

Franklin College of Arts and Sciences

Writing Intensive Program Student Responses -- Fall 2005

"I had the most meaningful art history experience in my college career due to this course. All of the discussions were meaningful, and the paper topics opened my mind to seeing new things in film and art."

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

"Being a business major, I don't have to write many papers. So this class helped me get back to writing papers, which will help me next year in law school."
"I had never done research before this class. Doing the research observations taught me a great deal about ethnographic writing."

Y	N	Dnr/Otr
282	84	5
76%	23%	1%

2) Did the writing assignments stimulate your critical thinking, self-reflection, and/or learning?

"The journals were instrumental in applying the class material and demonstrating my own understanding of it." "Yes, very much. If I hadn't written for this course, I wouldn't have comprehended any of it as much as I did." "Made the readings and assignments and topics in the course *essential* for me to read, contemplate, and apply. Helped me gain a greater understanding of the course." "The lab write-ups helped me to bring the whole point of the lab together and to understand it better." "I had to think differently than I normally would." "The writing I have done in this class has helped shape my morals and opinions about education and what kind of teacher I want to be." "My major is English, yet these writing assignments forced further thinking than many of my English assignments."

Y	N	Dnr/Otr
331	36	4
89%	10%	1%

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

"My writing in this class influenced me to revise my other Spanish papers."
"I'm using my writing samples from this class for graduate school applications next year." "The new type of writing that I learned will help me in other science classes."
"I learned how to tackle a sensitive concept while observing methodological and epistemological factors."

Y	N	Dnr/Otr
256	109	6
69%	29%	2%

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

"Feedback helped me recognize patterns in my writing that could use improvement, not just specific problems." "I was very accurately instructed on how I might improve, and I was able to understand my strong points and work on my weak ones." "Great and encouraging comments on our writing assignments. Positive comments motivate me to work harder and spend more time on my assignments."

Y	N	Dnr/Otr
299	52	20
81%	14%	5%

5) Did you enjoy this course?

Y	N	Dnr/Otr
306	52	13
82%	14%	4%

Something you enjoyed or benefited from:

"This course really did focus on writing and coaching; I've been in other science labs that don't. This was much better."
"The writing helped me understand the content better." "I benefited from the comments on my writing, which made me a better writer."

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

"My own laziness."

Response rate: 68% (371/542)