

Introduction to English 101

Welcome to English 101! We're excited to guide you through your college writing journey. This course is designed to help you improve your writing skills, which are critical for your success in college, the workplace, and everyday life.

Writing is not always easy, and, at times, it can be downright challenging; but this course strives to boost your writing confidence by equipping you with the tools you need to produce college-level essays. Reading and research activities along with class discussions will help you explore and become more knowledgeable about your essay topics. Feedback from your professor will also help you write and revise your drafts into more polished work. We also welcome the language diversity you bring to the classroom and encourage incorporating those abilities into your writing process.

Your instructor's individual syllabus is an important document - that's where you will find performance objectives for the course and information about how your grade will be determined. Make sure to read it carefully and contact your instructor with any questions. We hope you enjoy the course!

At the end of this course, you will be able to...

1. Write with attention to process, including prewriting, drafting, revising, editing, proofreading, critiquing, and reflecting.
2. Write, read, and listen critically and analytically, identifying a text's major assumptions and assertions and evaluating its supporting evidence. As part of this process of inquiry and problem solving, students will be able to understand audience, voice, context and purpose.
3. Write clearly and coherently in varied academic genres, rhetorical modes, and forms of argumentation using standard written English (SWE).
4. Complete early assignments that utilize quotation, summation, paraphrase, and citation to create well-reasoned arguments.
5. Complete later assignments that require research skills, especially the evaluation and synthesis of primary and secondary sources.
6. Explain their own ideas and relate them to the ideas of others by employing the conventions of ethical attribution and citation and avoiding plagiarism.
7. Write essays that will increase in complexity, ranging in length from 600 to 1500 words.

What Will You Write?

Formal and Informal Writing

You will write four formal essays of varying lengths (between 600 and 1500 words) in response to various texts (written, visual, and/or aural). At least one of your formal essays will be completed in class. In addition to these formal assignments, you will also do informal writing (for example, journal entries or in-class reflections). To find out the specifics of how your course grade will be determined, please consult the syllabus shared by your professor.

References to Sources

Throughout the semester, you will engage with others' ideas and respond in writing. You will learn how to use various strategies for integrating other people's thoughts by using quotation, paraphrase, and summary to document your sources in MLA format. You will also learn how to avoid plagiarism (for more information, see Integrating Sources and Avoiding Plagiarism handout). In accordance with LaGuardia's Academic Dishonesty Policy (See College Catalog), students who plagiarize are subject to penalties including a failing grade on an assignment or in the course.

Revisions

Since writing is a process (nobody writes a perfect paper in the first try!), you will frequently revise your papers after receiving feedback from your professor and/or your peers.

How Will You Be Successful?

Submitting Assignments

In order to do well in English 101, you will need be **actively engaged** in the course. Complete your reading and turn in all work and major assignments—on time! To be sure you are able to meet expectations, communicate with your professor along the way. Reach out through email and attend office hours if you need any help or are overwhelmed by assignments.

Attending Regularly

Consistent, punctual attendance may be the best way to make sure you are successful in English 101, so show up for every class and be on time! The English Department policy limits absences to the equivalent of two weeks. This means that you cannot exceed 8 hours (or miss more than 4 class meetings) of English 101, since it is a 4-hour class. The same number of hours applies to 6-week sessions, where the limit is one week (or 2 class meetings). **See your professor's syllabus for details about how attendance will be determined in distance learning.**

Where Can You Get Additional Support?

The Writing Center (B-200), 718-482-5688, <https://www.laguardia.edu/Writing-Center/Home/>
The Writing Center is a free service available to all LaGuardia students. Professional tutors are available to help you write or revise papers, to brainstorm ideas, or to work on writing issues that give you problems. During distance learning, the Writing Center is offering online tutoring. Tutoring appointments can be made through My LaGuardia.

Library (E-101), (718) 482-5426, <https://library.laguardia.edu/>

The Library is an excellent resource to all students! There you will find assistance finding and accessing textbooks, articles, journals, newspapers, media, and much more. Although the physical library is currently closed due to the coronavirus pandemic, visit <https://guides.laguardia.edu/help-from-home> for information about services available online.

Office for Students with Disabilities (M-102), 718-482-5279, <https://www.laguardia.edu/osd/>

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Students with disabilities needing extra time for in-class writing or other forms of classroom accommodation should register with the Office for Students with Disabilities. The Office for Students with Disabilities helps students with a range of challenges by providing access to various programs and services in a supportive and confidential setting.

LaGuardia CARES (C-107), 718-482-5135, <https://www.laguardia.edu/singlestop/>
LaGuardia CARES (College Access for Retention and Economic Success) connects students with resources, referrals and local community services to overcome financial barriers, stay in school and graduate. Services (including food, healthcare, transportation and other benefits) are free and confidential.

Wellness Center (C-249), 718-482-5471, WellnessCenter@lagcc.cuny.edu
The Wellness Center is a safe and confidential place to go if you need help coping with the stresses of college life. The center provides free services including short-term individual counseling, crisis intervention, workshops, outreach and referrals to college community resources that assist students with intellectual, emotional, psychological, and social concerns. The Wellness Center welcomes anyone in need; individual and cultural differences are valued and respected.