

ENG 1101 - English Composition I – 4 hours, 3 credits

This is a course in effective essay writing and basic research techniques, including use of the library. Demanding readings are assigned for classroom discussion and as a basis for essay writing.

Prerequisites: CUNY certification in reading and writing.

Taken together, the courses (ENG1101 and ENG1121) in the First-Year Writing Program at the New York City College of Technology seek to develop student competencies in five general categories: rhetorical knowledge; writing and reading processes; critical thinking, reading, writing, and research; composing in manual and digital environments; and knowledge of academic conventions. Individual faculty incorporate these competencies into their courses in different ways, but all faculty are able to demonstrate how their courses attend to these matters.

| Learning Objectives for ENG1101 and ENG1121 | By the end of first year composition, students should have the ability to |
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| Develop Rhetorical Awareness and Knowledge | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus on a purpose • Respond to the needs of different audiences • Respond appropriately to different kinds of rhetorical situations • Use conventions of format and structure appropriate to the rhetorical situation • Adopt appropriate voice, tone, and level of formality • Understand how genres and disciplines shape reading and writing practices • Write in several genres |
| Understand and Engage with Writing and Reading as Processes | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be aware that it usually takes multiple drafts to create and complete a successful text • Develop flexible strategies for generating, revising, editing, and proof-reading • Understand writing as an open process that permits writers to use later invention and re-thinking to revise their work • Be aware that it usually takes multiple drafts to create and complete a successful text • Understand the collaborative and social aspects of writing processes • Learn to critique their own and others' works • Learn to balance the advantages of relying on others with the responsibility of doing their part |
| Develop Critical Thinking, Reading, Writing, and Researching Skills | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use writing and reading for inquiry, learning, thinking, and communicating • Understand a writing assignment as a series of tasks, including finding, evaluating, analyzing, and synthesizing appropriate primary and secondary sources • Read, analyze, and interpret essays and texts across a variety of genres, disciplines, and media for the purposes of academic inquiry, rhetorical and textual analysis, and understanding, improving, and critiquing writing processes and reading strategies • Understand how to read, interpret, and respond to argument-based readings and consider how the structure and content of these readings may relate to student writing projects and processes • Write in genres related to academic inquiry • Integrate a student's own ideas with those of others and practice summarizing, paraphrasing, quoting, and documenting this work in various writing projects • Locate, evaluate, organize, and use research material collected from digital sources, including scholarly library databases; other official databases (e.g., federal government databases); and informal digital networks and internet sources |
| Compose in Manual and Digital Environments | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use digital and manual tools and environments for drafting, reviewing, revising, editing, and sharing texts • Understand and exploit the differences in the rhetorical strategies and in the affordances available for manual and digital composing processes and texts |
| Develop Knowledge and Understanding of Academic Conventions | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learn common formats for different kinds of texts • Develop knowledge of genre conventions ranging from structure and paragraphing to tone and mechanics • Practice appropriate means of documenting research sources • Control such surface features as syntax, grammar, punctuation, and spelling |

It is expected that, at a minimum, students in ENG1101 will:

- Read and listen critically and analytically, including identifying an argument's major assumptions and assertions and evaluating its supporting evidence.
- Write clearly and coherently in varied, academic formats (such as formal essays, research papers, and reports) using standard English and appropriate technology to critique and improve one's own and others' texts.
- Demonstrate research skills using appropriate technology, including gathering, evaluating, and synthesizing primary and secondary sources.
- Support a thesis with well-reasoned arguments, and communicate persuasively across a variety of contexts, purposes, audiences, and media.
- Formulate original ideas and relate them to the ideas of others by employing the conventions of ethical attribution and citation.

And that these outcomes will be achieved by giving students the opportunity to:

1. Draft and revise a range of formal and informal writing assignments and writing projects both in-class and outside-of-class in a variety of genres and modes to meet appropriate rhetorical purposes related to academic inquiry, totaling, at a minimum, 2500 words. Two or more of these assignments or projects must include the use of thesis statements and incorporate the ideas and words of other writers as exhibited through the use of textual evidence, summarizing, paraphrasing, and quoting.
2. Draft and revise a researched writing assignment or project that includes the incorporation of material from library resources and databases and includes the use of methods of citation and attribution appropriate to a specific discipline.
3. Read, analyze, and interpret essays and texts across a variety of genres, disciplines, and media for the purposes of academic inquiry, rhetorical and textual analysis, and understanding, improving, and critiquing writing processes and reading strategies.
4. Submit drafts of work for instructor and peer-review so students can be introduced to the various stages of writing and revising as a process, as well as be assessed on their ability to develop and revise formal writing assignments.
5. Understand how to apply and use the basic structure and conventions of Standard Written English (SWE) and exhibit basic competency in SWE.
6. Pass a departmental final exam.