

English 100

An Introduction to Composition

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Course Description

This course is a study of basic writing and different modes of composition and may include a review of usage. This is a required course for students completing English 032 and is for non-degree credit.

Prerequisite

ENG 032 grade of C or better, or appropriate placement exam score.

Required Textbook

Gaetz, Lynne and Suneeti Phadke. *The Writer's World*. Upper Saddle River, NJ: Pearson-Prentice Hall, 2006.

Note: By the end of the first week of classes, ALL students are required to have the textbook. College policy states that students who do not have textbooks will be asked to leave class and not return until they acquire the textbook. This policy will be strictly enforced so that each student has every opportunity to do his or her best in this class.

Learning Outcomes

The student will be able to

- Express ideas in sentence and paragraph form without errors in grammar and mechanics, sentence structure, and usage.
- Acquire and demonstrate essay-writing skills
- Illustrate a basic knowledge of the research process using MLA documentation

Statement of College-Wide Competencies

From the English Department: Upon completion of this course, students will be able to comprehend and generate written and oral communication necessary for success in their lives and chosen careers.

Attendance Policy

Students are expected to attend class and be punctual. Absences are detrimental to the learning process.

The following is a list of allowed absences:

Summer term – Day classes - 8 allowed absences, Evening classes – 2 allowed absences

Fall and Spring terms – MWF classes – 9 allowed absences

MW or T-TH classes – 6 allowed absences

Evening classes – 3 allowed absences

Tardy policy – Habitual tardiness will NOT BE TOLERATED. For all MWF classes, 3 tardies are excusable. For MW and T-Th classes, 2 tardies are excusable. For Spring and Fall evening classes, 3 tardies are excusable. For summer day classes, 3 tardies are excusable. For summer evening classes, 2 tardies are excusable. Additional tardies may be counted as absences. A student with excessive absences will be dropped from the course with an NC (No Credit).

Students will not be allowed to make up quizzes missed due to absences OR tardies. Tests must be made up on the first day a student returns to class. Make-up testing is conducted and monitored in the Success Center

Withdrawal Policy

Students who wish to withdraw from a class must initiate their own withdrawal. Withdrawals with a grade of “W” will be awarded through midterm regardless of the student’s academic performance; however, after midterm, a grade of “WF” (withdraw failing) will be awarded if the student is failing class. Please be aware that withdrawal from any class can have a negative effect on any financial assistance.

Statement on Students with Disabilities

Students with disabilities are encouraged to contact the Vice-President for Student Services to discuss needs or concerns as they pursue an academic program and participate in campus life. The Vice-President for Student Services will provide guidance regarding official documentation of disabilities/accommodation of needs. (See NETC Course Catalog p. 16).

Statement on Academic Dishonesty

All students are reminded of the college policy regarding academic dishonesty as outlined in the Student Code Handbook, pp. 9-11. Plagiarism will not be tolerated. Should a student submit an assignment or complete a test that is not entirely his or her own work, or use unauthorized materials, or not follow assignment guidelines, said student will receive a grade of 0/F for that assignment.

Grading System

A	90-100
B	80-89
C	70-79
D	60-69
F	59 and below

Class Policy

Sleeping in class is rude and inconsiderate and will not be tolerated. Students should not put their heads down on their desks. The cue for students to turn off cell phones is when the instructor is taking attendance. To maintain classroom integrity (cheating, distracting others, etc.), text messaging will not be tolerated. Using phones to take pictures is forbidden in class. Students **may** be given one warning, after which any infraction will be communicated to Student Services and handled accordingly. Again, read your Student Code Handbook. Abusive and disruptive behavior will not be tolerated to any degree. Students should wear ID’s at all times while on campus.

Course Evaluation

Narrative essay	25%
Definition essay	25%
Classification essay	25%
Quizzes, classwork, homework	25%

Course Schedule
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Week 1

Diagnostic quiz - Grammar

Ch. 1

Ch. 16-18 – Effective sentences

Week 2

Ch. 2-3

Ch. 19 – Sentence variety

Week 3

Ch. 6 – Descriptive writing

Writing paragraphs, peer editing

Ch. 20-21 – Common sentence errors

Week 4

Ch. 22-24 – Problems with verbs

Descriptive writing (continued)

Week 5

Ch. 25-26 – Verb agreement and consistency

Ch. 4 – Illustration (Example)

Ch. 5 – **Narrative – (essay)**

Week 6

Ch. 33-35 – Punctuation and mechanics

Ch. 36 - Editing

Narrative - writing essay (continued)

Peer editing

Week 7

Ch. 27-28 – More parts of speech

Ch. 7 – Process

Week 8

Ch. 29-30 – Modifiers

Ch. 8 – **Definition – (essay)**

MLA discussion

Week 9

Definition - writing essay (continued)

Ch. 10 – Comparison and contrast

Week 10

Ch. 11 – Cause and effect

Week 11

Reading selection Ch. 37

Ch. 9 – **Classification – essay**

MLA discussion

Week 12

Classification – writing essay (continued)

Library research

Reading selection Ch. 37

Week 13

Classification – writing essay (continued)

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Library research

Reading selection Ch. 37

Week 14

Classification – writing essay (continued)

Library research

Reading selection Ch. 37

Week 15

Conclude Classification essay

Reading selection Ch. 37

Week 16

Review

FINAL EXAM