



## COLLEGE WRITING PROFICIENCY – SPRING 2024

Moody students enrolled in Bachelor of Arts programs must satisfy a **College Writing proficiency requirement** as a prerequisite for the required course GSU-1112 Research Writing. This requirement does not grant college credit; it merely assesses the student's preparedness for Moody's curriculum. Students may satisfy this requirement by providing official evidence of **any** of the following:

- Earning a C or better in a **college-level introductory writing/composition course**
- Scoring 50 or better on the **College Composition CLEP exam**
- Scoring 3 or better on the **English Language & Composition AP exam**
- Scoring 5 or better on the **ACT Writing test** (essay portion required)\*
- Scoring 3 or better on the **SAT Writing test** (essay portion required)\*
- Faculty approval based on essay submission\* – **see instructions below.**

\*This option available only to students entering their first semester at Moody.

Test results and transcripts must be official and may be sent electronically to [arecords@moody.edu](mailto:arecords@moody.edu) or by mail:

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820 N LaSalle Dr  
Chicago, IL 60610

**To submit an essay for faculty review, email the essay to [collegewriting@moody.edu](mailto:collegewriting@moody.edu).** Be sure to include your full name and student ID number in the subject line of the email. **Essay instructions are listed on the next page.** Essays must be submitted by January 3rd in order to be considered for the spring 2024 semester. Students who are enrolled in GSU-1110 College Writing prior to meeting the proficiency requirement will be enrolled in a different course by Academic Records before the start of the spring 2024 semester.

Students who have **not** met the proficiency requirement by the start of their first semester will be enrolled by their academic advisor in GSU-1110 College Writing. This course will fulfill 3 open elective credits **as well as** fulfill the prerequisite for GSU-1112 Research Writing.

**The deadline for essay submissions is January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024.**

**Students who miss this deadline will take GSU-1110 College Writing their first semester at Moody.**

*See next page for essay instructions and prompts.*



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**Essay Instructions:** Choose one of the topics below and prepare a multiple-paragraph essay of about 400-500 words, double-spaced. You will be evaluated on focus, development and support, organization, and conventions of written English. Read the prompt and then plan, write, review, and edit before submitting your essay. No one may give you any input on this essay.

1. A lot of teenagers and adults go on short-term mission trips (1-3 weeks). Some people say that there are many benefits, both to the short-termers as well as to the receiving missionaries. But others suggest that financially and relationally, these trips are not worth the money and time spent. Write an essay about whether or not short-term mission trips are worth sponsoring.
2. Some people believe that those who are wealthy--who can afford to give--are morally obligated to contribute the most to charitable organizations. Others disagree, saying no one should be obligated but should choose whether and to whom they give. Write an essay about whether rich people have more of a moral obligation to help those in need or everyone has the obligation, no matter his or her income.
3. Some believe that our society puts too much emphasis on entertainment. The concern is that when people spend a lot of time browsing favorite websites, playing video games, watching movies, etc., they are avoiding more important realities, such as developing the skills or acquiring the knowledge they need to navigate the real world. Write an essay about whether popular entertainment offers society anything of value or mostly distracts from more important endeavors.

**Please remember to include your full name and student ID in the subject line when submitting the essay.**