

HOW TO SEARCH FOR A W-COURSE (WRITING INTENSIVE) COURSE

- To find out if a course is a W-Course or Writing Intensive (WRIT), conduct a basic **Class Search** and select the following criteria only.
 - **Campus:** Pittsburgh Campus
 - **Course Attribute:** Writing Intensive Course
 - **Course Attribute Value:** Writing Requirement Course

The screenshot displays the 'Class Search' form with the following fields and values:

- Class Search**
 - Campus:** Pittsburgh Campus (indicated by a blue arrow)
 - Subject:** select subject (button) and Subject (text input)
 - Course Number:** is exactly (dropdown) and (text input)
 - Class Nbr:** (text input) with a help icon (?)
 - Show Open Classes Only**
 - Course Career:** Undergraduate (dropdown)
 - Course Attribute:** Writing Intensive Course (dropdown) (indicated by a blue arrow)
 - Course Attribute Value:** Writing Requirement Course (dropdown) (indicated by a blue arrow)
 - Course Keyword:** (text input) with a help icon (?) (indicated by a blue arrow)
- Additional Search Criteria**
 - Days of Week:** include only these days (dropdown)
 - Mon Tues Wed Thurs Fri Sat Sun
 - Meeting Start Time:** greater than or equal to (dropdown) and (text input)
 - Meeting End Time:** less than or equal to (dropdown) and (text input)
 - Instructor Last Name:** begins with (dropdown) and (text input)
 - Session:** (dropdown)
 - Location:** (text input) with a search icon
 - Requirement Designation:** (dropdown)
 - Course Component:** (dropdown)
 - Minimum Units:** greater than or equal to (dropdown) and (text input)
 - Maximum Units:** less than or equal to (dropdown) and (text input)

Buttons: Clear, Search

Make sure that you go one step further and view the class details page after conducting a basic class search in PeopleSoft. If it says "**Writing Requirement Course**" next to the **Class Attributes** section, it is a writing intensive designated course. It is strongly recommended that you always check the class attributes section of class details as W-courses offered often vary from term to term.

Remember you must take at least 2 W-Courses for graduation. One must be in your major. The other writing intensive course can also be taken in your major if offered, or it can be taken in a different department. For example, if you still need to satisfy the Literature or the Philosophy requirement, you can find a writing intensive course that will fulfill the literature and the writing intensive requirement at the same time. The same is true for a Philosophy course that is writing intensive. In other words, a Writing Intensive course can overlap with another general education requirement. For students who double or triple major, a writing intensive course must be taken in each major.