programs W3A

COLWRIT 3B Business English: Oral Communication - Online 2 Units

Terms offered: Summer 2025, Summer 2025 3 Week Session, Summer 2024

The two goals of this course are to improve students' ability to communicate effectively in a professional environment using business English and to become comfortable using the digital media currently being used to do business in the global economy. Course topics include cross-cultural communication, digital etiquette, web conferencing, business vocabulary, presentation skills, personal branding, and job interviewing.

Rules & Requirements

Credit Restrictions: Students will receive no credit for COLWRIT W3B after completing COLWRIT 3B. A deficient grade in COLWRIT W3B may be removed by taking COLWRIT 3B.

Hours & Format

Summer:

3 weeks - 10 hours of lecture per week

6 weeks - 5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: College Writing Programs/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Alternative to final exam.

Formerly known as: College Writing Programs W3B

COLWRIT 3D Legal English: Introduction to the U.S. Legal System - Online 2 Units

Terms offered: Summer 2025 3 Week Session, Summer 2024 3 Week Session, Summer 2023 3 Week Session

This course aims to help students practice the English language specific to American law, gain an understanding of the legal context in which English is being used, and ground students in the discourse of law to the extent their professional goals or interests warrant. These goals are achieved through a focus on the U.S. legal system and specific types of law as illustrated through sample cases. The course will be useful to students currently working as legal professionals in their own countries; those who are planning to study or practice law in the United States; and anyone curious about how the law works in the U.S. and wanting to learn language related to it.

Rules & Requirements

Credit Restrictions: Students will receive no credit for COLWRIT W3D after completing COLWRIT 3D. A deficient grade in COLWRIT W3D may be removed by taking COLWRIT 3D.

Hours & Format

Summer: 6 weeks - 5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: College Writing Programs/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: College Writing Programs W3D

COLWRIT 3E Legal English: Oral Communication-Online 2 Units

Terms offered: Summer 2025, Summer 2023

This online course focuses on helping lawyers or law students improve their speaking and listening skills for the study or practice of U.S. law or for communication with U.S. lawyers. The course will focus on three different contexts for the listening and speaking challenges: academic speaking and listening in the law school classroom, informal speaking with other lawyers, and persuasive/formal speaking in the courtroom. The course will be useful to students currently working as legal professionals in their own countries and those who are planning to study or practice law in the United States.

Rules & Requirements

Credit Restrictions: Students will receive no credit for COLWRIT W3E after completing COLWRIT 3E. A deficient grade in COLWRIT W3E may be removed by taking COLWRIT 3E.

Hours & Format

Summer:

3 weeks - 10 hours of lecture per week

6 weeks - 5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: College Writing Programs/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Alternative to final exam.

Formerly known as: College Writing Programs W3E

COLWRIT 3F Communication Skills for Conflict Resolution 2 Units

Terms offered: Summer 2025 Second 6 Week Session, Summer 2024 Second 6 Week Session

This online course introduces basic theories and concepts of conflict and develops practical frameworks for conflict management through a range of modes, like negotiation, mediation, and conflict coaching. Students will (a) expand their understanding of conflict drawing from diverse fields, such as business, law, media, politics, psychology, and sociology; (b) refine their academic English skills to become more effective communicators; and (c) discuss ways to prevent conflict and promote peace.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Summer:

3 weeks - 15 hours of lecture per week

6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: College Writing Programs/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

COLWRIT 3G Grammar and Vocabulary - Online 2 Units

Terms offered: Summer 2025, Summer 2025 Second 6 Week Session, Summer 2024

Students will practice and acquire the grammar and vocabulary necessary for university courses — lectures, textbooks, discussions, papers — and in the reading, writing, and discussions that academics and professionals engage in outside classes. Weekly themes will incorporate a variety of fields for a broader perspective on rich academic vocabulary.

Rules & Requirements

Credit Restrictions: Students will receive no credit for COLWRIT W3G after completing COLWRIT 3G. A deficient grade in COLWRIT W3G may be removed by taking COLWRIT 3G.

Hours & Format

Summer:

3 weeks - 10 hours of lecture per week

6 weeks - 5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: College Writing Programs/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Alternative to final exam.

Formerly known as: College Writing Programs W3G

COLWRIT 3H ESL Listening and Speaking - Online 2 Units

Terms offered: Summer 2025, Summer 2024, Summer 2023 3 Week Session

In this online course, non-native speaking students will improve listening comprehension and oral skills by focusing on refining English pronunciation to minimize miscommunication. By analyzing audio/video clips, students identify features of spoken American English for better understanding. Students also learn and practice strategies to help correctly produce American English stress, rhythm, intonation, plus individual vowel and consonant sounds. Students submit audio/video recordings that are analyzed and evaluated by the instructor to help each student speak with greater clarity.

Rules & Requirements

Credit Restrictions: Students will receive no credit for COLWRIT W3H after completing COLWRIT 3H. A deficient grade in COLWRIT W3H may be removed by taking COLWRIT 3H.

Hours & Format

Summer: 6 weeks - 5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: College Writing Programs/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Alternative to final exam.

Formerly known as: College Writing Programs W3H

COLWRIT 3I Introduction to Technical Writing - Online 2 Units

Terms offered: Summer 2025, Summer 2024, Summer 2023

This online course focuses on the fundamentals of technical writing and helps students learn related technologies. Assignments will improve students' general writing skills through lessons on how to apply theories of written communication in work situations; select, organize, and present technical information for specific audiences and purposes; as well as write and revise various types of written correspondence.

Hours & Format

Summer: 6 weeks - 5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: College Writing Programs/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final exam required.

Instructors: Wald, Beck

COLWRIT 3J Science, Technology, Innovation, and Culture 2 Units

Terms offered: Summer 2025, Summer 2025 3 Week Session, Summer 2024

Science and technology companies want to be innovative and inclusive, but these goals often elude them. In this fully online, asynchronous course, students explore and report what research has to say about the conditions that foster inclusivity and innovation, and the complex relationship that exists between them.

Hours & Format

Summer: 3 weeks - 15 hours of session per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: College Writing Programs/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

COLWRIT 3K American Culture and Language: Music 2 Units

Terms offered: Summer 2025, Summer 2025 3 Week Session, Summer 2024

Music is both reflective of and a stimulus for social change -- a window into prevailing and emerging values. In this fully online, asynchronous course, students explore these roles and goals of music throughout American history by reading and viewing course texts, participating in online discussions and presentations, and researching specific themes of interest.

Hours & Format

Summer: 3 weeks - 10 hours of session per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: College Writing Programs/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

COLWRIT 3L American Culture and Consumerism 2 Units

Terms offered: Summer 2023, Summer 2022

This course challenges students to use their critical listening, public speaking, academic research, and analytical writing skills while focusing on sociological, economic, and cultural issues related to shopping and consumerism. Students will participate in online discussions, debates, and presentations and research.

Hours & Format

Summer: 3 weeks - 15 hours of session per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: College Writing Programs/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

COLWRIT 3M Social Media, Culture, and Controversies 2 Units

Terms offered: Summer 2025, Summer 2025 3 Week Session, Summer 2024

In this 2-unit, fully online, asynchronous course, students explore cutting-edge controversies in social media -- and how best to resolve them. As they do so, they have the opportunity to refine their academic English skills and hopefully become better digital citizens.

Hours & Format

Summer: 3 weeks - 15 hours of session per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: College Writing Programs/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

COLWRIT 3N Language, Business, and Human Rights 2 Units

Terms offered: Summer 2025 3 Week Session

This course explores the intersection of language, business practices, and human rights, examining how linguistic choices and discourse shape corporate responsibility, ethical decision-making, and human rights advocacy. Students critically discuss how language influences organizational policies, impacts stakeholder communication, and shapes public perception of social responsibility in both global and local contexts. This course is partially intended for non-native English speakers, but all students are welcome.

Objectives & Outcomes

Course Objectives: Students will

- understand the role of language in shaping ethical and human rights discourses in business,
- analyze how businesses use language to construct corporate identities and convey ethical commitments,
- critique the impact of linguistic framing on consumer perceptions and corporate accountability,
- develop communication strategies that align business practices with human rights principles, and
- examine case studies where language in business affected social and human rights outcomes.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Summer:

3 weeks - 10 hours of lecture per week

6 weeks - 5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: College Writing Programs/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

Instructor: Ridley

COLWRIT 3P AI, Culture, and Controversies 2 Units

Terms offered: Summer 2025 Second 6 Week Session, Summer 2024 Second 6 Week Session

Given its accelerating expansion into culture and society, are we prepared for the changes AI will bring? In this course we consider the breadth, impact, benefits, and dangers of AI. Interactive online discussion – along with reading, video, and writing assignment will help students examine topics and improve academic English skills. This course is partially intended non-native English speakers, but all students are welcome.

Objectives & Outcomes

Course Objectives: Students will:

1. gain a sense of the growing ubiquitousness of AI, learning to reflect on AI-related personal and shared experiences, describing and evaluating AI's reality, potential benefits, and incipient dangers;
2. expand academic and specialized English vocabulary, enabling well-considered articulate discussion of innovative technology and AI-related issues;
3. review and improve knowledge and usage of syntax and grammar, working extensively with related verb tense and modal verb shifts;
4. hone critical thinking skills: analysis, evaluation, speculation and inference.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit with instructor consent.

Hours & Format

Summer:

3 weeks - 10 hours of session per week

6 weeks - 5 hours of session per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: College Writing Programs/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

Instructor: McClain

COLWRIT 3S American Culture through Film 2 Units

Terms offered: Summer 2025, Summer 2025 3 Week Session, Summer 2024

In this course comprised of students from around the world, students will view, review, and respond to diverse films, each of which examines a theme related to American culture. Students will discuss that theme in relation to what it says about and how it questions idyllic notions of "America."

Hours & Format

Summer:

3 weeks - 10 hours of session per week

6 weeks - 5 hours of session per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: College Writing Programs/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

COLWRIT 3U American Culture through Literature 2 Units

Terms offered: Summer 2022 3 Week Session

This course examines the multiple perspectives literature can highlight for the reader, and how those perspectives shed light on the diversity, unity, and tension within American culture. Students will examine how perspective play a role in rendering, representing and interpreting events and experiences related to our course theme via the short stories and non-fiction essays/memoirs.

Hours & Format

Summer:

3 weeks - 10 hours of session per week

6 weeks - 5 hours of session per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: College Writing Programs/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternate method of final assessment during regularly scheduled final exam group (e.g., presentation, final project, etc.).

