

The University of Mississippi's
Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP)

Executive Summary

“Write here. Write now.” Enhancing Student Writing

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Input from faculty, staff, and students indicated that student writing needs to be improved.

The Quality Enhancement Plan recommends the following actions:

- Reshape the Composition Curriculum, including English 101, 102, and Liberal Arts 102
- Improve and Expand the Writing Center
- Provide More Support to Teachers of Writing

These actions will be undertaken by the **Center for Writing and Rhetoric** (CWR), a new center that will absorb responsibility for the following programs and services:

1. Courses in First-Year Writing (currently offered by the English Department)
2. Tutoring Services (writing) for students (currently offered by the Writing Center)
3. Courses in Basic Writing (currently offered by the Developmental Studies Office)
4. Support for the Teaching of Writing (currently offered to English graduate instructors and adjuncts by English; not currently offered to the faculty at large)

Also, the CWR will 1) create a writing placement process for first-year students; 2) develop an additional entry-level composition course; 3) adopt an e-portfolio system; and 4) pursue initiatives that support writing within the disciplines.

Through its programs and services, the CWR will instill in students the ability to:

- Understand writing as a process;
- Use writing to explore, reflect, and develop sound arguments;
- Produce writing suitable for academic purposes;
- Integrate and properly cite reliable and relevant research/documents; and
- Produce writing free of serious grammatical and mechanical errors.

Details are in the Quality Enhancement Plan, a 100-page document available online at: [http:// www.olemiss.edu/qep](http://www.olemiss.edu/qep)