Breakdown of sophomore majors

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Nearly two-thirds of the senior class has not completed Phase II of the Institute of the Writing Requirement, said Bonnie J. Walters, coordinator of the Committee on the Writing Requirement. Approximately 670 seniors still need to satisfy the requirement in order to graduate.

"I'm concerned because it's mid-October, and the deadline is mid-November," Walters said. "The Institute doesn't have a good record of students not standing by the requirement."

Required coursework to complete the requirement is too "boring," said one senior who expects to graduate next year. "I despised the expanded English course, and I'm not planning on doing any more English classes," he said.

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Most seniors who have not met the writing requirement have encountered difficulties in order to do so. Some of these difficulties include:

- Lack of time to complete the requirement
- Lack of interest in the subject matter
- Lack of support from instructors

Many seniors have tried to complete the requirement by taking courses in English, but have been unsuccessful. "I tried taking courses in English, but I didn't feel satisfied," said one senior. "I didn't feel like I learned anything."