How Do I Know My Writing Course Options?

SJSU determined your writing course options based on several measures of your learning so far. Use the chart to follow the decision-making process. In the end, you will choose your first year writing course. You will complete the Reflection on College Writing to explore your options and choose the course that is best for you.

GE Area A2 Met

START

Do you have any of the following?
- Advanced Placement (AP) Test Score:
  - 3 or above: AP Language and Composition
  - 3 or above: AP Composition and Literature
- International Baccalaureate (IB) Test Score:
  - 4 or above: Language A - Language and Literature (English) HL
  - 4 or above: Language A - Literature (English) HL
  - 4 or above: Language A - Language A1 (English) HL
- College Level Examination Program (CLEP) Score:
  - 50 or above: College Composition
  - 50 or above: College Composition Modular
- College Transfer Coursework:
  - Completed college course (C- or better) that satisfies GE Area A2 written communication requirement

NO

YES

Explore the next GE writing course for your major
GE Area A2 writing requirement met.
Complete the Reflection on College Writing prior to orientation and refer to MyPlanner for the next course.
Enrollment Category W-I

Enroll in a GE Area A2 Writing Course

Do you have any of the following?
- **CAASPP/EAP English Test Score:**
  - Standard Exceeded (Level 4)
  - Standard Met (Level 3) and completion of a 12th grade approved year-long English course (C- or better)*
- **SAT EBRW Test Score:**
  - 550 or above
  - 510 - 540 and 4 or more years of high school English
- **ACT English Test Score:**
  - 22 or above
  - 19 - 21 and 4 or more years of high school English
- High School Courses and GPA:
  - Weighted GPA 3.3 or above
  - GPA 3.0 or above and completion of a 12th grade approved year-long English course (C- or better)*
  - GPA 3.0 or above and 5 or more years of high school English

NO

YES

Enroll in GE Area A2 writing course during your first year
Complete the Reflection on College Writing prior to orientation to choose the A2 writing course that is right for you.
Enrollment Category W-II

Enroll in the CSU Early Start Program (this summer) and GE Area A2 writing course your first term
Participation in the CSU Early Start Program is required.
Complete the Reflection on College Writing prior to orientation to choose the A2 writing course that is right for you. Enrollment during your first term is required.
Enrollment Category W-IV

Enroll in the CSU Early Start Program (this summer) and GE Area A2 writing course your first term
Participation in the CSU Early Start Program is recommended.
Complete the Reflection on College Writing prior to orientation to choose the A2 writing course that is right for you. Enrollment during your first term is recommended.
Enrollment Category W-III

*12th grade approved year-long English courses: CSU ERWC, AP, IB, Weighted Honors English

**Fall 2021 and Spring 2022 CAASPP/EAP, SAT and ACT scores are not required for admission, although they will be used in determining first year course placement.