University Writing Program at NIU: Proposed Model

Minimum upper-level curriculum requirement for every undergraduate student:
- ENGL 350 (4,000-word requirement, max. 25 enrollment)
  or
- Writing Proficiency Course in the major, 300 or above (3,500-word WP requirement, max. 35 enrollment)

Faculty Preparation:
- Annual May workshop on teaching a Writing Proficiency Course ($250 stipend)
  and
- Follow-up participation of May workshop alumni in University Writing Project assessment ($250 stipend)

Ongoing Faculty Support:
- University Writing Center
- WAC Consultations & workshops as requested
- Promotion of WAC in FDID Newsletter
- Occasional FDID workshops on writing issues w/ invited campus speakers

Assessment of Writing-Proficiency Course Designation:
- Writing Proficiency Committee review of new syllabi receiving WP designation and review of previously accepted syllabi every 3 years
- Per-semester portfolio assessment of ENGL 350 classes