

THE ENGLISH WRITING PROFICIENCY (EWP) **REQUIREMENT**

All bachelor degree students must satisfy the EWP Requirement by demonstrating that they are proficient in written English at the university entry level.

ALL STUDENTS MUST WRITE THE ENGLISH WRITING PROFICIENCY (EWP) EXAM AT THE BEGINNING OF THEIR FIRST SEMESTER AT BISHOP'S.
Students do not need to register for the EWP Exam.

The EWP Exam is a two-hour essay exam graded on organization, development and grammar.

For new students, the Exam is scheduled as follows:

Date: Tuesday, January 10, 2012
Location: Nicolls 1 – 5
Time: 6:30 to 8:30 pm

Students who cannot write at their assigned time may write at the other time.

Special Needs students should contact Kim Winget (kwinget@ubishops.ca) at the Counselling Service, 819-822-9600, ext.2695, to make other arrangements.

International exchange students are exempt from the EWP Requirement but may choose to take the EWP Exam and/or the course EWP099.

If you do not receive a passing mark of 6 on a scale of 1 – 10:
You must make an appointment to review your exam at the Writing Centre.

Go to www.ubishops.ca **Academic Programs, *English Writing Proficiency* for information on the EWP Exam, tips on writing the Exam, how the exam is graded, and more.** For information on exemptions, consult the Bishop's University Calendar under Writing Proficiency Program.

To contact the Coordinator of the Writing Proficiency Program, email Susan McAlden at: susan.mcalden@ubishops.ca.

This is a sample of the exam you will take in January.
The actual exam will have different topics.

SAMPLE EWP EXAMINATION

- You have two hours to plan, write, and proofread an essay on **one** of the topics below.
 - **Leave margins and double-space** to allow for changes and corrections.
 - The EWP Exam is not an intelligence or general knowledge test. It is a writing proficiency test judged on **structure** (organization & development) and **style** (standard and appropriate English).
 - You may agree, disagree or examine different sides of the topic using logical and well-organized development.
 - Use **specific examples** to support and illustrate your points.
 - You may include personal observations.
 - You will need to write about **500** words to develop your thesis adequately. This is normally about **4 to 6 pages in your test booklet double-spaced**.
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SAMPLE TOPICS

1. Marriage and independence do not go together.
2. Is the main cause of pollution ignorance or greed?
3. Should professional athletes be regarded as heroes?
4. Does advertising really influence people?
5. Should animals be used for medical research?

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