

Frequently Asked Questions:

Is the DSP a test? When do I receive my result?

Unlike the WST, the DSP is not an exam. You do not earn a score, or receive anything after you complete it. The DSP is a series of questions and exercises that will help you choose the writing course that is right for you.

When is the due date for the DSP?

There is no due date for the DSP. However, you may want to think of your enrollment date as the due date for the DSP. Once you complete the DSP, you are then able to register for 100A or 100W, so you will need to complete it before you register for your classes.

Will I have to take the WST once it resumes?

No. If you complete the DSP, that satisfies the WST requirement.

What if I don't have any essays from my English classes to upload in the DSP?

Please use any essay that 1) you wrote in college AND 2) employs research. The field of study is irrelevant.

I am a transfer student - do I need to complete the WST Directed Self Placement? The WST is required of all students - both native and transfer. Because the Directed Self Placement (DSP) is replacing the traditional WST while we are sheltered, students should complete the DSP before they register for their courses.

I am an incoming freshman - does this apply to me?

No. Students need to take 2 lower-division writing courses before they are eligible to take the WST/DSP. You will not be in that place in your academic timeline for at least another year.

The WST/DSP is different from the Reflection on college Writing placement exercise that all freshmen complete in order to select their first-year writing course. For more information about the first-year writing course placement exercise, [click here](#).

I am applying to study abroad and the application asks about the WST; how do I proceed?

You must complete the WST-DSP. Once you have completed it, you may mark on your study abroad application that you have fulfilled your WST requirement.

My professor is requiring that I show proof that I've completed the WST-DSP; what do I do?

Please contact me (either via email, or my office hours).

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