

Completing the Primary Writing Requirement

Please note: WRT 105 and WRT 105E were formerly CAS 105 and CAS 105E.

The majority of entering students satisfy the University of Rochester's Primary Writing Requirement by completing WRT 105, Reasoning and Writing in the College. Each fall, we also offer WRT 105E, an extended version of WRT 105, for students who decide they need more support to meet the demands of college-level writing. *To help you decide between WRT 105 and 105E, we ask that you read and respond to the following instructions.*

See <http://writing.rochester.edu> for general descriptions of WRT 105 and WRT 105E. Each section of WRT 105 and WRT 105E has unique content. To view each description, see <http://writing.rochester.edu>.

If you...

- scored below 580 on the SAT Verbal, or
- scored below 26 on the English ACT, or
- scored below 650 on the paper-based TOEFL, or
- scored below 280 on the computer-based TOEFL, or
- did not submit SAT, ACT or TOEFL scores, or
- have any concerns about meeting the demands of college-level writing

You should complete the following by July 26, 2009

1. Mail a portfolio of your writing, along with the Cover Page and Self-Assessment Form (found on pages 2 and 3).
2. Submit an Online Writing Sample (see page 4 for instructions).

After the July 26 deadline, a writing advisor will email you to explain your writing options.

If you have any questions after looking over the placement materials, please contact the College Writing Program at (585) 273-3584 or writing@mail.rochester.edu

Cover Page

Please drop off or mail this form by July 26, 2009 to:

College Writing Program, RRL G-121
University of Rochester, RC Box 270058
Rochester, NY 14627-0058.

Along with this form, please submit:

- copies of two nonfiction essays, preferably research-based argumentative essays, with instructor comments in place (if possible); please also include the assignment sheets to which you responded (if possible).
- the Self-Assessment Form (see page 3 of this document).

If you do not have all of the above materials, please send anything you can.

Name _____

E-mail _____

Student ID # _____

Scores: SAT Verbal _____ TOEFL _____ ACT _____ Other _____

Year of most recent course that required significant writing _____

Check One:

- I completed the online writing sample on _____ (date).
- I plan to complete the online writing sample on _____ (date).

Statement of Academic Honesty:

I certify that the paper(s) submitted with this application are entirely my own, and that all uses of others' work are clearly cited. I understand that if the readers of these papers suspect that I have submitted the work of other writers as my own, the Writing Program will refer my submission to the Board on Academic Honesty.

Signed : _____ **Date:** _____

If you have any questions please contact the College Writing Program at (585) 273-3584 or writing@mail.rochester.edu.

Self-Assessment Form

The College Writing Program will find it helpful to have a sense of your perceptions of yourself as a writer. Please complete the following questions.

What do you consider your strengths as a writer? Please explain with reference to our writing criteria (<http://writing.rochester.edu>) and to your writing samples.

What do you consider your weaknesses as a writer? Please explain with reference to our writing criteria (<http://writing.rochester.edu>) and to your writing samples.

If you were to revise the papers in your portfolio, what would you change? Please explain, with specific reference to the papers and to our writing criteria (<http://writing.rochester.edu>) and to your writing samples.

What else, if anything, would you like us to keep in mind about your writing as we review your portfolio?

Completing the Online Writing Sample

To complete the online writing sample, you will need two hours of uninterrupted time, so please plan accordingly. You will also need your eight-digit University of Rochester student ID number, your NetID login (see #1 below), and scratch paper and pencil (optional but recommended). Since the writing sample is online, you will also need access to a computer and internet service.

Please complete the online writing sample online **between *June 1 and July 26, 2009.***

We encourage you to complete the writing sample online so that we can provide you with the feedback you will need to select a writing course. If you are absolutely unable to complete the writing sample online, you will be able to do so during orientation, Tuesday, August 26, from 8-11:00AM. We strongly advise, however, that you complete the writing sample online because orientation is a very busy time.

How to complete the online writing sample:

- (1) If you do not already have a NetID login and password, go to <http://www.rochester.edu/its/netid/> and click on “Get it Here!” Follow the instructions to receive your NetID login and password.
- (2) Go to <http://my.rochester.edu> and log in using your NetID and password. Under “Courses” you should see the words “Writing Assessment” in blue; click on that link.
- (3) Follow the instructions on the screen to complete the writing sample.
- (4) The Writing Program will contact you via email after the July 26 deadline to explain your options.

If you cannot complete the writing sample using the steps above, contact the College Writing Program at (585) 273-3584 or email writing@mail.rochester.edu