THEATRE ARTS (TA)

Subject-area course lists indicate courses currently active for offering at the University of Louisville. Not all courses are scheduled in any given academic term. For class offerings in a specific semester, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm).

500-level courses generally are included in both the undergraduate- and graduate-level course listings; however, specific course/section offerings may vary between semesters. Students are responsible for ensuring that they enroll in courses that are applicable to their particular academic programs.

Course Fees

Some courses may carry fees beyond the standard tuition costs to cover additional support or materials. Program-, subject- and course-specific fee information can be found on the Office of the Bursar website (http://louisville.edu/bursar/tuitionfee/).

TA 207. Enjoyment of Theatre - AH
3 Units
Term Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer
Description: An exploration of theatre, from its origins to the present, as a means of communicating ideas. In addition to watching performances or reading plays, students will have the opportunity to gain hands-on experience of theatrical techniques through creative exercises. For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm).

TA 224. Introduction to Acting as Communication - OC
3 Units
Term Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer
Description: This course is an introduction to theatre and performance as communication. Students will develop a general performance awareness and practice effective approaches to public speaking; they will also demonstrate critical thinking and problem-solving by exploring the link between self and partner/audience. Other theatrical communication skills, including ensemble-building and active listening, will be enhanced through acting exercises and creative material development. For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm).

TA 240. Stagecraft
3 Units
Term Typically Offered: Fall, Spring
Description: An introduction to aspects of technical theatre, including theatre facilities, scenic production, and production planning. Production work is required. For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm).

TA 241. Advanced Stagecraft
3 Units
Term Typically Offered: Occasionally Offered
Description: Continuing studies in technical theatre including: scenic production, stage properties, costume construction, stage lighting and sound mechanics, and production & stage management. Production work required. For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm).

TA 243. Design Aesthetics - AH
3 Units
Term Typically Offered: Fall Only
Description: This course is designed for students interested in further study into the principles, fundamentals, techniques and process of design. For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm).

TA 245. Costume Construction
3 Units
Term Typically Offered: Spring Only
Description: This course will focus on gaining basic hands-on costume construction skills. Students will keep a binder for the entire body of work during semester to collect all notes, measurement charts, paper patterns used for construction of each project, and photos to record their final work. For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm).

TA 322. Acting the Black Experience - D1, AH
3 Units
Term Typically Offered: Fall Only
Description: This course will focus on gaining basic hands-on costume construction skills. Students will keep a binder for the entire body of work during semester to collect all notes, measurement charts, paper patterns used for construction of each project, and photos to record their final work. For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm).

TA 326. Cultural Diversity in Performance - D1, AH
3 Units
Term Typically Offered: Fall, Spring
Description: Performance and discussion of selected public and private texts written by American minority writers. Course explores what it means to be part of a culturally diverse society. Note: Cross-listed with PAS 353.

TA 327. Acting Fundamentals: The Craft of Imagination
3 Units
Term Typically Offered: Fall Only
Prerequisite(s): TA 224.
Description: This course is designed for students interested in further study into the principles, fundamentals, techniques and process of design. For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm).

TA 362. Acting the Black Experience - D1, AH
3 Units
Term Typically Offered: Fall Only
Description: This course will focus on gaining basic hands-on costume construction skills. Students will keep a binder for the entire body of work during semester to collect all notes, measurement charts, paper patterns used for construction of each project, and photos to record their final work. For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm).

