# WELCOME TO THE WRITING CENTER

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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 for your English class. You are expected to be actively engaged during your time here.

# STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES: ENGLISH 101

- 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.
- 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.

#### **ASSIGNMENTS**

During lab you will be working on various assignments as given by your instructor. Please be attentive to your instructor regarding what activities you should be working on during lab.

### LAB MATERIALS

#### **Software Access**

Some instructors may use a program in addition to Canvas for you to complete online assignments. Please be attentive to your instructor's requirements.

#### <u>Headphones</u>

Some instructors may assign work that requires 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.



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).
- Remember: FREE and UNLIMITED printing is available in the LAC.

# COMPUTERS

The Writing Center is a place where you can work on your English lab assignments. Keep in mind that this is

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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!

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.

# computer settings. > Bring visitors with you.

- Change any of the

# 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.