A Guide for Cadets: 
The West Point Writing Program

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Why: Thoughtful, effective writing is a cornerstone of successful officership. The West Point Writing Program is designed to provide all cadets with continuity and coherence in the course of your education in writing and communication—across the entire curriculum—so that you graduate prepared to answer the various demands of your professional environments and succeed as Army officers.

What: Find definitive, up-to-date information about the WPWP at westpoint.edu/wpwp.

Where & When: All cadets automatically complete courses in First Year Composition (FYC), Writing-in-the-Core (WiC), Writing-in-the-Major (WiM), and Writing-in-the-Profession (WiP) to gain proficiency and agility in writing across myriad disciplines, genres, audiences, and rhetorical situations over the entire forty-seven months (excepting validated courses).

Key Responsibilities: In every WPWP-linked course, cadets complete Signature Writing Events (SWEs). These courses and events are specifically designed to facilitate your growth as written communicators; SWEs enable you to demonstrate your learning in original, distinctive ways. Faculty assess SWEs via rubrics for evidence of your writing proficiency; these scores are separate from your grades.

Key Consequences: Cadets who consistently excel in their writing will access special opportunities and recognition. Cadets who repeatedly fail to demonstrate proficiency on SWEs, no matter what grade they receive for the course, may be directed to further opportunities to develop as writers, potentially including additional coursework.

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<td>EN101 or EN151</td>
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Click “Writing Prgrm SWEs” under the Administrative tab in CIS to learn more about the WPWP and Signature Writing.

You may monitor your SWE results in Canvas. Any unscored SWEs will not adversely impact you or your graduation; there are no graduation requirements specific to the WPWP.