

WRITING in the (WID) Disciplines

at Farmingdale State College

2FACTS: College students need to improve their writing skills
All students in a 4-year program must take at least one WID course

Low-stakes writing or High-stakes writing?

- **Low-stakes** writing is about **informal**, short, and regular writing assignments
- **High-stakes** writing is more **formal**, polished, and academically specialized
- Both writing types require training and are essential for proper communication

Tips for Instructors

- Assignments should be **specific**
- **Sample papers** are helpful
- For high-stakes writing, if a paper is carelessly written, **return it** immediately
- Give assignments in advance and plan for **one or more revisions**
- Promote **peer review**
- **Attend** WID Committee workshops!

Advices for Students

- Know your **topic**
- **Know** your audience
- Read **regularly**
- Find the best way to say what the **reader needs** to understand
- Good writing takes both **time** and **patience**
- **Stick with it!**

The WID Committee at FSC:

- Promotes the development of writing skills among students
- Reviews and approves proposals for writing intensive courses
- Plans faculty development events
- Advises faculty in the design and grading of writing assignments

Future WID events at FSC:

- *Workshop for instructors:*
“How to Grade an Essay”
March 17th, 11:00 in the Campus Center. Lunch will be provided.
- *WID Committee meetings:*
April 7th and May 3rd,
11:00am in 33 Knapp