COLWRIT 3V American Culture, Sexuality, and Gender 2 Units

Terms offered: Summer 2025, Summer 2025 3 Week Session, Summer 2024 3 Week Session

Through a cross-cultural, linguistic study of gender and sexuality, students examine how gender and sexuality inform and are informed by areas of inequality, such as social class, ethnicity, race, geography, and age in the U.S. Students will also read about and share perspectives from other cultures to provide a more international perspective for the cohort.

Hours & Format

Summer:

3 weeks - 10 hours of session per week

6 weeks - 5 hours of session per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: College Writing Programs/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

COLWRIT 3W American Culture through the Media 2 Units

Terms offered: Summer 2022

Based on course texts that include contemporary data, literature, and journalism from a range of digital and print resources, students discuss current topics in mass media and their impact on American culture and society.

Hours & Format

Summer: 3 weeks - 15 hours of session per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: College Writing Programs/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

COLWRIT R4A Reading and Composition 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Summer 2025 8 Week Session, Spring 2025
This writing seminar satisfies the first half of the Reading and Composition requirement. The course is designed to offer students structured, sustained, and highly articulated practice in the recursive processes entailed in reading, critical analysis, and composing. Students will read five thematically related book-length texts, or the equivalent, drawn from a range of genres, in addition to various non-print sources. In response to these materials, they will craft several short pieces leading up to three longer essays--works of exposition and argumentation.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Enrollment is limited to students who have satisfied the UC Entry Level Writing Requirement

Requirements this course satisfies: Satisfies the first half of the Reading and Composition requirement

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 7.5 hours of seminar per week

8 weeks - 6 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: College Writing Programs/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Alternative to final exam.

COLWRIT R4B Reading, Composition, and Research 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Summer 2025 First 6 Week Session, Summer 2025 Second 6 Week Session

A lecture/seminar satisfying the second half of the Reading & Composition requirement, R4B offers structured and sustained practice in the processes used in reading, critical analysis, and writing. Students engage with thematically-related materials from a range of genres and media. In response, they craft short pieces leading to longer expository and/or argumentative essays. Students develop a research question, draft a research essay, gather, evaluate, and synthesize information from various sources. Elements of the research process--a proposal, an annotated bibliography, an abstract, a works cited list, etc.--are submitted with the final report in a research portfolio. Students write a minimum of 32 pages of prose.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Previously passed an R_A course with a letter grade of C- or better. Previously passed an articulated R_A course with a letter grade of C- or better. Score a 4 on the Advanced Placement Exam in English Literature and Composition. Score a 4 or 5 on the Advanced Placement Exam in English Language and Composition. Score of 5, 6, or 7 on the International Baccalaureate Higher Level Examination in English

Requirements this course satisfies: Satisfies the second half of the Reading and Composition requirement

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 6 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: College Writing Programs/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Final exam not required.

COLWRIT 5A English Language Studies: Broadway Musicals 3 Units

Terms offered: Summer 2025 Second 6 Week Session, Summer 2024 Second 6 Week Session, Summer 2023 Second 6 Week Session
Through the medium of Broadway musicals, this course will help students improve their vocabulary, reading, writing, listening comprehension, note-taking, and oral communication. Students will view musicals (video and live); learn about their plots, songs, and lyrics; examine the historical context represented in each piece; write reviews/critiques; and work on oral presentation skills. Course includes a fieldwork component.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Summer:

3 weeks - 10 hours of session per week
6 weeks - 5 hours of session per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: College Writing Programs/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

Formerly known as: College Writing Program 9D

COLWRIT 5B Language, Culture, and Drama 3 Units

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

This course explores the language, structure, and performance of plays. Students use film, television, journals, current events, controversial issues, and personal experience as source material to write and perform plays. Course activities include character, storyline, and dialogue exercises; and close reading and analysis of academic readings. Course goals: learn academic conventions for writing, improve critical /analytical reading skills, and hone oral skills for university success.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Summer:

3 weeks - 10 hours of session per week
6 weeks - 5-5 hours of session per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: College Writing Programs/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

Formerly known as: College Writing Program 9Q

COLWRIT 5C Language, Culture, and Film 3 Units

Terms offered: Summer 2025 Second 6 Week Session, Summer 2024 Second 6 Week Session, Summer 2023 Second 6 Week Session
Students will have the opportunity to practice critical thinking, listening, speaking, reading, writing, and vocabulary skills by studying contemporary issues and learning about how the elements of film--script, cinematography, sound, lighting, and more--work together to help build a film's story and themes. Course includes a fieldwork component. Multiple sections: placement based on Day 1 assessment of interests and needs.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Summer:

3 weeks - 10 hours of session per week
6 weeks - 5 hours of session per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: College Writing Programs/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

Formerly known as: College Writing Program 9L

COLWRIT 5D Language, Culture, and Literature 3 Units

Terms offered: Summer 2025 Second 6 Week Session, Summer 2024 Second 6 Week Session, Summer 2023 Second 6 Week Session
Literature offers wonderful opportunities to understand societal and interpersonal conflicts, develop vocabulary, and refine analytical skills. Designed for non-native English speakers, this course engages students in close reading and discussions of conflicts in the literature. Students are expected to read, write, and speak about the texts and themes covered in class. Course includes a fieldwork component. Multiple sections: placement based on Day 1 assessment of interests and needs.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Summer:

3 weeks - 10 hours of session per week
6 weeks - 5 hours of session per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: College Writing Programs/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

Formerly known as: College Writing Program 9M

COLWRIT 5E Language, Culture, and Popular Music 3 Units

Terms offered: Summer 2025 Second 6 Week Session, Summer 2018 Second 6 Week Session, Summer 2017 Second 6 Week Session

This course provides an introductory study of popular music in the U.S. and how it has shaped American culture. Through this course, students will (a) increase their understanding of American cultural history by studying the significant trends and messages of its popular music and (b) develop and apply analytical and linguistic skills for close listening, analysis, synthesis, and oral presentation. A fieldwork component encourages student engagement with the local community and topic.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Summer:

3 weeks - 10 hours of session per week
6 weeks - 5-5 hours of session per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: College Writing Programs/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

Formerly known as: College Writing Program 9X

COLWRIT 5F Language, Culture, and International Human Rights 3 Units

Terms offered: Summer 2018 Second 6 Week Session, Summer 2017 Second 6 Week Session, Summer 2016 Second 6 Week Session

This course, designed to introduce current international human rights issues to non-native English speakers, helps students improve their critical listening, vocabulary, oral communication, and note-taking skills--the skills needed for participation in university courses and in the fields of international human rights, business, and law. Course includes a fieldwork component. Multiple sections: placement based on Day 1 assessment of interests and needs.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Summer:

3 weeks - 10 hours of session per week
6 weeks - 5 hours of session per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: College Writing Programs/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

COLWRIT 5G Language, Culture, and California History 3 Units

Terms offered: Summer 2016 10 Week Session, Summer 2016 Second 6 Week Session

Throughout its history, California has been a destination for entrepreneurs, immigrants and displaced people, and those interested in alternative lifestyles. This course introduces ESL students to the many groups that came to California and how their presence has shaped its history. Preparing ESL students for the academic language needed in college classrooms, this course requires that students research, write, and present on course texts and themes. Course includes a fieldwork component.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Summer:

3 weeks - 10 hours of session per week
6 weeks - 5-5 hours of session per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: College Writing Programs/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

Formerly known as: College Writing Program 9H

COLWRIT 5H Language, Culture, and Sustainability 3 Units

Terms offered: Summer 2017 Second 6 Week Session, Summer 2016 10 Week Session, Summer 2016 Second 6 Week Session

In this course, students analyze critical issues and conflicts that arise related to sustainability. Course goals include improving academic English reading and research skills through completing a research review and proposal; and oral skills through engagement with video, interviews, panel discussions, and presentations. Course includes a fieldwork component.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Summer:

3 weeks - 10 hours of session per week
6 weeks - 5-5 hours of session per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: College Writing Programs/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

Formerly known as: College Writing Program 9Z

COLWRIT 5I Language, Culture, and Television 3 Units

Terms offered: Summer 2019 Second 6 Week Session, Summer 2018 Second 6 Week Session, Summer 2017 Second 6 Week Session
Students will practice critical listening vocabulary, oral communication, and note-taking skills by studying American culture and social institutions as portrayed in television programs and advertisements. Assignments attempt to prepare students for seminar-style university classes. Course includes a fieldwork component. Multiple sections: placement based on Day 1 assessment of interests and needs.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Summer:

3 weeks - 10 hours of session per week

6 weeks - 5 hours of session per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: College Writing Programs/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

Formerly known as: College Writing Program 9U

COLWRIT 5J English Language Studies: Consumer Culture 3 Units

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

Focusing on conversation skills in and outside of academic settings, this course challenges students to use their English language critical listening, speaking, and note-taking skills while focusing on sociological and economic issues related to shopping and consumerism. Students will listen to lectures; learn new vocabulary; watch and critique video and film clips; examine articles in the media and journals; and participate in debates and presentations. Fieldwork component.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Summer:

3 weeks - 10 hours of lecture per week

6 weeks - 5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: College Writing Programs/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

COLWRIT 5K Language, Culture, and the Media 3 Units

Terms offered: Summer 2025 Second 6 Week Session, Summer 2024 Second 6 Week Session, Summer 2023 Second 6 Week Session

This course examines how the various forms of media intersect with culture to reinforce or change how we see ourselves and the world. Students examine this intersection of culture and the media through print, radio, TV, movies, music, and the Internet. Through course assignments, students will develop the following language skills: critical listening and reading; small group, whole-class, and public speaking; response writing; and academic and colloquial vocabulary. Course includes a fieldwork component.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Summer:

3 weeks - 10 hours of session per week

6 weeks - 5 hours of session per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: College Writing Programs/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

COLWRIT 5L Language, Culture, and the Environment 3 Units

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

Students will improve their English language listening, speaking, reading, writing, and note-taking skills while focusing on current issues and debates related to environmental issues. Students will discuss, analyze, and critique lectures, videos, and readings; write or tape responses and syntheses; and further research and present on an environmental topic or movement of specific interest. This course has a fieldwork component.

Objectives & Outcomes

Course Objectives: Students will improve their ability to analyze written and aural texts and to craft effective presentations and essays.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Summer:

3 weeks - 10 hours of session and 15 hours of fieldwork per week

6 weeks - 5 hours of session and 7.5 hours of fieldwork per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: College Writing Programs/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

COLWRIT 5M English Language Studies: Traditional and Modern Medicine 3 Units

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

The aim of this course is to develop students' communicative competence in English as a Second Language through course content about the integration of traditional approaches to health care in modern medicine in California (Chinese medicine, herbalism, yoga, and more). Skills are practiced and assessed through reading popular and scholarly articles; writing about research findings related to course content; and listening and speaking through lectures, discussion, and presentations.

