## Writing Across the Curriculum (WAC)

### Program Description

The Gustavus Adolphus College writing requirement promotes writing as a creative and critical process and a lifelong skill that enables learning, reflection, and communication. Good writers can accommodate different purposes, contexts, and audiences. Through its Writing Across the Curriculum Program, Gustavus helps students develop this rhetorical competency, as writers learn to make their cases in the most effective ways possible. In short, WAC enables fuller academic and civic participation. In courses that fulfill the Gustavus Writing Requirement (WRIT, WRITL, and WRITD) students use writing to learn unfamiliar concepts and to express themselves; to analyze and evaluate multiple sources of information; to make and support claims; to communicate new knowledge to others; and to reflect on their learning.

### Graduation Requirement

Gustavus requires students to complete FOUR designated writing requirement courses from at least two different departments in order to graduate. Generally, one of the courses will be taken in the first year, typically in FTS or Three Crowns, and designated WRIT. Students then complete the writing requirement by taking three additional courses (WRITL and WRITD). At least one writing course must be designated WRITL.