TA 363. Cultural Diversity in Performance - D1, AH
3 Units
Term Typically Offered: Fall Only
Description: This course will focus on gaining basic hands-on costume construction skills. Students will keep a binder for the entire body of work during semester to collect all notes, measurement charts, paper patterns used for construction of each project, and photos to record their final work. For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm).
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<td>TA 330. Directing</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>Spring Only</td>
<td>Study of specific areas of theatre arts as announced in Schedule of Classes</td>
<td>TA 321 or equivalent, and permission of instructor.</td>
<td>Fundamentals of theatre directing, including script analysis and rehearsal methods.</td>
<td>Approve for the Arts and Sciences upper-level requirement in written communication (WR).</td>
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<td>TA 340. Introduction to Scene Design</td>
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<td>Spring Only</td>
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<td>TA 240 or faculty consent.</td>
<td>Techniques of scene design, including drafting, rendering, working drawings and set models.</td>
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<td>TA 345. Introduction to Costume Design</td>
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<td>A survey of clothing styles as they relate to the design of costumes for the stage.</td>
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<td>TA 346. Stage Make-up</td>
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<td>Basic techniques of design and execution of makeup for the stage.</td>
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<td>TA 349. Introduction to Lighting Design</td>
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<td>Intensive study of modern stage lighting with emphasis on equipment and basic electricity. Production requirement.</td>
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<td>TA 352. Special Topics in Theatre</td>
<td>1-3</td>
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<td>Study of specific areas of theatre arts as announced in Schedule of Courses</td>
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<td>TA 355. Introduction to Hip-Hop Theatre</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>Fall, Summer</td>
<td>Exploration of contemporary hip-hop theatre and forerunners of hip-hop culture and art—including its relationship to African-American, American multicultural postmodern styles—through discussion, reading and performance exercises.</td>
<td>ENGL 102 or ENGL 105 or equivalent.</td>
<td>Exploration of contemporary hip-hop theatre and forerunners of hip-hop culture and art—including its relationship to African-American, American multicultural postmodern styles—through discussion, reading and performance exercises.</td>
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<td>TA 360. Theatre History &amp; Script Analysis I</td>
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<td>Fall Only</td>
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<tr>
<td>TA 361. Theatre History &amp; Script Analysis II</td>
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<td>Fall, Spring</td>
<td>The development of theatre and drama from the Italian Renaissance to the rise of Realism.</td>
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TA 362. Theatre History & Script Analysis III: Modern & Contemporary - WR 3 Units
Term Typically Offered: Fall Only
Prerequisite(s): ENGL 102, ENGL 105 or equivalent.
Description: The third of a three-course sequence that offers a formal introduction to theatre history and dramatic literature and instills various methods of script analysis. This course will examine the development of Western drama, dramatic and aesthetic conventions, and theatrical practices from the modern to the postmodern period. Concentrating on theatre's intellectual, social, political, and artistic foundations, this course is designed to engage with dramatic literature and theory, dramaturgical methods, and theatrical practices from their historical, theatrical, social, and cultural contexts.
For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm)

TA 363. African-American Women in Theatre - WR, AH, D1 3 Units
Term Typically Offered: Occasionally Offered
Description: This course will explore the theatrical representation of African-American women through the lens of African-American playwrights, designers and theoreticians. Course content will focus on the works of African-American women playwrights, designers and theoreticians and encourage critical discourse on the material covered. Assignments and activities will include script analyses, discussion board posts, research papers, and quizzes. Assignments are designed to strengthen critical thinking skills, encourage perspective broadening dialogue and research, and enhance your understanding of the experience of the African diaspora. (Humanities)
Note: Approved for the Arts & Sciences upper-level requirement in written communication (WR).
Note: Cross-listed with PAS 350 and WGST 380.
For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm)

TA 365. Theatre of the African World - AH, D2 3 Units
Term Typically Offered: Occasionally Offered
Description: This course is a cross-cultural examination of theatre and performance modes of select cultural and ethnic groups within Africa and the African Diaspora. The material will focus on performance and dramatic scripts by artists from West and South Africa, East Africa, the Caribbean, and the United States. We will investigate the distinctions in the manifestations of "theatre," "drama," and "performance" in Africa and the African Diaspora by means of lectures, play readings, written responses, in-depth discussions, video screenings, student projects, and presentations. (Humanities)
Note: Cross-listed with PAS 315.
For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm)

TA 366. History of the African-American Theatre - AH, WR, D1 3 Units
Term Typically Offered: Fall Only
Description: This course will introduce students to the historical, political, and cultural milieu experienced by African Americans and their impact on theatrical expression in theatre and performance.
Note: Cross-listed with PAS 356.
Note: Approved for the Arts & Sciences upper-level requirement in written communication (WR).
For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm)

TA 367. Black Dramatic Literature - D1, AH 3 Units
Term Typically Offered: Occasionally Offered
Description: The primary goal of this course is to accomplish in-depth analyses of selected plays by black dramatists.
Note: Cross-listed with PAS 367.
For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm)

TA 380. Introduction to Voice & Movement 3 Units
Term Typically Offered: Fall Odd Years
Description: This course is an introduction to voice and movement for the Stage Manager in the production process. Practical application within the production process.
For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm)

