



The Writing Program

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The Writing Program has received national acclaim. The Conference on College Composition and Communication, the major professional association of university writing professors, awarded the Program its Certificate of Excellence. Only 26 programs have been so recognized in the past 5 years. Others include Duke, Swarthmore, Carleton, University of Massachusetts, University of Washington, and the University of Toronto.



WRIT 1122 and 1133 are rigorously taught and assessed. The courses focus on rhetoric in academic situations and have a strong research focus. We are participating in an International Coalition on Electronic Portfolio research.

[See the Gold handout.](#)



The Writing Center serves large numbers of students, undergraduate and graduate, and these numbers are growing. The Writing Center also consults widely with faculty and students in course settings and has community outreach programs. See the [white](#) handout.



The Writing Intensive Core Courses have fostered extensive faculty development. To date, 58 professors have attended multi-day workshops. See pages 34-36 of the booklet, *Writing Beyond Writing Classes*.



The Program provides workshops and consulting to faculty across campus. One initiative to support writing in the disciplines is the WIMP initiative. [See the green handout.](#)



In addition to extensive assessment work, the Program is undertaking an extensive longitudinal study of writing, following 73 DU undergraduates from their first year to their senior year. 1) Questionnaire each quarter. 2) Interview each year. 3) Collecting every piece of writing that students produce. [See the blue handout.](#)



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