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.