

Academic Honors in Writing 2024-2025

Academic Honors in Writing (AHW) is a program designed to foster and reward excellence in undergraduate writing. At commencement, selected graduating seniors will be honored for their superior writing skills. Both the commencement program and the students' transcripts will acknowledge this prestigious achievement. Such an honor will be a matter of personal pride for the recipients and will also be of great interest to prospective employers. Academic Honors in Writing, then, reaffirms the central place of written expression in the undergraduate university experience.

Eligibility

All seniors who will graduate in December 2024, May 2025, or July 2025 are eligible to apply. Applicants are not limited to members of the Honors College.

Selection

Applicants should submit to their major departments—in **electronic format**—a portfolio of class-related writing consisting of 30-35 pages (roughly 8000 words), which demonstrates a sustained excellence in writing. This collection should include at least one sample which illustrates the student's ability to write and think about concepts central to his or her major field of study. Departments will then choose department finalists. From this pool, the university Academic Honors in Writing Committee will select university finalists, who will write a common essay on a topic of general interest. Based on the portfolios and the common essays, the AHW Committee will select students to receive the designation **Academic Honors in Writing**.

Timetable

12/13/2024	Deadline to submit portfolios (<u>with required cover sheet</u>) to the department liaison faculty representative.
1/17/2025	Deadline for department liaisons to submit portfolios of department finalists to AHW Coordinator.
Mid February 2025	Selection of university finalists and notification of common essay procedures.
Late February 2025	University finalists write the common essay.
Mid March 2025	Selection of recipients for 2024-2025 Academic Honors in Writing.

For further information, contact

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Cover Sheet

Academic Honors in Writing requires a portfolio of class-related writing—in **electronic format**—consisting of 30-35 pages (roughly 8000 words), which demonstrates a sustained excellence in writing. This collection should include at least one sample which illustrates the student’s ability to write and think about concepts central to his or her major field of study. Applicants should submit original papers from classes, in either WORD or pdf format. In other words, the papers submitted must include instructors’ comments and/or evaluations. If applicants submit work other than originals, they must attach a note or email from the appropriate instructor verifying that the work is class-related.

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By completing the request for information below and by submitting my portfolio, I agree that:

- *My portfolio is my own original work, submitted for classes completed at Ball State University,*
- *My portfolio consists of 30-35 pages (roughly 8000 words), at least one sample of which illustrates my ability to write in my major field of study,*
- *All samples included in my portfolio are originals submitted for class (that is, the papers submitted must include instructors’ comments and/or evaluations), and if not, I have included an email/letter from the instructor for that class stating that this piece of writing was submitted for the class in question,*
- *I currently plan to graduate in December 2024, May 2025, or July 2025,*
- *I am available, if selected, to write a common essay during the period from February 10th to February 21st, 2025.*

Name _____ Local Phone _____

*BSUID# _____ E-Mail _____

(*BSU ID# is needed to have AHW posted on the transcripts of those who are awarded this honor.)

Home Address _____

Department _____

Local Address _____ Home Phone _____