Hours & Format

Summer: 6 weeks - 5 hours of session and 7.5 hours of fieldwork per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: College Writing Programs/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

COLWRIT 5N Language, Culture, and Public Spaces 3 Units

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

This course focuses on improving critical listening, vocabulary, oral communication and writing skills in English through exploring "placemaking"--an approach to the planning, design and management of public space that focuses on people. Course topics and texts draw from landscape architecture and urban planning to illustrate how people experience and use the public spaces in their community. Students will design and conduct research about public spaces in the San Francisco Bay Area as field work and will share their findings and critique the design of public spaces in class presentations and written assignments.

Hours & Format

Summer: 6 weeks - 5 hours of session and 7.5 hours of fieldwork per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: College Writing Programs/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

COLWRIT 5P Language, Culture, and Makerspace Creativity 3 Units

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

Designed for multilingual English students, this course explores the various forms of craft and technology in current use in individual and small entrepreneurial pursuits. We explore interdisciplinary forms of creative practices and processes through expert lectures, videos, small group projects, class discussions, and field trips to a variety of Makerspaces to meet artists, designers, cultural entrepreneurs, and other creative professionals. Through these activities, students will improve their English listening, reading, writing, vocabulary and speaking skills needed for campus/workplace communication and collaboration, project planning/execution, and problem-solving. Course involves a fieldwork component.

Hours & Format

Summer: 6 weeks - 5 hours of session and 7.5 hours of fieldwork per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: College Writing Programs/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

COLWRIT 5Q English Language Studies: Comparing Novels to Their Film Adaptations 3 Units

Terms offered: Summer 2025 Second 6 Week Session

This intensive course is designed for English language learners who want to improve their language skills by comparing and contrasting a novel and its film adaptation. Throughout the course, students will engage in vocabulary development exercises, explore cultural elements, and research themes. By analyzing and discussing both the novel and the film, students will enhance their reading, listening, speaking, and writing skills in English.

Hours & Format

Summer: 6 weeks - 5 hours of session per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: College Writing Programs/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

COLWRIT 5S English Language Studies: Gender and Sexuality Studies 3 Units

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

Designed for non-native speakers of English, this course aims to help students improve their skills in the four chief communicative areas of English language – listening, speaking, reading, and writing – through a cross-cultural, linguistic study of gender and sexuality. Students will engage in the study of activism and how gender and sexuality inform and are informed by areas of inequality, such as social class, ethnicity, race, geography, and age, in the U.S. and internationally. Course includes a fieldwork component.

Hours & Format

Summer: 6 weeks - 5 hours of session and 7.5 hours of fieldwork per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: College Writing Programs/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

COLWRIT 6A Intensive English Practice: Academic Speaking 2 Units

Terms offered: Summer 2025 3 Week Session, Summer 2024 3 Week Session, Summer 2023 3 Week Session

This course is designed to give students intensive practice in spoken English for academic purposes, preparing international students for the college experience. The course focuses on main areas of content: speaking in academic situations, giving oral presentations, and participating in small-group and whole-class discussions.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Summer: 3 weeks - 10 hours of session per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: College Writing Programs/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.

COLWRIT 6B Intensive English Practice: Academic Vocabulary 2 Units

Terms offered: Summer 2025 3 Week Session, Summer 2024 3 Week Session, Summer 2023 3 Week Session

This course aims to increase students' active command of the most common words used in academic contexts. Using material from a variety of disciplines, the course practices vocabulary through all four skills of listening, speaking, reading, and writing, with an emphasis on speaking and small-group discussion. In addition, students learn strategies for recording, remembering, and reviewing important vocabulary.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Summer:

3 weeks - 10 hours of session per week

6 weeks - 5 hours of session per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: College Writing Programs/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

COLWRIT 6C Intensive English Practice: Business Vocabulary 2 Units

Terms offered: Summer 2025 3 Week Session, Summer 2022, Summer 2022 3 Week Session

This course aims to help English language learners improve their command of vocabulary used in a variety of general business contexts. Students will read short articles, watch videos, and discuss topics of general interest from the world of business. Strategies for identifying, recording, and remembering vocabulary will be discussed.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Summer: 3 weeks - 10 hours of session per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: College Writing Programs/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.

COLWRIT 6E Intensive English Practice: Grammar and Editing 2 Units

Terms offered: Summer 2017 3 Week Session, Summer 2016 10 Week Session, Summer 2016 3 Week Session

This course aims to help students improve their grammatical accuracy in speaking and writing English. Through practice and feedback, this course introduces students to resources for grammar development, presents grammar rules, and focuses on developing editing strategies and on improving sentence structure and variety.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Summer: 3 weeks - 10 hours of session per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: College Writing Programs/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.

COLWRIT 6F Intensive English Practice: Listening and Speaking 2 Units

Terms offered: Summer 2025, Summer 2024, Summer 2023

The aim of this course is to provide students with practice in intensive and extensive listening, as well as practice in speaking. Speaking activities will include pronunciation practice, short presentations, and impromptu speaking activities. In this course, students will learn how to use listening texts more effectively for self study in both listening and speaking by identifying, analyzing, and then producing features of the text.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2 hours of session per week

Summer:

3 weeks - 10 hours of session per week

6 weeks - 5 hours of session per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: College Writing Programs/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.

COLWRIT 6G Intensive English Practice: Writing for Digital Media 2 Units

Terms offered: Summer 2025, Summer 2023, Summer 2022

In this interactive course, students will develop their reading, writing, and speaking skills by analyzing, discussing and crafting blog posts, digital stories, and other new media selections. Course assignments will focus on vocabulary, grammar and sentence structure, pronunciation, and overall writing structure and organization.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Summer: 3 weeks - 10 hours of session per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: College Writing Programs/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

COLWRIT 6H Intensive English Practice: Writing Creative Non-Fiction 2 Units

Terms offered: Summer 2020 3 Week Session, Summer 2019 3 Week Session, Summer 2016 3 Week Session

This course provides students practice in drafting creative non-fiction-- memoir, travel/place essays, and the personal essay. Students will focus on creating vivid details and description, using imagery and figurative language, and ordering information for impact. Through these exercises and essays, students will have the opportunity to improve their critical reading, vocabulary, grammar, and writing skills.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Summer:

3 weeks - 15 hours of session per week

6 weeks - 5 hours of session per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: College Writing Programs/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

COLWRIT 6I Intensive English Practice: Conflict Resolution Skills 2 Units

Terms offered: Summer 2025 3 Week Session, Summer 2024 3 Week Session, Summer 2023 3 Week Session

This intensive course helps students improve speaking, listening, grammar, and vocabulary/idioms skills while learning practical skills to resolve conflicts with people from different cultures. Students will act as mediators and disputants in mediation role-plays involving American culture topics based on business, law, culture, politics, and the environment. Course goal: achieve more natural fluency and listening comprehension in English for academic and professional purposes.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Summer: 3 weeks - 10 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: College Writing Programs/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.

COLWRIT 6J Intensive English Practice: Academic Test Preparation 2 Units

Terms offered: Summer 2020 3 Week Session, Summer 2019 3 Week Session, Summer 2018 3 Week Session

The goal of this course is to help students feel confident and well-prepared when taking the iBT TOEFL and IELTS exams. This course will focus specifically on the speaking and writing sections, given that the integrated writing and speaking tasks on these tests require responding to readings and short lectures/discussions—skills needed not only for standardized test-taking but also for exams and group work at the university level.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Summer: 3 weeks - 10 hours of session per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: College Writing Programs/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

COLWRIT 6K Intensive English Practice: Academic Reading and Writing 2 Units

Terms offered: Summer 2025, Summer 2025 3 Week Session, Summer 2024 3 Week Session

The goal of this class is to prepare students for the types of reading and writing in first-year composition courses at U.S. universities. The course addresses the reading process, including annotation, analysis and evaluation, and the writing process, including organization and planning as well as summarizing and paraphrasing.

Objectives & Outcomes

Course Objectives: Students will improve their ability to analyze written texts and craft university-level academic essays.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit under special circumstances: Repeatable for credit with a different instructor.

Hours & Format

Summer:

3 weeks - 10 hours of session per week

6 weeks - 5 hours of session per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: College Writing Programs/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

COLWRIT 6L Intensive English Practice: Successful Job Search and Interviewing Skills 2 Units

Terms offered: Summer 2025 Second 6 Week Session, Summer 2024, Summer 2024 3 Week Session

In this English as a Second language course, students will develop (a) communicative competence in job research and networking and (b) the skills and vocabulary relevant to individual students' desired work situations. Students will practice interviewing, self-promotion, and networking and will create their own resumes and cover letters.

Hours & Format

Summer:

3 weeks - 10 hours of session per week

6 weeks - 5 hours of session per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: College Writing Programs/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

COLWRIT 6M Intensive English Practice: U.S. University Admissions and Expectations 2 Units

Terms offered: Summer 2019 3 Week Session, Summer 2018 3 Week Session

Through this course, students will become familiar with (a) the different teaching and learning styles at U.S. universities, (b) professor expectations regarding class participation, assignments, and source use, (c) skills and strategies for becoming active, empowered learners; and (d) the ins and outs of the college application. In the process, students will practice and hone reading, writing, and speaking skills.

Hours & Format

Summer: 3 weeks - 10 hours of session per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: College Writing Programs/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

COLWRIT 6N Intensive English Practice: Art and Design 2 Units

Terms offered: Summer 2025 3 Week Session, Summer 2024 3 Week Session, Summer 2023 3 Week Session

The aim of this course is to develop students' communicative competence in English as a Second Language through an exploration of art and local museums. Through this course, students will become familiar with the language used to discuss the elements of art and the principles of design and will use this vocabulary to talk about art with evidence, to do close analyses of art as text, and to discuss art in its cultural and historical contexts.

Hours & Format

Summer: 3 weeks - 10 hours of session per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: College Writing Programs/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

COLWRIT 6P Intensive English Practice: Pronunciation 2 Units

Terms offered: Summer 2025, Summer 2025 3 Week Session, Summer 2025 Second 6 Week Session

This course for English language learners emphasizes the sound system, word and sentence stress, linking, and rhythm in American English pronunciation. Activities include textbook assignments, analysis of spoken texts, oral presentations, and in-depth practice with individual sound production.

