

English Writing Proficiency (EWP) & The Writing Centre

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All students enrolled in B.A., B.Sc., B.B.A., B.C.S., or B.Ed. programs are required to satisfy the English Writing Proficiency (EWP) requirement by passing either the course EWP 099 or the EWP Examination before graduation. Please refer to the English Writing Proficiency section under “Programs and Courses” for details.

ALL STUDENTS ENTERING BACHELOR DEGREE PROGRAMS AT BISHOP’S UNIVERSITY MUST SATISFY THE ENGLISH WRITING PROFICIENCY REQUIREMENT (FOR EXEMPTIONS, SEE BELOW).

English Writing Proficiency (EWP) Requirement

The Requirement can be satisfied either by passing the EWP Exam or by passing the English Writing Proficiency course EWP 099, described below. Please note that EWP 099 does not count as an elective toward a degree, and is to be completed in addition to the regular requirements for 90 credit or 120 credit programs.

1. Full-time students are required to take the EWP Exam at the beginning of their first semester.
2. Part-time students are required to take the EWP Exam in the semester immediately following their declaration of a degree program.
3. The EWP Requirement must be satisfied within the first 45 credits of a student’s program. Students enrolled in ESL courses are given more time to meet the Requirement.
4. Students who do not pass the EWP Exam should review their exams at the Writing Centre (Divinity 10) before they rewrite.

Restrict Status will be placed on students who have not satisfied the EWP Requirement within their first 45 credits and who are not working on their writing through an approved course, as outlined below. **Restrict Status means that at registration, full-time students will be restricted to 4 courses + either ELA 116, an ESL course, or EWP 099.**

Students who do not pass the EWP Exam within their first 30 credits are advised to work on their writing skills:

1. Students who receive a 5 or over on their EWP Exam may take Effective Writing (ELA116), an ESL course, or EWP 099.
2. English first language students who receive less than 5 on the EWP Exam should enroll in EWP 099.
3. Second language students who receive less than 5 on the EWP Exam must enroll in an ESL course or EWP 099.

Students working on their writing skills in courses other than EWP 099 must still pass the EWP examination.

Exemptions from the EWP Requirement

The following students are exempt:

1. Students who have completed an undergraduate or graduate degree at an English institution.
2. Incoming international exchange students are not required to take the EWP exam. The EWP exam and the course EWP099 are optional for these students.
3. Students in Certificate programs.

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A basic writing course of English for academic purposes, consisting of a lecture and tutorials designed to improve students' skills in written English. Emphasis is placed on the development and organization of ideas, text clarity, coherence, grammar and syntax.

This course is designed for students who do not pass the EWP Exam. Other students who wish to enroll in the course need permission from the Program Coordinator.

This course cannot be used as an elective.

Passing EWP 099 satisfies the EWP Requirement.

Consultation Service

Students who need help on their written assignments can sign up for free consultations at The Writing Centre. Assistance is given in planning, organization, development, grammar and syntax.

Workshops

The Writing Centre offers free Workshops to help students improve their written work.