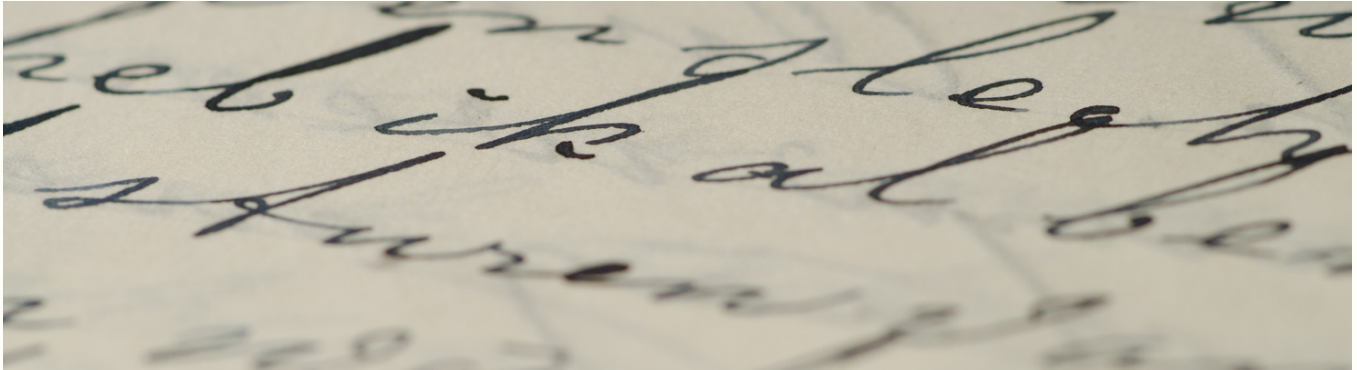


FIRST-YEAR WRITING

Newsletter



Ongoing Retention Efforts

We've been sharing the results of last year's UVI work -- and the Procrastination Station -- across City Tech departments and across CUNY campuses via the Writing Discipline Council. The results of the 2022-2023 UVI work were very promising, so we're doing it again in the Spring!

Program coordinators will be reaching out to instructors in the coming weeks to discuss participation in this follow-up study. Training will take place this semester to ensure we're able to distribute the UVI handouts early in the Spring. Part-time faculty will be compensated for training and for administering the UVI.

Those who will be participating for the first time will need to complete a short training; those who participated last year will have a brief "refresher" version.

IMPORTANT DATES FYW COMMITTEE MEETING

The next FYWC meeting will take place **November 16**, to accommodate the rescheduled department meeting and DAC election happening November 9. Zoom link will be sent out November 15.

COMPOSITION IN THE AGE OF AI: A WORK SESSION

Wondering how to address and/or incorporate AI in your composition course? Come to our work session on **December 1 at 10:00 AM on Zoom**. Bring an assignment you'd like to workshop and join the discussion!



Partnering with the Career Development Center

The Co-Directors and a group of instructors are building optional alternate assignments for Units 2 and 3 in the 1101 Model Course. The new assignment sequences have the same learning outcomes as the current units; they incorporate career-specific research so students can learn about various careers. This work is in conjunction with the Career Development Center, which will also visit participating sections in the Spring when the new assignment sequences will be piloted. Stay tuned for updates! We hope to develop multiple assignment options for all model course units eventually!

Pedagogy Reading Group

If you'd like to join a low-stress pedagogy reading group, please contact Rebecca Mazumdar or join the OpenLab group: <https://openlab.citytech.cuny.edu/pedagogy>. This group isn't affiliated with any certification program or anything "official." It's just to get interested folks together reading and discussing pedagogy.



PROGRAM DIRECTORS' UPDATE

At the end of Fall 2023, Carrie Hall will be stepping away from her role as Co-Director of First-Year Writing, so she can focus on research and get back into the classroom. Rebecca Mazumdar will be program director, and she will be pestering Carrie with questions on a daily basis. Carrie will still be working with the UVI initiative in the Spring. Thanks, Carrie, for all the work you've put into this program!