Hours & Format

Summer:

3 weeks - 10 hours of session per week

6 weeks - 7.5 hours of session per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: College Writing Programs/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

COLWRIT 6Q English for Alternative Dispute Resolution for Business, Law, and Other Professional Purposes 2 Units

Terms offered: Summer 2019 3 Week Session

This course focuses on interactive Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) simulations (role plays in class and via videoconferencing) in which students must work together to analyze, prevent and resolve a variety of conflicts using a complex set of English skills (grammatical accuracy; speaking and listening; pronunciation; and new vocabulary and idioms) and cross-cultural and sociolinguistic skills (body language, formality and tone). The course is designed for high-intermediate through advanced-level ESL students with a professional or academic interest in ADR. Students who are interested in conflict resolution for general communication purposes are encouraged to consider Colwrit 6I.

Hours & Format

Summer: 3 weeks - 10 hours of session per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: College Writing Programs/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

COLWRIT 6R Intensive English Practice: Speaking Through Performance 2 Units

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

In this highly collaborative course, students will practice speaking skills and learn performance techniques through dramatic scripts and oral interpretation. Course goals include building speaking confidence, clarity, and fluency.

Hours & Format

Summer: 3 weeks - 10 hours of session per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: College Writing Programs/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

COLWRIT 7A American Language and Culture: The Media 1 Unit

Terms offered: Summer 2025 3 Week Session, Summer 2024 3 Week Session, Summer 2023 3 Week Session

This English as a Second Language course focuses on building English skills while exploring American culture through the media. Students will listen to lectures, watch and discuss film clips, and read current news magazines. In addition, students will actively participate in large and small group discussions and debates. The course requires students to focus on and create interesting, well-organized informative speeches, and convincing persuasive written and oral responses.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Summer:

3 weeks - 5 hours of lecture per week
6 weeks - 2.5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: College Writing Programs/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Alternative to final exam.

COLWRIT 7B American Language and Culture: The Beat Poets of 1950s San Francisco 1 Unit

Terms offered: Summer 2025, Summer 2025 3 Week Session, Summer 2023 3 Week Session

This course is designed to improve listening, speaking, reading, and writing in English. The starting point of the course is to examine the Beat Generation writers, specifically Allen Ginsberg and Jack Kerouac, looking at their relevance to the 50's and 60's and how their ideas led to and shaped the counterculture movements of the 60's and 70's. Through readings and video and audio clips, students will have the opportunity to explore the Beat Generation's impact in Berkeley and San Francisco.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Summer:

3 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture per week
6 weeks - 2.5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: College Writing Programs/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Alternative to final exam.

COLWRIT 7C American Language and Culture: Business and Social Entrepreneurship 1 Unit

Terms offered: Summer 2025, Summer 2025 3 Week Session, Summer 2024

This course explores debates concerning the role of business in addressing social issues, while providing support for English reading, listening, note-taking, and speaking skills. Social entrepreneurship has gained popularity and sparked debate in the United States and throughout the world as individual entrepreneurs have found more efficient ways to provide medicine, social services, education, and environmentally sustainable consumer products.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Summer:

3 weeks - 7.5 hours of session per week
6 weeks - 4 hours of session per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: College Writing Programs/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

COLWRIT 7D American Language and Culture: Food for Thought 1 Unit

Terms offered: Summer 2025 3 Week Session, Summer 2024 3 Week Session, Summer 2023

Many sociocultural and economic factors affect the ways individuals and groups manage food. This English as a Second Language course focuses on current food movements and trends in the US--and the many ethical, cultural, and financial aspects that both underlie and result from them. Students will examine this topic through a wide variety of sources: readings, films, music, guest speakers, lectures, video clips, panel discussions, individual research, and personal experience.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Summer:

3 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture per week
6 weeks - 2.5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: College Writing Programs/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Alternative to final exam.

COLWRIT 7E American Language and Culture: The Environment 1 Unit

Terms offered: Summer 2019 3 Week Session, Summer 2017 3 Week Session, Summer 2016 3 Week Session

This English as a Second Language course challenges students to use their reading, listening/speaking, note-taking, and research skills while focusing on environmental issues. Students will listen to lectures, watch and critique video and film clips, conduct research, and examine conflicting beliefs based on articles in the media and journals. The course requires students to participate in discussions and debates while reflecting on personal views.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Summer:

3 weeks - 5 hours of lecture per week
6 weeks - 2.5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: College Writing Programs/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Alternative to final exam.

COLWRIT 7F American Language and Culture: Women Poets 1 Unit

Terms offered: Summer 2025 3 Week Session, Summer 2013 10 Week Session, Summer 2013 3 Week Session

The class helps develop students' communicative competence in English by exploring the place of women in the contemporary literary canon, cultural stereotypes of women and men as artists, and challenges to conventional notions of womanhood. In order to improve skills in speaking, reading, listening comprehension, and vocabulary, students will participate in classroom activities which include oral interpretation of poetry, group work, and response journal assignments.

Rules & Requirements

Credit Restrictions: Students will receive no credit for COLWRIT 7F after completing COLWRIT 7F. A deficient grade in COLWRIT 7F may be removed by taking COLWRIT 7F.

Hours & Format

Summer: 3 weeks - 5 hours of session per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: College Writing Programs/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Alternative to final exam.

Instructor: Clark

COLWRIT 7G American Language and Culture: Community Building and Transformation 1 Unit

Terms offered: Summer 2019 3 Week Session, Summer 2018 3 Week Session, Summer 2017 3 Week Session

People around the globe are confronting limitations to freedom, health, and safety. In this class, we will study real examples of how people in different places across the U.S. and the globe are discovering and leveraging creativity and community as powerful tools to confront problems. Content goals: defining community and critically assessing local initiatives. Language goals: improving listening and speaking skills through videos, lectures, discussion, role plays, debates, and presentations.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Summer:

3 weeks - 5 hours of lecture per week
6 weeks - 2.5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: College Writing Programs/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Alternative to final exam.

COLWRIT 7I American Language and Culture: California Dreams and Realities 1 Unit

Terms offered: Summer 2025, Summer 2024, Summer 2013 3 Week Session

Using a variety of sources, students are introduced to trends from California history that have had national and international influence. Students will listen to lectures and podcasts, watch videos and movie extracts, and read articles and listen to songs about the California experience to develop their vocabulary, listening, speaking, and reading skills.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Summer:

3 weeks - 5 hours of lecture per week
6 weeks - 2.5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: College Writing Programs/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final exam not required.

COLWRIT 7J American Language and Culture: California Culture 1 Unit

Terms offered: Summer 2025 3 Week Session, Summer 2024 3 Week Session, Summer 2023 3 Week Session

California remains a leader in cultural change. This class will focus on English listening and speaking skills while exploring the progressive style of California culture. Students will listen to short lectures and influential music, view and discuss featured video clips, read about California icons, and actively participate in discussions, group presentations, and fieldwork to increase fluency and learn about local culture.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Summer:

3 weeks - 5 hours of lecture per week
6 weeks - 2.5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: College Writing Programs/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Alternative to final exam.

COLWRIT 7K American Language and Culture: Humor 1 Unit

Terms offered: Summer 2025, Summer 2025 3 Week Session, Summer 2024

Through this course, an introductory study of humor in the U.S. and its influence on American culture, students will increase their understanding of American cultural history and current popular culture by studying the significant trends and messages of its social and political humor while developing and applying analytical and linguistic skills for close listening, critical reading, and presentations.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Summer:

3 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture per week
6 weeks - 2.5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: College Writing Programs/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Alternative to final exam.

COLWRIT 7L American Language and Culture: The Berkeley Experience 1 Unit

Terms offered: Summer 2025, Summer 2025 3 Week Session, Summer 2024

This three-week ESL course gives students the chance to experience the culture of Berkeley and the Bay Area in and out of the classroom. Students will tour important campus venues, visit landmarks in Berkeley, and then cross the bay to visit other cities. Along the way, students will practice their language skills through readings, videos, and interactions with native speakers. In addition, students will participate in reflections, surveys/interviews, and a final project.

Rules & Requirements

Credit Restrictions: Students will receive no credit for COLWRIT 7L after completing COLWRIT 7L. A deficient grade in COLWRIT 7L may be removed by taking COLWRIT 7L.

Hours & Format

Summer: 3 weeks - 5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: College Writing Programs/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Alternative to final exam.

COLWRIT 7M American Language and Culture: Storytelling 1 Unit

Terms offered: Summer 2025, Summer 2025 3 Week Session, Summer 2024

In this course, students will increase their understanding of American cultural history and current popular culture by studying the significant trends and messages of its myths, legends, and folktales; learn about how America's minorities have used storytelling for political and social advancement; develop/apply analytical and linguistic skills for close listening, conversation and presentations; improve their communication skills with native speakers of English.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Summer:

3 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture per week
6 weeks - 2.5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: College Writing Programs/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Alternative to final exam.

Instructor: Spars

COLWRIT 7N American Language and Culture: Questioning the American Dream 1 Unit

Terms offered: Summer 2019 3 Week Session

The aim of this course is to develop students' communicative competence in English as a Second Language through an exploration of the history, diversity, and values related to the American Dream, and the realities that hinder access to that dream. Students will listen to short lectures, watch and discuss video clips, read popular and academic articles, conduct fieldwork, and participate in small group discussions and presentations. This is your opportunity to increase speaking and reading fluency and improve listening skills.

Hours & Format

Summer: 3 weeks - 5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: College Writing Programs/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Alternative to final exam.

COLWRIT 7Q American Language and Culture: Traditional and Modern Medicine 1 Unit

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

The aim of this course is to develop students' awareness of American culture and their communicative competence in English as a Second Language through course content about the integration of traditional approaches to health care in modern medicine in California (Chinese medicine, herbalism, yoga, and more). Skills are practiced and assessed through reading, writing, listening, and speaking assignments.

Hours & Format

Summer: 3 weeks - 5 hours of session per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: College Writing Programs/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Alternative to final exam.

COLWRIT 8 English for Academic and Professional Purposes 4 Units

Terms offered: Summer 2018 Second 6 Week Session, Summer 2017 Second 6 Week Session, Summer 2016 Second 6 Week Session
A 60-hour course focusing on speaking, listening, reading, writing, grammar, and vocabulary and providing a level of instruction that meets students' specific needs. Classes are content-based, with a focus on contemporary high-interest topics. Students participate in oral presentations, group projects, discussions, and field trips. This course is appropriate for international and immigrant students interested in improving language skills. Online placement exam required.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Placement by examination

Credit Restrictions: There is currently a "Courses that will restrict credit" restriction for this course that says "Students will receive no credit for College Writing Program 8 after taking Subject A 8". We would like to remove this restriction in light of the fact that both the Subject A program and class have not been in existence for about 20 years.

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Summer:

3 weeks - 20 hours of lecture per week

6 weeks - 10 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: College Writing Programs/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.

