

Helpful Advising Tips for First-Year Writing & Professional Writing Courses

Hello NC State Advisors! Thank you for your dedication to guiding and supporting the Wolfpack. We understand the challenges you and students face when mapping out courses to take each semester. To support you and students, we want to provide helpful tips to clarify our policies and procedures for **First-Year Writing** and **Professional Writing** courses.

Writing Program Contacts: Advisors and students with questions about course enrollment, waitlists, credit, etc. should **email the appropriate program below instead of the instructor**. Our Writing Programs Coordinator, Samantha Blackburn, responds to all emails in a timely manner.

- First-Year Writing, ENG 101 & ENG 202, firstyearwriting@ncsu.edu
- Professional Writing, ENG 331, 332, 333, professionalwriting@ncsu.edu

Enrollment Policies: For both First-Year Writing (ENG 101, 202) and Professional Writing (ENG 331, 332, 333) courses, we **DO NOT over enroll the published seat cap** or enroll students from waitlists before the self enrollment deadline.

Exceptions for enrolling over the seat cap are provided for students with ADA accommodations and graduating seniors. For graduating seniors, their degree audit must show completion of their degree in the semester they take the requested course. For example, a graduating senior requesting to take ENG 331 during the spring semester must complete their degree at the end of that semester.

Students whose degree audits do not clearly demonstrate that they are graduating in the semester in which the request is made must detail how all remaining requirements (Red Xs on the audit) will be met. **Any questions about our exception policy should be emailed to the appropriate program (see above).**

Waitlists: We encourage waitlisted students to remain in their waitlisted position in the event a seat becomes available, but cannot guarantee a seat to any waitlisted student. **Per university policy, students cannot attend class sessions until they are fully enrolled in the course.**

Students that wish to enroll in one section, but waitlist for their preferred section of the same course, should use the [SWAP to Waitlist](#) in Enrollment Wizard.

Transfer Credit for ENG 101: Our website is an awesome resource for advisors and students that have questions about [transfer credit](#).

Students who transfer college level writing credit from another institution may be eligible for a waiver. The waiver is dependent on the course completed, typically the **second writing course of a two-course sequence**. To verify eligibility, students can email firstyearwriting@ncsu.edu or Ashley Everette, andaught@ncsu.edu.

International Students: WLEN 101 is a great alternative to ENG 101 for ESL students. WLEN 101 is not remedial and fully satisfies student's ENG 101 requirement.