Overview

The purpose of submitting a Writing Program Portfolio is to attempt to positively modify your placement for first-year writing (WRIT) courses at UW-Eau Claire or to fulfill the University Writing Requirement altogether, thereby not needing to take any WRIT course at UW-Eau Claire (like a “test out” or “credit by exam” option). The portfolio option is limited to new students and transfer students in their first year.

What goes into a Writing Program Portfolio?

A portfolio consists of four written elements:

1. A self-assessment essay
2. An analysis paper
3. A documented, research-based project
4. A text of the writer’s choice

Examples of successful elements from previous portfolios can be found online at: www.uwec.edu/Blugoldseminar/testout/. Elements 2-4 should total 12 pages minimum. Because the deadline for the portfolio is September 15 students who have produced quality writing already (in a high school class, for example) will be better situated to complete the portfolio process. All of these elements must be wholly original, representing your own work and ability. All of these elements must have been written within the past two years.

You can select work that you produced in or out of school during this time period.

The Portfolio Process

1. Consult with parents/guardians, teachers, guidance counselors, and/or college advisors to determine if you should attempt to change your placement.
2. Consider if you would be able to assemble all four writing components and submit them by the deadline.
3. Do NOT sign up for a WRIT class for your first semester.
4. Submit all four portfolio components electronically. Details can be found at: www.uwec.edu/Blugoldseminar/testout/.
5. Pay a $75.00 fee via check or money order to the UW-Eau Claire cashier’s office along with the appropriate form found at: www.uwec.edu/Blugoldseminar/testout/upload/University-Writing-Program-Portfolio-Form-6215-2.pdf
6. You will receive notification of your potential modified placement before the sign-up period for your second semester.

More information: www.uwec.edu/Blugoldseminar/testout/
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