COLWRIT 9A Academic Research for Multilingual Students 3 Units

Terms offered: Summer 2019 Second 6 Week Session, Summer 2017 Second 6 Week Session, Summer 2016 Second 6 Week Session
This course introduces the basic terminology, techniques, and strategies necessary for academic research in American universities. Students will refine topics; evaluate/use outside sources to support claims; practice citation, summary, and paraphrasing skills; and write multiple drafts. Each section will craft literature reviews and research on a specific theme; each student can approach the theme within the framework of his or her discipline or interest. Course includes a fieldwork component.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Summer:

3 weeks - 10 hours of session per week

6 weeks - 5 hours of session per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: College Writing Programs/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.

COLWRIT 9B Academic Vocabulary for Multilingual Students 3 Units

Terms offered: Summer 2017 Second 6 Week Session, Summer 2016 Second 6 Week Session, Summer 2015 Second 6 Week Session
Academic writing and speaking require a wide understanding of vocabulary. In this course, students are introduced to numerous online and paper resources and learn strategies for improving vocabulary development, including effective ways to build vocabulary and recall new vocabulary through a series of readings, writings and other class activities. Course includes a fieldwork component.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Summer:

3 weeks - 10 hours of session per week
6 weeks - 5 hours of session per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: College Writing Programs/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.

COLWRIT 9C Academic Writing for Multilingual Students 3 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Summer 2025 Second 6 Week Session, Spring 2025

In this class, students learn about the content, structure, and organization of academic essays. Through in- and out-of-class writing, students work on focusing topics, organizing arguments, and supporting claims with evidence and reasoning. Sentence structures, summarizing, paraphrasing, correct use of citations, and editing skills will also be addressed.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Enrollment in CW 9C: ESP- Academic Writing is restricted to international students and other multilingual student writers

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of session per week

Summer:

3 weeks - 10 hours of session per week
6 weeks - 5 hours of session per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: College Writing Programs/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.

COLWRIT 9E Business English for Multilingual Students 3 Units

Terms offered: Summer 2025 Second 6 Week Session, Summer 2024 Second 6 Week Session, Summer 2023 Second 6 Week Session
In this course, students will have the opportunity to improve communication skills in order to do business in English. The following topics will be covered: negotiating; writing business letters, memos, and resumes; developing business vocabulary; improving business social skills; reading and discussing case studies; and exploring Internet business. Course includes a fieldwork component. Multiple sections: placement based on Day 1 assessment of interests and needs.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Summer:

3 weeks - 10 hours of session per week
6 weeks - 5 hours of session per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: College Writing Programs/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.

COLWRIT 9F Business Speaking for Multilingual Students 3 Units

Terms offered: Summer 2018 Second 6 Week Session, Summer 2017 Second 6 Week Session, Summer 2016 Second 6 Week Session
This course focuses on oral language in business contexts, including meetings, negotiations, presentations, debates, interviews, and informal social settings. Students learn appropriate phrases and topics for business conversation and improve their abilities through practice both in and out of class. Course includes a fieldwork component. Multiple sections: placement based on Day 1 assessment of interests and needs.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Summer:

3 weeks - 10 hours of session per week
6 weeks - 5 hours of session per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: College Writing Programs/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.

COLWRIT 9G Medical and Health Care English for Multilingual Students 3 Units

Terms offered: Summer 2016 10 Week Session, Summer 2016 Second 6 Week Session, Summer 2013 Second 6 Week Session

This course, designed for current or future medical professionals, focuses on mastery of medical idioms and vocabulary essential to work in health care fields. Students learn standard phrasal and vocabulary, critically read and respond to case studies and medical journals, and gain perspectives on medicine through the eyes of practitioners, patients, and families. Students also interact with working professionals and observe practices on site via fieldwork assignments.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Summer:

3 weeks - 10 hours of session per week
6 weeks - 5 hours of session per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: College Writing Programs/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

COLWRIT 9I Conflict Resolution Communication Skills for Multilingual Students 3 Units

Terms offered: Summer 2025 Second 6 Week Session, Summer 2024 Second 6 Week Session, Summer 2023 Second 6 Week Session

This course is an introduction to conflict resolution for intermediate-advanced level ESL students. It includes interactive mediation role-plays requiring students to develop a complex set of English skills (grammatical accuracy; speaking and listening; pronunciation; and new vocabulary and idioms) and sociolinguistic skills (body language, formality, and tone). Course includes a fieldwork component to help students improve problem-solving and communication skills.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Summer:

3 weeks - 10 hours of session per week
6 weeks - 5 hours of session per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: College Writing Programs/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

COLWRIT 9J Academic Language and Writing Style for Multilingual Students 3 Units

Terms offered: Summer 2018 Second 6 Week Session, Summer 2017 Second 6 Week Session, Summer 2016 Second 6 Week Session

Aimed at intermediate-advanced multilingual students, the goal of this course is to help students improve and expand their knowledge of sentence structure and variety to achieve an academic style. Using their own and professional writers' work, students will expand their repertoire of grammatical structures and improve the clarity and sophistication of their writing. Course includes a fieldwork component. Multiple sections: placement based on Day 1 assessment of interests and needs.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Summer:

3 weeks - 10 hours of session per week
6 weeks - 5 hours of session per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: College Writing Programs/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

COLWRIT 9M The U.S. Constitution: An Introduction 3 Units

Terms offered: Summer 2025 Second 6 Week Session, Summer 2024 Second 6 Week Session, Summer 2023 Second 6 Week Session

Designed for visiting and matriculated UCB students alike (including incoming LL.M. students), this seminar-style class begins by introducing the background, structure, and words of the U.S. Constitution, as well as its place in American culture and history. From there, we explore interpretations of and debates over key provisions of the Constitution and the ongoing struggle to realize the ideals reflected in its Articles and Amendments. We work our way towards several challenging questions: does the Constitution protect democracy or impede it? Is it well-tailored to contemporary realities or an anachronism? Is the U.S. experiencing (as some claim) a constitutional crisis? The only prerequisite is your interest.

Rules & Requirements

Credit Restrictions: Students will receive no credit for COLWRIT 9M after completing COLWRIT 9M. A deficient grade in COLWRIT 9M may be removed by taking COLWRIT 9M.

Hours & Format

Summer: 6 weeks - 5 hours of session and 7.5 hours of fieldwork per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: College Writing Programs/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

COLWRIT 9N Introduction of the U.S. Legal System for Multilingual Students 3 Units

Terms offered: Summer 2025 Second 6 Week Session, Summer 2024 Second 6 Week Session, Summer 2023 Second 6 Week Session

Designed for non-native speakers of English, this course introduces the basics of U.S. federal and state court systems, judge and jury trials, case law method, and selected areas of law based on student interest. The course requires students to use new vocabulary and idioms; read and analyze judges' decisions; organize, write, and edit arguments about legal issues; give oral presentations; and participate in formal and informal discussions and role-plays. Course includes a fieldwork component.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Summer:

3 weeks - 10 hours of session per week

6 weeks - 5 hours of session per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: College Writing Programs/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.

COLWRIT 9O Legal Writing for Multilingual Students 3 Units

Terms offered: Summer 2025 Second 6 Week Session, Summer 2024 Second 6 Week Session, Summer 2023 Second 6 Week Session

This course helps international lawyers and law students understand how to communicate effectively in writing in an American legal context. In this course, students will learn a brief overview of the American legal system; strategies for reading legal cases; and strategies for legal writing, research, and analysis. Course includes a fieldwork component. Multiple sections: placement based on Day 1 assessment of interests and needs.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Summer:

3 weeks - 10 hours of session per week

6 weeks - 5 hours of session per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: College Writing Programs/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.

COLWRIT 9P English for Specific Purposes: Conflict Resolution for Business, Law, and International Relations 3 Units

Terms offered: Summer 2015 Second 6 Week Session, Summer 2014 10 Week Session, Summer 2014 Second 6 Week Session

Introducing negotiation and mediation to intermediate-advanced academic or professional ESL students. The course focuses on strategies to prevent and resolve conflicts, including cross-cultural ones, in business, law, and international relations. Tasks include interactive negotiation and mediation simulations requiring students to develop a complex set of language (grammar, speaking/listening, pronunciation, vocabulary/idioms) and sociolinguistic skills (body language, formality, and tone).

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Summer:

3 weeks - 10 hours of session per week

6 weeks - 5-5 hours of session per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: College Writing Programs/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

COLWRIT 9R Academic and Public Speaking for Multilingual Students 3 Units

Terms offered: Summer 2025 Second 6 Week Session, Summer 2024 Second 6 Week Session, Summer 2023 Second 6 Week Session

In this course, ESL students learn and practice the rhetorical and oral skills needed to speak in various situations in the U.S. The course focuses on designing formal and informal presentations for varied purposes and audiences, constructing/defending arguments, and fielding critical questions. Also emphasized are communication skills needed for interacting in group and in one-on-one formats. Course includes a fieldwork component.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Summer:

3 weeks - 10 hours of session per week

6 weeks - 5 hours of session per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: College Writing Programs/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

COLWRIT 9S Pronunciation for Multilingual Students 3 Units

Terms offered: Summer 2018 Second 6 Week Session, Summer 2017 Second 6 Week Session, Summer 2016 Second 6 Week Session

This course is designed to help students improve their ability to communicate effectively in social and academic settings by means of a detailed, systematic study of the sounds and patterns of spoken American English. Audio journals and in-class assignments provide in-depth practice with individual sound production as well as stress, rhythm, and intonation. Course includes a fieldwork component. Multiple sections: placement based on Day 1 assessment of interests and needs.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Summer:

3 weeks - 10 hours of session per week

6 weeks - 5 hours of session per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: College Writing Programs/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.

COLWRIT 9V Science and Engineering English for Multilingual Students 3 Units

Terms offered: Summer 2025 Second 6 Week Session, Summer 2024 Second 6 Week Session, Summer 2023 Second 6 Week Session

This course is designed to help students improve English speaking and writing skills essential for functioning well in academic and professional science and engineering activities. A significant portion of the course is devoted to developing the style, vocabulary, and grammar used most frequently in technical communication. Course includes a fieldwork component. Multiple sections: placement based on Day 1 assessment of interests and needs.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Summer:

3 weeks - 10 hours of session per week

6 weeks - 5 hours of session per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: College Writing Programs/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.

