Incorporating successful writing assignments in a course can be a challenge. The design of writing assignments significantly impacts the success of the project. Using informal writing activities and breaking down longer assignments into shorter, connected assignments, can provide the foundation for successful writing assignments. NIU offers several resources to support faculty and students’ writing in all disciplines: the Writing Across the Curriculum (WAC) Program, NIU Writing Center, the ESL Clinic, WAC Newsletter, and workshops.

**Key Takeaways**
- Prepare student writing assignments with careful consideration of their alignment to course learning outcomes.
- Prepare student writing assignments that have detailed and meaningful instructions to help students understand exactly what they should be doing.
- Recommend students seek writing assistance at the University Writing Center where students can receive help to brainstorm, draft, revise, and perfect their work.

**Next Steps**
- Attend upcoming workshops on Successful Student Writing. Learn more at facdev.niu.edu/writingseries16fall
- Begin preparing your syllabus with a link to the University Writing Center: niu.edu/uwc

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**Resources**
- Institute PowerPoint presentation: facdev.niu.edu/tei16writing
- University Writing Center: niu.edu/uwc
- NIU Writing Across the Curriculum: niu.edu/wac