I intend to enroll in WRT 098.

I intend to enroll in WRT 150.

I want to talk with an advisor before I decide.

It is important to read the brochure titled "Which Writing Course is Right for You?" WRT 150 is designed for students who answer "yes" to most of the questions above. Students who speak English as a second language should consider starting with ESL 098. Please ask your advisor for more information about the courses.
WRITING 098

WRT 098 offers students the chance to improve their writing before they take WRT 150, the course required for all students. In WRT 098, you will focus on writing in specific ways to reach specific audiences. You will write often to develop comfort and fluency as a writer and will work on mastering the conventions of standard written English — spelling, grammar, punctuation, and usage.

In WRT 098, you will read essays written by professionals and other students. In a typical class, you will write five or six short essays. You may cite some of the essays you have read or people you have interviewed, but generally you will not write research-based essays. The purpose of WRT 098 is to give you the confidence, organization, and command necessary to write the research-based essays demanded in WRT 150 and beyond.

WRITING 150

Writing 150 is a four-credit class focusing on academic writing, with a special emphasis on research-based writing. Instructors assume that students can summarize and analyze a variety of published material. They also assume that students have experience with narrative, descriptive, and persuasive writing. In a typical class, you will write four or five four-to-eight page essays, at least two of which involve research. You must earn a grade of “C” or better to satisfy the first-year writing requirement.

Many WRT 150 class meetings take place in computer labs. WRT 150 instructors will assume that you have a basic familiarity with computers.