TA 423. Directing the Black Experience 3 Units
Term Typically Offered: Occasionally Offered
Prerequisite(s): TA 330 and permission of instructor.
Description: Fundamentals of staging plays by dramatists of African descent from an Afrocentric perspective.
For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm)

TA 430. Costume Craft 3 Units
Prerequisite(s): Consent of instructor.
Description: Hands-on training in techniques for constructing costumes, millinery and costume accessories.
For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm)

TA 433. Fundamentals of Stage & Production Management 3 Units
Term Typically Offered: Fall, Spring
Description: Fundamental understanding of theatrical management structure & hierarchy. Defining the roles of Production Manager and Stage Manager in the production process. Practical application within the production process.
For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm)

TA 440. Digital Design 3 Units
Term Typically Offered: Fall Even Years
Description: Digital Design - immersive class in the digital tools of design: Photography, Photoshop, After Effects, QLab and Projection, 3D Drafting (Vectorworks and Sketchup) and 3D Printing.
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<td>Theatre Apprenticeship</td>
<td>3-6</td>
<td>Fall, Spring, Summer</td>
<td>Approval of department and selection by a theatre company.</td>
<td>Apprenticeship in professional or nonprofessional theatre.</td>
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<td>TA 451</td>
<td>Cooperative Internship in Theatre Arts</td>
<td>1-3</td>
<td>Fall, Spring, Summer</td>
<td>Completion of at least 30 hours and GPA of at least 3.0.</td>
<td>An individually-arranged course for applying theatre or speech skills to work experience.</td>
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<td>TA 455</td>
<td>Independent Study</td>
<td>1-3</td>
<td>Fall, Spring</td>
<td>Minimum grade point average of 3.0 overall; minimum grade point average of 3.5 in the department, and at least 18 semester hours credit in the department.</td>
<td>May count as an elective toward a major in Theatre Arts.</td>
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<td>TA 460</td>
<td>Black Diasporic Conversations Seminar</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>Spring</td>
<td>Permission of instructor.</td>
<td>This course will survey the work of African-American artists from the nineteenth century to present.</td>
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<td>TA 481</td>
<td>Voice for the Actor</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>Fall Only</td>
<td>Permission of Instructor.</td>
<td>This is a course in voice for the actor. The focus will be on the connection between body, breath, and voice.</td>
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<td>TA 484</td>
<td>Voice</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>Fall Even Years</td>
<td>Permission of Instructor.</td>
<td>This is a course in the international Phonetic Alphabet (IPA), Dialects and Accents for the stage.</td>
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<td>TA 491</td>
<td>Performance Concepts</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>Fall Only</td>
<td>Permission of Instructor.</td>
<td>The student will become familiar with advanced study of the Uta Hagen, Sanford Meisner, and Michael Chekhov acting techniques.</td>
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<td>TA 492</td>
<td>Individuality in Character Building</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>Spring Only</td>
<td>Permission of Instructor.</td>
<td>The purpose of the course is to enable the students to begin to explore fundamental techniques in exploring how the imaginative process aids in developing character from the outside in.</td>
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<td>TA 520</td>
<td>Acting Workshop</td>
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<td>Fall Only</td>
<td>Departmental consent.</td>
<td>Practical problems in the art of acting approached in a laboratory setting.</td>
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<td>TA 526</td>
<td>Tools for a Global Theatre</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>Fall Even Years</td>
<td>Permission of instructor.</td>
<td>Cultural issues, perspectives, and approaches to theatre in various parts of the world will be addressed using both classical and contemporary texts.</td>
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<td>TA 530</td>
<td>Directing Workshop</td>
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<td>Spring</td>
<td>Permission of instructor.</td>
<td>Practical problems in the art of directing approached in a laboratory setting.</td>
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<td>TA 532</td>
<td>Advanced Directing the Black Experience</td>
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<td>Fall Even Years</td>
<td>Permission of instructor.</td>
<td>Advanced techniques for staging plays from an African-centered perspective.</td>
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TA 533. Advanced Stage Management
Prerequisite(s): Consent of instructor.
Description: Techniques of production management during audition, rehearsal, and performance. Practical project required.
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TA 540. Problems in Technical Theatre
Prerequisite(s): TA 241.
Description: Topics vary by semester, but may include: a) Welding, b) Sound Design, c) Technical Direction, and/or d) Special Topics.
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TA 541. Topics: Scene Design
Prerequisite(s): TA 340.
Description: Topics vary by semester, but may include: a) Scene Design, b) Advanced Scene Design, c) Design for the Camera, d) Design for Lyric Theatre, and/or e) Special Topics.
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TA 543. Scenographic Techniques
Prerequisite(s): TA 340.
Description: Topics vary by semester, but may include: a) CAD for Stage Design, b) Sketching and Rendering - Scenery, c) Scene Painting, and/or d) Special Topics.
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TA 545. Topics: Costume Design
Prerequisite(s): TA 345 or Permission of the Instructor.
Description: Topics vary by semester, but may include: a) Advanced Costume Design, b) Costume History, c) Costume Construction, d) Sewing Techniques, e) Sketching and Rendering - Costumes, and/or f) Special Topics.
For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm)

