

Writing Minor FAQs

Q. How many credits is the writing minor?

A. The writing minor is 18 credits, or six 3-credit courses.

Q. I receive financial aid through TAP. Will financial aid cover writing minor courses?

A. Yes! TAP grants will cover courses you take for your declared minor.

Q. I'm currently taking a writing-intensive (W) course. Does that count toward the writing minor?

A. No. Unless the course is explicitly a writing course listed on our advisement sheet (see attached), it does not count toward the writing minor.

Q. I'm planning to graduate in Spring 2022. Can I complete the writing minor in two semesters?

A. The writing minor is an 18-credit, or 6 course sequence (see attached advisement sheet), with particular requirements in different areas. Since the program is still new, our course offerings will be limited in the Fall 2021/ Spring 2022 academic year. If you've taken some of our required writing courses in the past, you may be able to complete it in a year. However, please be prepared for the possibility that logistics may not make that possible.

Q. What are the required tracks for the writing minor?

A. There are three tracks for the writing minor, and we ask that you take 1 class in each track (writing for professions; creative writing; and theories and practices of writing). For the remaining 9 credits (or 3 classes) you can focus on one track of your choosing. Please see the attached advisement sheet for a list of the courses in each track.

Q. What courses for the minor are you offering in Fall 2021 and can I register for them?

A. In Fall 2021, we are offering two sections of **200W: Writing about Writing** (which is in Track 2: Theories and Practices of Writing); seven sections of **English 210W: Introduction to Creative Writing** and two sections of **English 211W: Introduction to Creative Nonfiction** (which count as electives for the minor and as pre-requisites for advanced creative writing workshops); one section each of **English 301W: Fiction Workshop, English 303W: Nonfiction Workshop, and**

English 304: Poetry Workshop (which are in Track 3: Creative Writing); and one section of **English 394W: Writing Multilingualism** (which is in Track 2: Theories and Practices of Writing).

Students can also apply for writing-related internships for the fall and take **English 2993**, our Internship course, which counts towards Track 1: Writing for Professions. To learn more about internship opportunities, please reach out to the [Queens College Center for Career Engagement and Internships](#). To apply for the Internship course, please email Professor Tougaw (jason.tougaw@qc.cuny.edu), Director of Internships.

As long as you have fulfilled the pre-requisites for these courses, you should be able to register for them yourself. If you are having trouble registering for courses, please reach out to Professor Silyn Roberts (sian.silyn.roberts@qc.cuny.edu) or Professor Weingarten (karen.weingarten@qc.cuny.edu). In your email, let us know which section you'd like to take.

Q. Can I declare the writing minor if I am doing a B.S. and not a B.A.?

A. Yes! This makes no difference.

Q. By when do I have to declare the writing minor?

A. There's no deadline; however, you won't be able to declare the minor until Fall 2021.

Q. Are your fall classes hybrid or online?

A. The majority of our Fall 2021 courses are online. We have a small number of hybrid courses, and those will be noted as such in CUNYFirst.

Q. Who can advise me about the writing minor?

A. Professor Silyn Roberts (sian.silyn.roberts@qc.cuny.edu) and Professor Weingarten (karen.weingarten@qc.cuny.edu). You can email us for advising or schedule an advising meeting with us through QC Navigate.

Q. Can I be an English major or minor and a writing minor?

A. Yes! And you can count the same courses toward the English major/minor and the writing minor. English majors can only count three writing courses toward the English major.

Q. Will you be offering different writing classes in Spring 2022?

A. Yes, we hope to rotate through the courses listed on our advisement sheet and offer a range of courses every semester.

Q. Does English 210W count toward the writing minor?

A. Yes! English 210W: Intro to Creative Writing and all our 200 and 300-level creative writing courses count toward the writing minor. If you're interested in creative writing, you can take 12 of your 18 credits in creative writing to fulfill the writing minor requirements.

Q. I still have questions! How can I get more information or advising?

A. Please email Professor Silyn Roberts (sian.silyn.roberts@qc.cuny.edu) or Professor Weingarten (karen.weingarten@qc.cuny.edu) with any questions. You can also schedule an advising meeting with us through QC Navigate.