COLWRIT 9W Speech and Debate for Multilingual Students 3 Units

Terms offered: Summer 2017 Second 6 Week Session, Summer 2016 Second 6 Week Session, Summer 2015 Second 6 Week Session

Aimed at intermediate-advanced multilingual students, this course presents the basics of speech and debate. Students will learn to construct basic arguments, work on speaking style, watch sample speeches and debates, write speeches, and participate in Parliamentary-style debates. In completing course assignments, students will have the opportunity to practice and improve all aspects of their oral skills in English. Course includes a fieldwork component. Multiple sections: placement based on Day 1 assessment.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Summer:

3 weeks - 10 hours of session per week

6 weeks - 5-5 hours of session per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: College Writing Programs/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

COLWRIT 9Y Creative Writing for Multilingual Students 3 Units

Terms offered: Summer 2019 Second 6 Week Session, Summer 2018 Second 6 Week Session, Summer 2017 Second 6 Week Session

In this course, we will focus on those elements that make for effective creative writing (poetry, fiction, and the personal essay): descriptive detail; imagery and figurative language; rhythm and structure/build; and authentic tone, dialogue and characterization. By completing analytical and practical exercises and by crafting multiple drafts, students will have the opportunity to improve their critical reading, vocabulary, grammar, and writing skills. Course includes a fieldwork component.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Summer:

3 weeks - 10 hours of session per week

6 weeks - 5-5 hours of session per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: College Writing Programs/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

COLWRIT 10A Introduction to Public Speaking 3 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Summer 2025 Second 6 Week Session, Spring 2025

This is a strictly introductory course. It presumes no formal training of any kind on the part of the students. Emphasis will be on organization and delivery with goals of improving control over speaking habits and enunciation. Part of the intent of the course is to introduce students to the rudiments of the rhetorical theory which lies behind the practice of public speaking.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture per week

8 weeks - 6 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: College Writing Programs/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

COLWRIT 10B Advanced Public Speaking 3 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2020, Spring 2019, Spring 2018

This is an advanced course that presumes introductory training in public speaking. Emphasis will be on real-world speaking situations. The course combines both theory and practice: it incorporates extensive speaking performance and individualized critiques from instructor and students, as well as analysis of advanced speaking models, and it explores theories, speech genres, and rhetorical processes beyond those in the introductory course. The intent of the course is to advance students' ability to deliver polished and informed public speeches adapted to a wide range of audiences and speaking situations.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 10A or equivalent

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: College Writing Programs/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.

COLWRIT 11 Berkeley Changemaker: Public Speaking 1 - 2 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Summer 2025 Second 6 Week Session, Spring 2025

Emphasizing the Berkeley Changemaker pillars of critical thinking and communication, this variable unit (1 or 2) practicum is designed to help students refine their academic speaking skills. Students will learn the techniques of effective public speaking, practice their skills, and develop confidence in oral communication. Online, asynchronous class sessions will be complemented by "live" opportunities that enable students to practice course content in front of an instructor and audience and receive feedback.

Objectives & Outcomes

Student Learning Outcomes: Build confidence and expertise in oral communication, practicing skills in self-presentation, informative presentations, and persuasive speaking

Deliver effective oral presentations

Develop a better understanding of communication strategies, practices, and theories

Improve skills in speaking and listening

Understand cultural differences in communication

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit up to a total of 2 times. Students may enroll in multiple sections of this course within the same semester.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 0.5-1 hours of seminar and 1-2 hours of discussion per week

Summer:

3 weeks - 2-4 hours of seminar and 4-8 hours of discussion per week

6 weeks - 1-2 hours of seminar and 2-4 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: College Writing Programs/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

COLWRIT 20 Communicating in Class: Advanced Listening and Speaking for International Students 3 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2015, Fall 2014, Fall 2013

This advanced oral communication course for multilingual international students offers opportunities to practice listening to lectures and taking notes, participating in discussions and taking on various roles, and devising strategies for success when presenting orally in different formats. The course focuses on authentic language use in the U.S. university classroom--in terms of the lecture students will view, projects students will complete, and in-class interactions students will participate in.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: College Writing Programs/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.

Instructors: Baptiste, Crisp, Wald, Sokolik

COLWRIT 25AC Reading in and about U.S. Education Institutions 3 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Summer 2025 Second 6 Week Session, Spring 2025

In this course, we will read, discuss, and write about the expectations of the American educational system, especially within a multicultural context. The goal is to deepen the understanding of the history and diversity of American educational institutions, while strengthening reading and seminar participation skills through critique and analysis of communication patterns. This course is intended for international students.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 7 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: College Writing Programs/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.

Instructor: Sokolik

COLWRIT 30 Reading Across the Curriculum 3 Units

Terms offered: Summer 2025 Second 6 Week Session

This course focuses on preparing students for actively and critically engaging with readings reflective of texts encountered in general education courses in the Humanities, Social Sciences, and Sciences. Students practice a variety of pre-reading, during-reading, and post-reading strategies that serve to facilitate the reading process when engaging with challenging texts. Students will develop techniques and methods for textual analysis and develop critical perspectives on a variety of texts from multiple disciplines.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 7 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: College Writing Programs/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

Instructor: Corona

COLWRIT 50AC Researching Water in the West 3 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2020, Spring 2019, Spring 2018

Examines the subject of water in California, drawing upon scholarly articles, essays, memoir, film, photographs, legislation. In collaboration with the Teaching Library, 50 explores techniques for conducting online archival research and using primary sources. Considers a variety of players in the story of water rights in California, including federal and state representatives, conservationists, Native Americans, and Japanese Americans.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Fulfillment of first half of the reading and composition requirement

Credit Restrictions: Students will receive no credit for 50AC after taking 150AC.

Requirements this course satisfies: Satisfies the American Cultures requirement

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture per week

8 weeks - 5.5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: College Writing Programs/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.

Instructor: Steenland

COLWRIT 75AC Sacred Places and the American Western 3 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2019

This class will explore the central themes of the American Cultures curriculum through the concept of place, specifically the "West". The Western landscape gives the Western genre its name, but the concepts that inform the portrayal of that landscape are not interrogated by the genre. The class will unpack the theoretical framework behind that depiction. Each section of the class will be framed by texts that offer a theory of place that, when closely examined, will reveal previously invisible concepts of race and class.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Fulfillment of both halves (Parts A and B) of the Reading & Composition Requirement

Requirements this course satisfies: Satisfies the American Cultures requirement

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture per week

8 weeks - 5.5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: College Writing Programs/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

Instructor: Steenland

COLWRIT 98 Directed Group Study 1 - 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2023, Spring 2023, Fall 2022

Supervised seminar for group study of selected topics.

Rules & Requirements

Credit Restrictions: Enrollment is restricted; see the Introduction to Courses and Curricula section of this catalog.

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 1-4 hours of directed group study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: College Writing Programs/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final exam not required.

COLWRIT 99 Supervised Independent Study 1 - 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2018, Spring 2017, Spring 2016

Independent study in topics not covered by regularly scheduled courses. Student must initiate topic and present a written proposal.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Consent of instructor, lower division standing

Credit Restrictions: Enrollment is restricted; see the Introduction to Courses and Curricula section of this catalog.

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 1-4 hours of tutorial per week

Summer: 8 weeks - 1.5-7.5 hours of tutorial per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: College Writing Programs/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final exam not required.

COLWRIT 100 Writing Academic Research Papers 2 Units

Terms offered: Summer 2025 Second 6 Week Session

This asynchronous online course aims to help students develop an awareness of the Research Article (RA) genre, different approaches to RA development, and for graduate students, navigating the academic publishing process. The course is designed for anyone seeking to develop their RA writing skills, particularly undergraduate students working on major papers in their majors. Participants may begin the course at any stage of the research process, but the course will be especially useful to those who already have some data collected. Involvement of the student's advisor is encouraged, but not mandatory.

Hours & Format

Summer: 6 weeks - 5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: College Writing Programs/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Alternative to final exam.

Instructor: Martinez

COLWRIT 105 Intermediate Writing: Finding Your Voice with Others 3 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2018, Fall 2017, Fall 2016

Engaging with issues of authorial voice, the writing process, and technology, students hone the ability to read and write academic prose. A hybrid composition course, this course meets in the classroom and online. Students use Web 2.0 writing tools and think critically about how such tools affect writing processes. Further, this course offers students opportunities to collaborate on projects, as is often required for academic and workplace writing, and which Web 2.0 writing tools are designed to support.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Fulfillment of both halves of Reading and Composition requirement

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 1.5 hours of lecture and 1.5 hours of web-based lecture per week

Online: This is an online course.

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: College Writing Programs/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

COLWRIT 106 Intermediate Composition: Argument in the Disciplines 3 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2018, Spring 2017, Spring 2016

This course prepares students to write and analyze arguments in a range of academic disciplines, from the humanities and liberal arts, to the sciences and social sciences. The course emphasizes the rhetorical strategies, reasoning, and conventions that characterize persuasive arguments in each field. This course does not include instruction in the research process.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Fulfillment of both halves of the Reading and Composition Requirement (Parts A and B)

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 7 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: College Writing Programs/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

COLWRIT 107 Translation in Practice 3 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2025, Spring 2024

This course provides an English language setting for an immersive dive into translation studies, as well as evaluating and producing original translated texts. Students will reflect on processes and decisions in that work, which will culminate in a significant translation project designed around principles of discovery: challenging conventional notions of a translator's visibility and creating opportunities for paratextual study, engagement, and impact. Our approach to the topic of translation will be interdisciplinary and worlded, and students are encouraged to bring their own interests, experiences, and creative agency to the classroom. Fluency reading and writing in at least one language other than English is required to take this class.

Objectives & Outcomes

Student Learning Outcomes: This course aims to help students become more practiced translators and translation critics, producing stronger and more purposeful translations while gaining mastery over the terminology and philosophies that guide these practices. Students will apply discovery practices that contextualize their work as translators in social, political, historical, or cultural frameworks.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 1 hour of lecture and 2 hours of workshop per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 6 hours of workshop per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: College Writing Programs/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

COLWRIT 108 Advanced Composition: New Media 3 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2013, Spring 2012, Fall 2011

This advanced nonfiction writing course offers an opportunity to explore the definition of text in a digital era. It offers students an opportunity to read and write about how contemporary uses of social media influence how we think, act, interact, and learn.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Fulfillment of the Reading and Composition requirement up to and including 1B or consent of instructor

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: College Writing Programs/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.

COLWRIT 109C Academic Writing for Multilingual Students 3 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Spring 2025, Fall 2024

In this class, students learn about the content, structure, and organization of academic essays. Through in- and out-of-class writing, students work on focusing topics, organizing arguments, and supporting claims with evidence and reasoning. Sentence structures, summarizing, paraphrasing, correct use of citations, and editing skills will also be addressed.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Enrollment in College Writing 109C: ESP- Academic Writing is restricted to international students and other multilingual student writers. Graduate students welcome

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer:

3 weeks - 10 hours of lecture per week

6 weeks - 5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: College Writing Programs/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

COLWRIT 110 Advanced Composition: Challenging Writing 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2020, Spring 2019, Spring 2018

This writing workshop will offer students an opportunity to write essays and other nonfiction prose that speak both personally and politically to the issues and audiences they wish to address. The readings will focus on the rhetorical strategies of writers who have used the essay as a cultural form to challenge the norms of the time and place in which they live(d).

