

# University of Alberta University of Alberta Calendar 2024-2025

## Certificate in Writing Studies

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A Writing Studies Certificate indicates a high level of achievement in written communication. Writing is a fundamental aspect of education that crosses fields, disciplines, departments and programs, and the research-teaching divide. Writing helps develop critical thinking as it allows individuals to reflect upon, understand, and learn complex new ideas. Writing enables the growth of insight into knowledge, and good writing skills are at the heart of clear, concise, and cogent communication.

Writing is, in fact, a cornerstone to nearly all postsecondary academic endeavours, and it is the integral connection between learning and discovery. Enhanced skills in written communication gained through the integration of learning and discovery, and through multidisciplinary endeavours, are necessary for the highest achievements in knowledge acquisition and translation. The requirements for this Certificate are founded in both mentorship and peer-based learning, and will inspire students to a deeper engagement with personal development. Excellent writing skills are a necessary competency that stands out in an increasingly competitive job market.

To qualify for the Certificate in Writing Studies, students accepted into the program must successfully complete 30 units as follows:

### 12 units of writing instruction:

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- [AUENG 102 - Critical Reading, Critical Writing](#)

### 3 units from

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- [AUENG 213 - The English Language](#)
- [AUENG 215 - Creative Writing](#)
- [AUENG 221 - Chaucer and Premodern Society](#)
- [AUIDS 244 - Introduction to Peer Tutoring and Second-Language Learning Practices in the Writing Centre](#)

### 6 units from

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- AUENG at the 400-level

### 18 units in additional courses designated as “writing intensive” according to the following criteria

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- at least 3,000 words of assigned writing,
- at least 50% of the course grade based on writing assignment including but not limited to essays, journals, lab manuals, and exams/quizzes that are graded and returned to the student,
- substantial revision of writing/staged writing assignments through faculty and/or peer review,
- class time devoted to instruction in writing in the discipline.

### Courses eligible for inclusion from a range of disciplines in this requirement are as follows:

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- [AUBIO 253 - Ecological Interactions](#)

- [AUBIO 350 - Conservation Theory and Biodiversity in Tropical Systems](#)
- [AUBIO 390 - Animal Behaviour](#)
- [AUBIO 413 - Advanced Topics in Evolutionary Ecology](#)
- [AUBIO 459 - Field Studies in Tropical Ecology and Conservation](#)
- [AUCRI 453 - Women and the Law](#)
- [AUDRA 384 - Playwriting](#)
- [AUENG 205 - Children's Literature](#)
- [AUENG 207 - Aboriginal/Indigenous Literature](#)
- [AUENG 214 - Advanced Creative Writing: Poetry](#)
- [AUENG 218 - Creative Writing Memoir](#)
- [AUENG 230 - The Early English Renaissance](#)
- [AUENG 240 - Restoration and Eighteenth Century Literature and Culture](#)
- [AUENG 260 - Literary Animal Studies](#)
- [AUENG 270 - America, Exceptionalism and Empire](#)
- [AUENG 271 - American Law, Literature and Justice](#)
- [AUENG 280 - Canadian Literature to 1950](#)
- [AUENG 281 - Canadian Literature since 1950](#)
- [AUENG 307 - Aboriginal/Indigenous Literature](#)
- [AUENG 330 - The Early English Renaissance](#)
- [AUENG 368 - Ecofeminist Theory & Women's Writing](#)
- [AUENG 380 - Canadian Literature to 1950](#)
- [AUENG 381 - Canadian Literature since 1950](#)
- [AUENG 382 - Postcolonial Literature and Theory](#)
- [AUENG 392 - Feminist Theory and Women's Writing](#)
- [AUENV 350 - Conservation Theory and Biodiversity in Tropical Systems](#)
- [AUENV 459 - Field Studies in Tropical Ecology and Conservation](#)
- [AUHIS 260 - An Introduction to the Study of Canadian History to 1867](#)
- [AUHIS 261 - An Introduction to the Study of Canadian History, 1867 to the Present](#)
- [AUHIS 361 - Selected Topics in Canadian History](#)
- [AUHIS 460 - Selected Topics in Canadian History](#)
- [AUHIS 467 - The Collaborative Research Seminar: Selected Topics in Canadian History](#)
- [AUHIS 480 - The Historian's Craft: Historiography](#)
- [AUIDS 270 - Topics in Integrative Studies](#)
- [AUMGT 330 - Introduction to Marketing](#)
- [AUPHI 102 - Introduction to Western Philosophy II: Modern Philosophy](#)
- [AUPHI 200 - Metaphysics: Theories of Reality](#)
- [AUPHI 210 - Epistemology: Theories of Knowledge](#)
- [AUPHI 277 - Women, Darkness and Crooked Things: Feminist Philosophy](#)
- [AUPHI 340 - Contemporary Social and Political Philosophy](#)
- [AUPHI 350 - Philosophy of Science](#)
- [AUPHI 351 - Thinking About Sex: Philosophy, Science, and the Construction of Sex](#)
- [AUPHI 355 - Philosophy and the Environment](#)
- [AUPHI 365 - Aesthetics](#)
- [AUPOL 310 - Contemporary Political Thought](#)
- [AUPSY 362 - Cognitive Development](#)
- [AUPSY 471 - Language Acquisition](#)
- [AUPSY 497 - Individual Study I](#)
- [AUPSY 499 - Individual Study II](#)
- [AUSCA 237 - Selected Topics in Scandinavian Literature](#)

- [AUSCA 261 - Scandinavian Folk Literature](#)
- [AUSCA 271 - Personal Narratives of the North](#)

## Notes

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Other courses may be approved by Augustana Faculty if they meet the requirements of this certificate program. Students should consult with their Academic Advisor.

Normally a student will make an application at the end of their second year. The latest point at which a student can apply for the certificate is the final term of their penultimate year before graduation. Interested students should consult with their Academic Advisor as early as possible. To be admitted, students must have a cumulative GPA of 2.7 or above. Once admitted, students must successfully complete the 30 credits stipulated above with a minimum 2.7 GPA.

This certificate is awarded upon graduation.

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