

## Department of Biology GMP and CAS Writing Requirements

### Global Miami Plan (GMP) Advanced Writing Requirements

>>>These are the same for all students majoring in Biology, Botany, and Zoology, *except* that there is a second option for B.S. students (see below)

1. Complete BIO 115 and 116
2. Complete TWO of the following courses with a 'W' designation\*:  
**BIO 203W, 204W, 206W, 209W, 305W**

*\*Note that in any one semester, not all sections of the above courses will necessarily have a 'W' designation.*

### College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) Advanced Writing Requirements

>>>These are required for B.A. students *only*

#### B.A. Degree

The College of Arts and Science (CAS) "Writing in the Major" requirement below applies to students earning the B.A. degree in Biology, Botany or Zoology. Fulfilling this writing requirement will also automatically fulfill your Global Miami Plan (GMP) Advanced Writing requirement.

1. Complete TWO of the following courses with a 'W' designation:  
**BIO 203W, 204W, 206W, 209W, 305W**
2. Complete ONE of the following:
  - a. A **400-level** course that has a 'W' designation OR
  - b. An alternative technical writing assignment done in conjunction with an independent study project.

#### B.S. Degree

Biology, Botany and Zoology B.S. majors do NOT have to fulfill the CAS writing requirement for B.A. students above, but note that if they complete two of the 200/300 level W courses, along with BIO 115 and 116, that will count for the Miami Plan Advanced Writing requirement. Alternatively, in place of taking W courses, B.S. students can fulfill the GMP requirement by taking any one of the classes listed under the GMP Advanced Writing heading on their DAR.

#### Summary

On the back page is a chart summarizing the writing requirements.

Class Level	<b>CAS Writing Requirement</b> (required for BA in Biology, Botany & Zoology)	<b>GMP Advanced Writing Requirement</b> (required for all students)
100	No 100-level requirement for CAS, but BIO/MBI 115 and 116 combined with two 200-300 level classes (below) will fulfill the GMP writing requirement	BIO/MBI 115 and 116
200-300	<u>Two</u> 200/300-level W courses from this list:*  203W, 204W, 206W, 209W, 305W	<u>One of the following options:</u>  a. <u>Two</u> 200-300W courses from this list:* 203W, 204W, 206W, 209W, 305W <u>or</u>  b. An approved GMP writing course
400	<u>One of the following options:</u>  a. One 400-level W course***  <u>or</u>  b. A technical writing assignment associated with an independent research project	No 400-level requirement

\*Students who started their degrees before Fall 2019 may receive credit for other W classes they have taken, such as BIO 333W or 342W.

\*\*Check the General Bulletin to see what 400-level Biology W courses are available.