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Completion of reading and composition requirement (1A-1B) or consent of instructor

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 4 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: College Writing Programs/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.

COLWRIT 121 Issues in Teaching English Internationally 3 Units

Terms offered: Summer 2025 First 6 Week Session, Summer 2024 First 6 Week Session, Summer 2023 First 6 Week Session

This course offers students an opportunity to consider relevant academic and professional issues related to the teaching of English internationally. Through readings, discussions, and assigned projects, students learn about principles of language policy and planning, linguistics, methodology, and assessment. These topics contribute to students' understanding of the theoretical and practical aspects of effective English language teaching abroad, leading to responsible engagement in the international community of English language teachers and learners.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 1 hour of lecture, 2 hours of discussion, 0 hours of web-based discussion, and 0 hours of web-based lecture per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 0 hours of lecture, 0 hours of discussion, 2.5 hours of web-based discussion, and 5 hours of web-based lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: College Writing Programs/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.

COLWRIT 130 Introduction to the Craft of Creative Writing 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Fall 2024, Fall 2023

This course in creative writing focuses on three genres: the personal essay, the short story, and the one-act play. The course emphasizes an introduction to craft--how these types of writing are generated, what their elements are, and how the finished pieces work--which students will explore through careful study of models by published writers and through writing and revising their own short pieces.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Completion of Reading and Composition sequence (1A/1B)

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture per week

8 weeks - 6 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: College Writing Programs/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

Instructors: Larkin, Levine, Oakes

COLWRIT 131 Introduction to the Craft of Creative Nonfiction 3 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2024, Fall 2019, Fall 2018

This course in creative writing focuses on the craft of reading and writing creative nonfiction. The course provides an introduction to craft: how creative nonfiction is generated, what its elements are, and how finished pieces work. Students will explore these aspects of craft through careful study of models by published writers, and through writing and revising their own short pieces.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Fulfillment of both halves of the Reading and Composition Requirement or permission of instructor

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: College Writing Programs/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

Instructor: Oakes

COLWRIT N131 Creative Nonfiction: Cultural Critique 2 Units

Terms offered: Summer 2025, Summer 2025 3 Week Session, Summer 2024

This course in creative writing focuses on the craft of reading and writing creative nonfiction. The course emphasizes an introduction to craft—how creative nonfiction is generated, what its elements are, and how finished pieces work—which students will explore through careful study of models by published writers, and through writing and revising their own short pieces.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Summer: 3 weeks - 10 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: College Writing Programs/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

COLWRIT 132 Introduction to the Craft of Short Fiction 3 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Spring 2023, Spring 2019

This course in creative writing focuses on the craft of reading and writing short fiction. The course provides an introduction to craft: how short fiction is generated, what its elements are, and how finished pieces work. Students will explore these aspects of craft through careful study of models by published writers, and through writing and revising their own short pieces.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Fulfillment of both halves of the Reading and Composition Requirement or consent of instructor

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: College Writing Programs/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

Instructor: Sloan

COLWRIT N132 The Craft of Short Fiction 2 Units

Terms offered: Summer 2025, Summer 2025 3 Week Session, Summer 2024

This two-unit course on the short story emphasizes an introduction to craft—how short stories are created, what their elements are, and how the finished pieces work—which you will explore through careful study of models by published writers and through writing and revising your own original pieces generated for this class.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Summer: 3 weeks - 10 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: College Writing Programs/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

COLWRIT 133 Introduction to the Craft of Dramatic Writing 3 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2025, Spring 2020, Spring 2019

This course in creative writing focuses on the fundamentals of reading and writing dramatic scripts. Students learn dramatic writing as an art and as a set of skills. They learn the elements involved in the creation of scripts by analyzing published scripts, as well as by drafting their own scripts and critiquing their peers' work. Particular emphasis is given to the work of generating and revising drafts, in addition to the critique and appreciation of works written for the stage, and to a lesser degree, for the screen. This introduction to craft is applicable to stage scripts as well as screenplays.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Fulfillment of both halves of the Reading and Composition Requirement or permission of instructor

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: College Writing Programs/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

Instructor: Levine

COLWRIT N133 The Craft of Dramatic Writing 2 Units

Terms offered: Summer 2025, Summer 2025 3 Week Session, Summer 2024

College Writing N133 is an introduction to the craft of dramatic writing through the study of works by professional playwrights and through composition and revision of your own playscripts. You will come to understand dramatic writing as an art and as a set of skills; you will receive an introduction to some of the elements involved in the creation of written scripts. Particular emphasis will be given to the work of generating and revising writing for the stage and, to a lesser degree, for the screen.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Summer: 3 weeks - 10 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: College Writing Programs/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

COLWRIT 134 The Craft of Poetry 2 Units

Terms offered: Summer 2025, Summer 2025 3 Week Session, Summer 2024

This two-unit course on poetry & poetics emphasizes an introduction to craft—how poems are created, what their elements are, and how the finished pieces work—which you will explore through careful study of models by published writers, and through writing and revising your own original pieces generated for this class.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Summer: 3 weeks - 10 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: College Writing Programs/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

COLWRIT 135 The Craft of Creative Writing -- Workshopping & Performance 1 Unit

Terms offered: Summer 2025, Summer 2025 3 Week Session, Summer 2024

In this one-unit workshop, we will focus on strengthening skills in workshopping, selecting and publicly performing your creative writing. Composing, editing, and revising your works will also be an important emphasis. As a class focused on craft across genres, we will read a variety of strategies by published story writers, essayists, poets and playwrights. We will study performances by established and emerging artists, and develop a sustainable in-person and online writing community that you can rely on long after the three-week summer intensive has ended.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: This course requires simultaneous enrollment in COLWRIT N131, N132, N133, or 134

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction. Students may enroll in multiple sections of this course within the same semester.

Hours & Format

Summer: 3 weeks - 5 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: College Writing Programs/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

COLWRIT 140A Readings on Creative Writing 3 Units

Terms offered: Summer 2013 10 Week Session, Summer 2013 First 6 Week Session, Summer 2012 First 6 Week Session

Before we write, we must read. This course will offer the opportunity for careful examination and discussion of masterworks--many of them recent--in creative writing, with special focus on the craft of the writing. Students will enroll in a section of the course corresponding to the genre they would like to study: creative nonfiction, short fiction, poetry, or one-act playwriting. 140A must be taken concurrently with a section of 140B in the same genre.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Completion of both parts of the Reading and Composition sequence for UC students; equivalent proficiency for non-UC students.
Corequisite: enrollment in 140B: Seminar-Workshop in Creative Writing

Hours & Format

Summer: 6 weeks - 7 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: College Writing Programs/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

COLWRIT 140B Seminar-Workshop in Creative Writing 3 Units

Terms offered: Summer 2013 10 Week Session, Summer 2013 First 6 Week Session, Summer 2012 First 6 Week Session

This seminar will offer students the opportunity to craft several pieces of creative writing, and to consider the formal aspects of creative writing. Students' writing will be critiqued by the class and the instructor with special focus on the formal elements of each piece. Students will enroll in one of four sections of the course: creative nonfiction, short fiction, poetry, or one-act playwriting. 140B must be taken concurrently with a section of 140A in the same genre.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Completion of both parts of the Reading and Composition sequence for UC students; equivalent proficiency for non-UC students.
Corequisite: enrollment in 140A: Readings in Creative Writing

Hours & Format

Summer: 6 weeks - 7 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: College Writing Programs/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

COLWRIT 141 Seminar-Workshop on Creative Writing: The Novel 3 Units

Terms offered: Summer 2013 10 Week Session, Summer 2013 First 6 Week Session

This course offers opportunities to craft several works of creative writing in service of the production of a novel, and to consider formal aspects of the novel with reference to assigned readings. Students consider the general principles governing the form, and the wide latitude the writer has in addressing these principles. Students will develop skill at analyzing a work, presenting descriptive feedback, and identifying the possibilities for revision suggested by the draft itself.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Fulfillment of both halves of the Reading and Composition requirement

Hours & Format

Summer: 6 weeks - 7 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: College Writing Programs/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.

COLWRIT 142 Grammar for English Language Instructors 3 Units

Terms offered: Summer 2025 First 6 Week Session, Summer 2024 First 6 Week Session, Summer 2023 First 6 Week Session

This course covers the knowledge you need as a future instructor to explain English grammar to learners in your own classroom. You will gain an understanding of the structure of the English language, how other languages have influenced its development, and how to explain grammatical principles clearly so that learners from a variety of language backgrounds can understand.

Objectives & Outcomes

Course Objectives: A deeper understanding of the history of and influences on the English language

An understanding of the specific vocabulary and structure of English grammar

Practice and confidence in explaining grammatical constructions to others

Hours & Format

Summer: 6 weeks - 6 hours of lecture and 4.5 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: College Writing Programs/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

COLWRIT 143 Foundations of English Language Education 3 Units

Terms offered: Summer 2025 First 6 Week Session, Summer 2024 First 6 Week Session, Summer 2023 First 6 Week Session

An introduction to the fundamental principles and practices of English language education in both local and global contexts. This course covers theory and methods behind teaching reading, writing, listening, and speaking to diverse populations of English language learners in a variety of academic contexts.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Completion of two-semester R&C requirement or the equivalent

Credit Restrictions: Students will receive no credit for COLWRIT W143 after completing COLWRIT 143. A deficient grade in COLWRIT W143 may be removed by taking COLWRIT 143.

Hours & Format

Summer: 6 weeks - 2 hours of lecture and 6 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: College Writing Programs/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: College Writing Programs W143

COLWRIT 144 Teaching English as a Second Language: Practicum 3 Units

Terms offered: Summer 2025 Second 6 Week Session, Summer 2024 Second 6 Week Session

This course will provide students with an understanding of theories and practices in teaching English to students from multilingual backgrounds. Course topics will include reflective practices, teacher decision making, learner-centered classrooms, and general knowledge about language learning and cognition. Field experience will include working with learners in the practicum-students' geographical areas, in collaboration with the practicum instructor and local instructors. Students will produce a portfolio of teaching plans, observation notes, and reflections.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Any of the following at UC Berkeley: Education W142 or W140AC; College Writing W143 or W145, or their equivalents elsewhere. These may also be taken simultaneously with this practicum

Credit Restrictions: Students will receive no credit for COLWRIT W144 after completing COLWRIT 144. A deficient grade in COLWRIT W144 may be removed by taking COLWRIT 144.

