

Franklin College of Arts and Sciences

Writing Intensive Program Student Responses -- Spring 2005

"I feel that writing—even if not to be turned in—is essential to collect one's own thoughts about the subject. It helps solidify one's opinions and understanding."

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

	Y	N	Dnr/Otr
	284	73	5
	78%	20%	

"Got me closer to mode of writing for 'Science' rather than for 'literature' or 'business.'"

w/RELI 1003	349	133	7
	71%	27%	

"This was the first course I had to write a 12-15 page paper in, and I felt like my organization in writing improved greatly by having to accommodate the paper length."

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
	288	69	5
	80%	19%	

w/RELI 1003	398	86	5
	81%	18%	

"It made me take a more in-depth look at what I was writing—and I had to think about the material and keep going back through it."

"Yes, the assignments forced me to articulate feelings about my art making experiences, and this gave me some new insight into the decisions I make while creating work." "I have to think as to why to solve a [mathematical] problem instead of plugging in formulas."

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
	270	90	2
	75%	25%	

w/RELI 1003	341	143	5
	70%	29%	

"First time I did a true research paper in a while"

"Even though this is my last college career paper, I plan on writing much more. It's funny, because I hated writing before."

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

	Y	N	Dnr/Otr
	301	52	9
	83%	14%	

"Yes, very effective, couldn't have done it w/o my TA."

"Elizabeth was very good at giving constructive criticism—very helpful, but not belittling."

"She not only influenced my writing style by catching grammatical errors and confused phrasing, but she also pushed me to make stronger arguments."

w/RELI 1003	382	96	11
	78%	20%	

5) Did you enjoy this course?

	Y	N	Dnr/Otr
	276	75	11
	76%	21%	

"I now know the proper way to write a formal paper, and all of the steps I usually skip proved to be very useful."

w/RELI 1003	395	83	11
	81%	17%	