

# Composition Course Hierarchy

All composition courses are structured to build on one another. Pre-requisite requirements will determine the sequence of courses in most cases. However, students have many options available at the upper-division level which they can use to tailor their learning style and interests to their personal and career needs.

Satisfies the Introductory Writing (GT-CO1) requirement.

## CO130

### Academic Writing

- Academic writing, critical thinking, and critical reading through the study of a key academic issue.
- This course is approved under gtPathways in the content area of Introductory Writing (GT-CO1).

Satisfies the Intermediate Writing 1A, Intermediate Writing (GT-CO2) requirement.

## CO150

### College Composition

- Understanding and writing for rhetorical situations; critical reading and response; writing source-based argument for academic and public audiences.
- Must have taken CO 130 or Composition Challenge Essay (score of 3, 4, or 5) or SAT Verbal/Critical reading score of minimum 570 or SAT Evidence Based Reading/Writing score of minimum 620 or ACT COMPOSITE score of minimum 26 or Directed Self-Placement Survey code of 15.

Satisfies the Advanced Writing 2, Advanced Writing (GT-CO3) requirement.

## Upper-Division

The English department offers a variety of upper-division composition courses for students of all backgrounds. All of the options below satisfy the upper-division composition requirements.

## CO300

**Writing Arguments:** Learning to read, analyze, research, and write arguments.

### The 301 Series

The course options below allow for writing in specialized disciplines:

## CO301A

**Writing in the Arts & Humanities:** Learning writing strategies for addressing general audiences in arts and humanities.

## CO301B

**Writing in the Sciences:** Learning writing strategies for addressing general audiences in sciences.

## CO301C

**Writing in the Social Sciences:** Learning writing strategies for addressing general audiences in social sciences.

## CO301D

**Writing in Education:** Learning writing strategies for addressing general audiences in education.

## CO302

**Writing in Digital Environments:** Writing strategies, patterns, and approaches for online materials.

## Your Journey

Critical reading and writing skills are significant components of every program and degree at CSU. Moreover, research at CSU, as well as nation-wide, demonstrates a clear connection between academic success and the ability to write effectively for various audiences. The CSU Composition Placement Program is designed to ensure that you register for the composition course most suited to your needs.