

Franklin College of Arts and Sciences

Writing Intensive Program Student Responses -- Fall 2004

"This was my first expedition into writing geological reports." "Once we get to these upper-level courses, it is expected that we can write, and this is not always the case. Having a TA to meet with specifically about writing a paper is very beneficial."

1) Did your experience in this course strengthen your writing in any way:

Y	N	Dnr/Otr
289	110	
72%	27%	

"The multiple drafts allowed me to take time and revise my paper several times." "It helped me to see different possibilities to use in the organizing of a paper, and I realized there is not necessarily one way that is most correct." "I did not truly know how to write an in-depth Art History paper before this class."

2) Did the writing assignments stimulate your critical thinking and/or "deep learning," defined as the degree to which you engaged in "self-reflection" and combined knowledge, skills, and higher-order thinking processes:

Y	N	Dnr/Otr
320	72	6
80%	18%	

"The journals were great because I used them to synthesize my internal thoughts and ideas of the class." "The writing assignments forced me to read the texts with a degree of critical thinking far greater than I normally would when reading for my classes."

3) Did the writing assignments prepare you for further writing in other classes, in your major, in graduate school, or in your career?

Y	N	Dnr/Otr
302	94	2
76%	23%	

"Without all of the help that I got in this class, I would have done worse on my papers in other classes." "My major doesn't do a lot of writing, but it helped in my history class." "I was able to apply these techniques to my English class." "It was also important to write a scholarly paper in my field, including bibliographic notation/citations."

4) Was the coaching on writing you received from your teaching assistant effective?

Y	N	Dnr/Otr
319	73	6
80%	18%	

"She pointed out my strengths more than my weaknesses, which really helped me." "Her comments were incredibly helpful, not only for the particular assignment, but also for future writing in general."

5) Did you enjoy this course?

Y	N	Dnr/Otr
300	94	4
75%	24%	

Something you enjoyed or benefited from:

167/398 (41%) cited specific WIP feature

"An opportunity to achieve an understanding of something on a deeper level, with great guidance." "The ability to submit a draft and receive feedback."

Something that prevented you from getting the most you could have from the course:

"Senioritis."