TA 546. Portfolio Design
Term Typically Offered: Spring Odd Years
Description: The course is designed for the student interested in developing a portfolio for a career in the arts. As part of this course, you will create a theatrical resume, a digital or physical portfolio, and a website to display work, resume, and contact information.
For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm)

TA 547. Advanced Black Aesthetic on Stage
Prerequisite(s): Permission of instructor.
Description: Exploration of scenic, costume, lighting, and sound design from an Afrocentric perspective.
For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm)

TA 549. Topics: Lighting Design
Prerequisite(s): TA 349.
Description: Topics vary by semester, but may include: a) Lighting Design, b) Advanced Lighting Design, and/or c) Special Topics.
For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm)

TA 550. CUMULATING UNDERGRADUATE EXPERIENCE PRACTICUM - CUE
Prerequisite(s): 90 credit hours.
Description: The Theatre Arts CUE course is an independent project that demonstrates the student's ability to conceptualize, analyze, communicate and direct, design, perform, manage or otherwise take a leadership role in a work for the stage.
Course Attribute(s): CUE - This course fulfills the CUMULATING UNDERGRADUATE EXPERIENCE (CUE) requirement for certain degree programs. CUE courses are advanced-level courses intended for majors with at least 90 earned credits/senior-level status.
For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm)

TA 555. Special Topics in Theatre
Term Typically Offered: Occasionally Offered
Prerequisite(s): Consent of instructor.
Description: Advanced study of specific areas of theatre arts.
Note: May be repeated.
For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm)

TA 557. Advanced Hip-Hop Theatre
Description: Advanced exploration of hip-hop theatre and forerunners of hip-hop culture and art—including its relationship to African-American, American multicultural and postmodern styes—through discussion, reading, research and performance exercises.
Note: Undergraduate credit may not be earned for both this course and TA 357.
For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm)

TA 560. Directed Study in Theatre History
Prerequisite(s): Consent of instructor.
Description: Survey of theatre history and literature, supplemented with directed reading of secondary sources.
Note: Meets with TA 360-TA 361.
For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm)

TA 562. Advanced Black Dramatic Literature
Prerequisite(s): Permission of instructor.
Description: An examination of the drama of selected African-descended writers whose work stands out as exceptional in the realm of dramatic literature. The material will be explored by means of lectures, play readings, written responses, in-depth discussion, videos, student projects and presentations.
For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm)
Term Typically Offered: Occasionally Offered  
Prerequisite(s): Permission of instructor.  
Description: Examines the full range of African-American women working in theatre including playwrights, performers, designers, theorists, academics, and directors. Includes examination of plays by women of African descent.  
For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm)

TA 565. Advanced Theatre of the African World  
Prerequisite(s): Permission of Instructor.  
Description: Cross-cultural examination of the drama of the African-descended playwrights in the African Diaspora.  
For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm)

TA 566. Advanced History of African-American Theatre  
Term Typically Offered: Occasionally Offered  
Prerequisite(s): Permission of instructor.  
Description: Survey of African-American Theatre from 1820 to the present, its relationship to sociopolitical issues in America and its relationship to mainstream American theatre.  
For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm)

TA 571. Playscript Interpretation - WR  
Prerequisite(s): Permission of instructor.  
Description: Advanced techniques of play analysis, emphasizing the theatre artist’s response to text.  
Note: Approved for the Arts and Sciences upper-level requirement in written communication (WR).  
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