Welcome to the Writing Center

For general questions, contact Kathy Gomez
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THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS AN OVERVIEW OF YOUR LAB REQUIREMENTS.

In this lab, you will practice and develop your writing skills with the aid of your English instructor.

During your time in this lab, you will work on assignments with your lab instructor and complete assignments in an online program. You are expected to be actively engaged during your time here.
1. The student will assert a clear thesis statement directly addressing the topic.
2. The student will integrate valid and reliable source material smoothly and effectively into the broader context of the essay.
3. The student will document sources correctly in MLA format.
4. The student will employ an academic voice and demonstrate control of grammar, mechanics, and syntax.
5. The student will effectively analyze the source material within the broader context of the essay.
STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:

ENGLISH 201

1. Students will write a clear, declarative thesis statement/claim directly addressing the topic.
2. Students will appropriately integrate credible outside sources into their arguments.
3. Students will organize their ideas logically in support of the broader argument.
4. Students will write persuasively, acknowledging diverse viewpoints.
5. Students will employ an academic voice and demonstrate control of grammar, mechanics, and syntax.
6. Students will correctly document outside sources using the designated citation format.
REQUIREMENTS FOR CREDIT

ATTENDANCE
You are to meet with your class weekly at your designated time.
This is not an open lab. You should only come to lab during your scheduled time.

CONFERENCES
English 101 and 201: You are required to have four conference meetings with your lab instructor.

LEARNINGCURVE LESSONS
Achieve lessons are assigned by your lab instructor.
For English 101 and 201, you must complete 10 lessons.
LAB MATERIALS

**Achieve Access**
Your lab instructor will send you information on how to enroll into your course section.

**Activation Code**
You need to purchase a digital Achieve Access Code through the Rio Hondo Bookstore. You may also purchase the code directly from MacMillan during the registration process.

**Headphones**
Some Achieve tutorials may have audio; therefore, headphones are mandatory if listening to audio during lab.
OPTIONAL MATERIALS

ACTIVITY LOG
You may or may not receive an Activity Log from your instructor. If you do not receive one, do not worry. Your instructor will inform you how s/he will keep track of your conferences, attendance, and other related work.

USB FLASH DRIVE
A flash drive or access to any online/cloud-based storage system (e.g., Google Docs) is highly recommended for saving all English assignments in case of personal computer failure. You should always have a backup plan.
First drafts don’t have to be perfect. They just have to be written.

-Anonymous

WHAT IS A CONFERENCE?

What is its purpose?

Conferencing with an instructor gives you the opportunity to work one-on-one with a writing professional who can help you generate and organize your ideas and present them clearly to your intended audience.

Your lab instructor will explain his/her conferencing method.
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You will need the following to complete your Achieve (LearningCurve) lessons:

① Achieve Registration Information
   (from lab instructor)
   AND

② Activation Code
   (purchase at the RHC bookstore, unless you purchase directly online)

You will find a LearningCurve tutorial at the end of this presentation!
Achieve is a web-based learning program that allows you to engage with videos, tutorials, and exercises to help you succeed in your English class. Your instructor will explain his/her detailed requirements.
STUDENT REGISTRATION FOR ACHIEVE VIA CANVAS

To get started, click or copy the link below. Watch the video tutorial before registering your Access Code. [NOTE: THIS IS ONLY FOR CLASSES WITH ACHIEVE EMBEDDED IN THE CANVAS SHELL]

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nyInY7J5wSQ&t=34s

Log in to your Rio Hondo College Canvas site to join your Achieve course.
Let's get started!

If your instructor is not embedding Canvas into your class shell, your instructor will reach out to you for instructions on how to register.

Achieve Enrollment

Click or copy the link below to learn more on how to successfully join your Achieve course.

Printing is available. However....
➢ We ask that you only print “self-generated” documents (e.g., essays, research papers, outlines, etc.).

➢ DO NOT print articles, emails, or pictures.

➢ Print only one copy of your assignment. If you need additional copies, Xerox machines are located on the second floor of the library (for a nominal fee).
COMPUTERS

The Writing Center is a place where you can work on your English lab assignments. Keep in mind that this is not a computer class. If you want to learn more about computers, consider taking a computer class offered through the Business Department. When in doubt, ask for help!
RULES
NO food or drinks allowed.
NO smoking/vaping.
NO “loud” talking.

You should be working quietly on your English assignments.

The internet is for English research assignments only.
DO

➢ Change any of the computer settings.

➢ Bring visitors with you.

NOT
AND PLEASE

- Silence your cell phones.
- Clean up your area.
- Push in your chair when you leave.

We thank you in advance for respecting the rules.
Questions