Hours & Format

Summer: 6 weeks - 2 hours of lecture, 2 hours of discussion, and 3.5 hours of fieldwork per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: College Writing Programs/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

Formerly known as: College Writing Programs W144

COLWRIT 145 Creating Materials for English Language Education 3 Units

Terms offered: Summer 2025 Second 6 Week Session, Summer 2024 Second 6 Week Session, Summer 2023 Second 6 Week Session

An introduction to developing instructional materials and assessment methods in English language teaching in both local and global contexts. This course covers theory and methods behind choosing, adapting, and writing materials that are suitable for diverse populations of English language learners in a variety of academic contexts.

Rules & Requirements

Credit Restrictions: Students will receive no credit for COLWRIT W145 after completing COLWRIT 145. A deficient grade in COLWRIT W145 may be removed by taking COLWRIT 145.

Hours & Format

Summer: 6 weeks - 2 hours of lecture and 5.5 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: College Writing Programs/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

Formerly known as: College Writing Programs W145

COLWRIT 146 Teaching Online in a Global Context 3 Units

Terms offered: Summer 2025 Second 6 Week Session

This course addresses the skills and knowledge needed as future instructors teaching English online in multiple contexts. Both the possibilities and limitations of online instruction will be addressed. The advantages, of course, include being able to reach a wider audience of learners than previously possible. However, we are still faced with limitations of technology, having to find new ways to engage students, and socio-economic differences in access to technology. Students will develop an online learning module.

Objectives & Outcomes

Course Objectives: Build the ability to inspire learners, even from a distance

Develop an awareness of the limitations of online instruction

Develop an understanding of the ways in which technology can be leveraged to teach English

Understand how socio-economic factors influence online access and learning

Hours & Format

Summer: 6 weeks - 6 hours of lecture and 6 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: College Writing Programs/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

COLWRIT 150AC Researching Water in the West 3 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2020, Spring 2019, Spring 2018

Examines the subject of water in California, drawing upon scholarly articles, essays, memoir, film, photographs, legislation. In collaboration with the Teaching Library, 50 explores techniques for conducting online archival research and using primary sources. Considers a variety of players in the story of water rights in California, including federal and state representatives, conservationists, Native Americans, and Japanese Americans.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Fulfillment of first half of the reading and composition requirement

Credit Restrictions: Students will receive no credit for 150AC after taking 50AC.

Requirements this course satisfies: Satisfies the American Cultures requirement

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture per week

8 weeks - 5.5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: College Writing Programs/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.

Instructor: Steenland

COLWRIT 151 Introduction to Principles of Professional Communication 3 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2020, Spring 2019, Spring 2017

This course introduces students to key principles and rhetorical strategies of writing texts in non-academic settings. Although the course may address issues of oral communication, the primary focus will be on learning and practicing strategies to generate written documents in a business context.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Reading and Composition 1A-1B, junior or senior standing during the academic year. No prerequisites in the summer session

Credit Restrictions: Students will receive no credit for COLWRIT 151 after completing COLWRIT C151.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 6 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: College Writing Programs/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

Instructor: Cole

COLWRIT 152 Advanced Professional Communication 3 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2015, Spring 2014, Spring 2013

In this course, students build upon introductory coursework in professional communication to develop and refine their proficiency in non-academic writing. Students, in teams of three to four, propose and generate authentic workplace documents for a local organization or business; the course culminates in formal presentations. Discussions and activities regarding workplace genres, rhetorical techniques and strategies, and context-specific discourse conventions throughout term.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 151

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: College Writing Programs/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.

COLWRIT 161 Writing in the Biological Sciences 3 Units

Terms offered: Summer 2025 Second 6 Week Session, Spring 2025, Fall 2023

Intended for both Biology majors and non-majors, College Writing 161 provides students with a rhetorical framework for understanding the conventions of writing within the Biological Science to help them write more effectively for readers in Biology, as well as for readers outside the field. Exploring ideas of audience, genre, style, and authorship, students will read a wide variety of texts, including critical texts from Rhetoric and Composition that analyze writing in Biology, as well as genres specific to Biology and genres intended for wider audiences (e.g., editorials, grant application letters, explanatory articles). Students will also write a variety of these genres.

Objectives & Outcomes

Student Learning Outcomes: This course aims to help students to not only produce better writing for Biology, but to develop a rhetorical awareness they can transfer to other disciplines and writing situations.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Completion/Satisfaction of the University's R&C Requirement and at least one course in a biological science. No prerequisites in the Summer Session

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: College Writing Programs/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

COLWRIT 171 Writing in the Social Sciences 3 Units

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

Intended for both social sciences majors and non-majors, College Writing 171 provides students with a rhetorical framework for understanding the conventions of writing within the social sciences. The goal is to write more effectively to reach readers both inside and outside the field. Exploring ideas of audience, genre, style, and authorship, students will read a wide variety of texts, including critical texts from rhetoric and composition that analyze writing in the social sciences, as well as genres specific to it, and genres intended for wider audiences (e.g., editorials, grant application letters, explanatory articles). Students will also write a variety of these genres.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Completion of required R&C (R1A/R1B) courses, or permission of the instructor. No prerequisites in the Summer Session

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 6 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: College Writing Programs/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

COLWRIT 175 Players, Spectators & Fanatics: Writing on the Cultures of Sports 3 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2024, Spring 2020

This class will examine some of the very best sports journalism with a critical lens, looking at intersections of business, race, culture, disability, gender, performance, technology, politics, social justice, and above all else attention to inquiry through thoughtful writing. At the same time, students will write in a variety of creative nonfiction genres on multimedia platforms, including the writing of a sustained final project on a topic of their own choosing.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Fulfillment of both halves of the Reading and Composition Requirement, or permission of instructor

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: College Writing Programs/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

COLWRIT 180 Travel Writing 3 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2013, Spring 2012

This course focuses on European travel writing in the modern period, bracketed on one end by imperial exploration and expansion and on the other by the experience of contemporary tourism. Students will write academic essays reflecting on the political, historical, and cultural meanings of travel writing.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Fulfillment of both halves of the Reading and Composition requirement

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: College Writing Programs/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

Instructor: Lang

COLWRIT 181 Global London 4 Units

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

This course focuses on the development of London: as a global city, as an amalgam of histories in the modern world as represented in its neighborhoods, museums, and monuments. It presents an understanding of how modern landscape both preserves the past and is remade.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Fulfillment of both halves of the Reading and Composition requirement. Simultaneous enrollment in Colwrit W181

Hours & Format

Summer: 6 weeks - 12 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: College Writing Programs/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

Instructor: Lang

COLWRIT 192AC Advanced Composition: Community-Based Ethics 3 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2014, Spring 2013

Communities are challenged by issues of security, poverty, and environmental sustainability. These issues intersect with those of race, class, and culture in U.S. society. This course focuses on ethical decisions as they apply to issues of diversity, sustainable practices, economic impacts on neighborhoods and nations, and issues of security and identity. This course focuses on writing and research skills.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Successful completion of the first semester of Reading and Composition

Requirements this course satisfies: Satisfies the American Cultures requirement

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: College Writing Programs/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.

Instructor: Sokolik

COLWRIT 195 Special Topics 1 - 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2022, Fall 2018

This course covers various writing-related topics. Topics will change from semester to semester. See department website for current information.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Fulfillment of both halves of the Reading and Composition Requirement, or permission of instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 1-4 hours of lecture per week

Summer:

3 weeks - 5-20 hours of lecture per week

6 weeks - 2.5-10 hours of lecture per week

8 weeks - 2-7.5 hours of lecture per week

10 weeks - 1.5-6 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: College Writing Programs/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

COLWRIT 198 Directed Group Study 1 - 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Spring 2025, Fall 2024
Supervised seminar for group study of selected topics.

Rules & Requirements

Credit Restrictions: Enrollment is restricted; see the Introduction to Courses and Curricula section of this catalog.

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 1-4 hours of directed group study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: College Writing Programs/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final exam not required.

COLWRIT 199 Supervised Independent Study 1 - 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2016, Spring 2015, Spring 2014
Independent study in topics not covered by regularly scheduled courses. Student must initiate topic and present a written proposal.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Consent of instructor, upper division standing

Credit Restrictions: Enrollment is restricted; see the Introduction to Courses and Curricula section of this catalog.

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 1-4 hours of tutorial per week

Summer: 8 weeks - 1.5-7.5 hours of tutorial per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: College Writing Programs/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final exam not required.

COLWRIT 200 Writing Academic Research Papers 2 Units

Terms offered: Summer 2025 Second 6 Week Session, Summer 2024 Second 6 Week Session

This asynchronous online course aims to help students develop an awareness of the Research Article (RA) genre, different approaches to RA development, and for graduate students, navigating the academic publishing process. The course is designed for anyone seeking to develop their RA writing skills, particularly undergraduate students working on major papers in their majors and graduate students (MA and PhD) wanting learn more about academic publishing. Participants may begin the course at any stage of the research process, but the course will be especially useful to those who already have some data collected. Involvement of the student's advisor is encouraged, but not mandatory.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Instructor approval required to repeat course

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit with instructor consent.

Hours & Format

Summer:

6 weeks - 2.5 hours of lecture per week
10 weeks - 1.5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: College Writing Programs/Graduate

Grading: Offered for satisfactory/unsatisfactory grade only.

Instructor: Martinez

Formerly known as: College Writing Programs W200

COLWRIT 310 Practicum in Teaching English as a Second Language 3 Units

Terms offered: Summer 2006 10 Week Session, Summer 2005 10 Week Session, Summer 2002 10 Week Session

This course will allow qualified graduate students an opportunity to teach ESL in both an intensive ESL program and a community-based adult ESL course.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: One year of graduate study in a TESL/TEFL or related program. Appropriate course work in theory and methods of teaching ESL; instructor permission

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit up to a total of 6 units.

Hours & Format

Summer: 6 weeks - 6 hours of lecture and 1.5 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: College Writing Programs/Professional course for teachers or prospective teachers

Grading: Offered for satisfactory/unsatisfactory grade only.

COLWRIT 375 Introduction to Theories and Practices of Teaching College Composition 2 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2022, Fall 2021, Fall 2020

The course will focus on teaching philosophies, course designs, instructional methods, and assessment issues in relation to teaching composition in a pluralistic setting.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Appointment as GSI or consent of instructor

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: College Writing Programs/Professional course for teachers or prospective teachers

Grading: Offered for satisfactory/unsatisfactory grade only.

Formerly known as: College Writing 300