

Sterling College Standards for Writing Intensive Courses

Each course approved as a writing intensive course must:

- Provide direct writing instruction
- Require a final written paper
- Establish sequential steps for completing the written paper
- Identify a formal style manual
- Evaluate the writing according to the adopted style manual standards

Instructional components

- Assume students can produce complete sentences and coherent paragraphs
- Assume students write with appropriate grammar and spelling
- Instruct students about components of style relevant to the professional standards adopted for the class
- Require at least one draft manuscript (written with expectation that all format components must be followed) on which students receive feedback before the final manuscript is due
- Instruct students about the process of collecting information for the paper. This will include library search strategies
- Provide students with clear guidelines about what constitutes plagiarism