Writing – High quality writing at FGCU includes a focus on the following elements:

- Mechanics of writing
- Grammar, punctuation, spelling
- Purpose of Writing (to inform, persuade, etc.)
- Organization
- Coherence
- Audience
- Focus (thesis)
- Appropriate use of sources (for audience and for focus/thesis)
- Developmental (Growth and maturation over time in student writing)

Information Literacy—High quality information literacy at FGCU includes a focus on the following elements:

- Knowledge of the credibility and quality of sources (especially within discipline, including primary and secondary sources)
- Awareness of a variety of sources
- Ability to locate sources
  - Identifying and searching databases
  - Narrowing focus
- Ability to use technology to discover sources
- Ability to correctly cite sources
- Identifying and researching by theories, concepts, words (especially in databases)

Critical Thinking

- Developing Knowledge and Understanding
- Applying knowledge to real world
- Analysis
- Synthesis
- Evaluation