



# Certificate in Writing FAQ

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## What is the Certificate in Writing?

The Certificate in Writing is a 30-credit-hour program that consists of current course offerings in the Department of Rhetoric, Writing, and Communications (RHET), and allows students the flexibility to create a program of study that focuses on elements of written communication.

Graduates of the certificate program gain an understanding of audience, genre, and textual processes; as well as an increased confidence in writing knowledge, revision practices, written conventions, editing, and attention to style. These advanced skills in writing are valuable for communication in any professional or academic field.

## Can I take the Certificate if I am not majoring in a RHET degree?

Students majoring in any subject area can complete the Certificate program. The Certificate in Writing is a perfect complement to any major or degree program because of its focus on developing enhanced writing skills that can be used for communication in any field.

## Can I take the Certificate as a standalone program that is not part of any degree?

Yes, you can complete the Certificate program even if you are not seeking a degree. As a standalone program, the Certificate in Writing offers students the opportunity to learn or sharpen writing and communication skills for professional or academic purposes.

## How long is the program?

Students can complete the Certificate at their own pace, taking courses part time or full time over the course of one, two, or more years.

## How can I take the Certificate in Writing?

If you are a current University of Winnipeg student, you can enroll in the program by simply completing a Certificate in Writing declaration form. The declaration form can be obtained from the RHET office or our [website](#).

If you are not a current University of Winnipeg student, you must first [apply for admission to the University](#). When applying, please select either “Undecided/General Arts” or “Rhetoric and Communications – 3 Year BA” in the Academic Program field, as Certificate in Writing is not listed as an option in the [application for admission form](#). Once accepted to the University, you must complete the Certificate in Writing declaration form. The declaration form can be obtained from the RHET office or our [website](#).

## What are the requirements for completion?

Information on the required courses can be obtained from the [Academic Calendar](#).

Once a student completes all of the course requirements, they must complete the [Application to Receive the Certificate in Writing](#). The completed application must be submitted to the RHET office or via [rhetoric@uwinnipeg.ca](mailto:rhetoric@uwinnipeg.ca).

## Can I complete a RHET degree after taking the Certificate program?

Yes, you can complete a RHET degree after completing the Certificate in Writing.

In fact, all courses in the Certificate program can be used for credit toward our 3-Year, 4-Year, or Honours BA in Rhetoric and Communications. In addition, many of the courses in the Certificate program can also be used for credit in our Joint Communications Degree/Diploma program with Red River College Polytechnic.

## What are the fees?

Approximate fee rates can be found at <https://www.uwinnipeg.ca/fees/tuition.html#annual-fees>, and will include tuition fees (Arts rate), annual fees, term fees and course fees. The final confirmation of fees per course can be obtained from the University after registering for courses. For additional questions on fees, please contact the Admissions Office at [admissions@uwinnipeg.ca](mailto:admissions@uwinnipeg.ca).

## Where can I find more information or get in touch?

- Academic Calendar: <https://www.uwinnipeg.ca/academics/calendar/docs/rhet.pdf>
- Speak to a Department advisor: contact [rhetoric@uwinnipeg.ca](mailto:rhetoric@uwinnipeg.ca) to schedule an appointment.