

## First-Year Writing Program

# Frequently Asked Questions

### **Do all Tufts students need to fulfill the First Year Writing requirement?**

YES. Arts and Science (A &S) students need to fulfill both Eng 1 and Eng 2. Engineering students need to fulfill Eng 1.

### **Can I fulfill the requirement with an AP score?**

- YES. A 5 on the AP Literature and Composition and/or English Language and Composition examination fulfills Eng 1 and 2.
- A 4 fulfills Eng 1 only.

### **Are there other ways to fulfill the First-Year Writing requirement?**

YES. British General Certificate A-Level scores and International Baccalaureate Higher Level and Subsidiary Level scores may also fulfill one or both parts of the requirement. See the Tufts Bulletin for more information.

### **Can I transfer courses from another school to fulfill the First-Year Writing requirement?**

YES. Courses at other schools can fulfill one or both parts of the requirement *if* they meet the criteria for transferring credit outlined in the Tufts Bulletin and meet the expectations for a First-Year Writing course as set out above. **Please note** that not all “writing intensive” or “first year seminars” that fulfill a writing requirement at another school will necessarily fulfill the First-Year Writing requirement at Tufts. **Online writing courses cannot be transferred as English 1, 2, 3, or 4 equivalents.**

### **How do I determine if a course I took elsewhere will count for Eng 1 or Eng 2?**

You must submit a transfer request through SIS. This should include an official course description which should specify the writing component of the class.

### **Can I transfer credits for an English 2 alternative course, such as Philosophy 1?**

NO. English 2 alternative courses, such as Philosophy 1, may not be taken at another university for credit towards the writing requirement. All such courses must be taken at Tufts.

### **What are English 3 and English 4?**

English 3 and 4 also fulfill the writing requirement. They are designed for students for whom English is an additional language. The Director of English 3 and 4 can advise on placement into English 3 and 4. Please note that these courses are **equivalent** to English 1 and 2 respectively and **are not upper level courses**. If you have fulfilled your writing requirement and wish to take additional writing courses please look at creative writing courses (Eng 5-16).

### **I speak English as an additional language and took English 1. May I next take English 4 (instead of English 2) to fulfill my writing requirement?**

YES. Either English 2 or English 4 will fulfill the second half of the writing requirement. The Director of English 3 and 4 can advise on placement into English 2 or 4.

### **I speak English as an additional language and took English 3. May I next take English 2 (instead of English 4) to fulfill my writing requirement?**

YES. Either English 2 or English 4 will fulfill the second half of the writing requirement. The Director of English 3 and 4 can advise on placement into English 2 or 4.