

New Jersey Institute of Technology
ENGL 101
Introduction to Academic Writing

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Conference hours: Tuesday 10-12; Wednesday 1:30-2:30 Use the following link to schedule:

<https://tinyurl.com/Hamaistudentconferences>

Virtual (Zoom) appointments available by appointment. Email to schedule a Zoom conference

Course Description

ENGL 101 is an introduction to college-level writing. In this course, students are introduced to writing's rhetorical dimensions; they are asked to consider the purpose, audience, occasion, and genre that are called for in a variety of writing, speaking, and visual assignments. This course focuses on writing processes, asking students to brainstorm topics, collect ideas and research, write drafts, and revise their writing based on writing's disciplinary rules, on self-reflection and on instructor, peer and class feedback. Academic writing begins with the assumption that written, visual, and spoken texts can be in conversation with each other. Students are asked to read challenging articles, essays, and prose (and to consider visual and spoken compositions) which serve as both models of effective communication and as beginning places for students' own arguments and analyses.

Prerequisites

Entrance is determined by assessment results. Students who have successfully completed ENGL 099 are admitted to this class. ENGL 101 students must receive a C or better to pass the course.

Course Goals

During this course you will:

- Gain knowledge of writing's rhetorical dimensions
- Use writing as a tool for critical thinking and reflection
- Practice writing as a process by using various brainstorming, invention, revision, and editing strategies
- Write in several genres that utilize analysis, reflection, research, narrative, critique, and argument skills
- Practice using the conventions of written, spoken, and visual composition
- Practice writing and creating in digital environments

No required text

This course makes use of books and resources found on <http://library.njit.edu> and other pdf and word document files provided by the instructor as well as Open Educational Resources (available for free on the Web).

Assignments & Assessment

A student's final grade for the course will be divided into the following parts:

Participation and effort

15%

Your participation and effort are essential to your success in our writing process course. Regular attendance is not enough. Your instructor will be looking for your engagement with the material and your efforts in drafting your essays. Turning assignments in on time is required to earn full participation points. Class participation includes regular attendance, engagement in class activities and discussions, reading, writing, critical thinking, discussing, interpreting, analyzing, synthesizing, asking questions and responding to one another. Participation is required for all in-class activities, including drafting, revising, discussions, peer and class reviews. Class time may consist of discussion board writings, short writing assignments which may include responses to assigned readings, topic exploration, prewriting activities including brainstorming and outlining, writing to learn, developing, organizing, transitioning and reflecting on the writing process. All of your work on these short assignments and in workshops is included in your participation grade. Level of engagement with the process and materials is usually correlated with success on assignments. Classroom activities are designed to aid in students' understanding and development of a writing process of your own that can be applied to most writing tasks.

Literacy narrative essay (3-4 pages) Weeks 1-4 15

This essay focuses on a notable moment or aspect of your becoming literate; it's written in the first person and defines and develops your approach to language use and genre.

Rhetorical analysis In-class essay (2+ pages) Weeks 5-6 15

This essay assignment must be completed **in class** on the day scheduled by your instructor. You are required to analyze (break down) a text provided for you for the first time at the beginning of the class period. Read, respond, write. Present as coherently as possible as many of the elements of rhetoric analysis as you can manage in an 80-minute class session. You will be graded on your knowledge of rhetorical devices and your critical thinking in response to how these devices are used by the author. Class time before this in-class essay will consist of practice with these rhetorical devices.

Argument (position) essay (4-5 pages) Weeks 6-8 20

This essay extracts academic arguments from 2 assigned readings/sources and presents a claim that may be supported or disputed by those sources, by real-world examples and by your own academic knowledge.

Research argument essay (5-6 pages) Weeks 10-15 25

This essay is focused coherently on your original argument and uses 4-5 library sources for support; this work will help prepare you for more extended research writing in ENGL 102. You may use a couple of non-library sources but do so sparingly and be sure to use your information literacy skills to determine credibility.

Oral presentation and Powerpoint on research argument Weeks 14-15 10

You will have the chance to present to the class your research findings.

Individual and group work will be evaluated according to the university's grading scale:

A = 100-90	B+ = 89-87	B = 86-80	C+ = 79-77	C = 76-70	F = 69-0
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First-Year Writing Procedures for Student Success:

Attendance and participation

You may miss up to one week of class (or two classes) without penalty. Every subsequent unexcused absence will result in the deduction of participation points. Unexcused absences may include occasional illness, family emergencies, transportation issues, work responsibilities, or other issues that come up in daily life. Refer to the [Dean of Students website regarding Absence Verification](#). **More than six unexcused absences (three weeks of the course) can result in failure of the course.**

Regular participation in class activities and workshops (many are graded) is required to earn participation points. Not participating in the writing process will be met with further deductions. Activities and workshoping in class as part of the writing process cannot be made up, and not participating in these classes often leaves students disconnected from the practical skills needed for each genre.

Students who expect to miss class for religious observances should contact their instructor about these dates at the beginning of the semester (per university policy).

All assignments must be submitted on Canvas (which automatically assesses for plagiarism and AI-generated text using Turnitin as well as grammar or translation apps). Please follow the specific instructions for each assignment.

Essays

There are 4 formal essays completed in ENGL 101:

Literacy narrative, argument (position), rhetorical analysis, and research argument.

Students must submit at least one rough draft and a final draft to be considered for a grade for that assignment. The rhetorical analysis is completed in class in only one draft. Without engaging in the writing process throughout the semester on required assignments, students cannot pass the course.

Students will receive feedback from instructors on Canvas and in conferences as vital steps in the writing/revision process. These guiding comments should be followed by students in the drafting process, and this process will be assessed as part of the participation grade. Drafts may also be reviewed in small peer groups during class time or in whole-class review (when students volunteer their drafts to be improved by the class).

Class activities and discussion are evidence of students' engagement with coursework and are often graded as part of the participation grade (15% of the overall grade for the course).

Late Work

Work submitted after the assignment due date will be considered late. Work submitted within one week (7 days) of the assignment due date will incur a penalty of one full letter grade. Work submitted 8-14 days after the due date will incur a penalty of two letter grades. Work will not be accepted more than two weeks after the due date and will be marked zero. Students should contact their instructor in advance of due dates when having difficulty completing an assignment.

Revisions

Major assignments will be eligible for revision. To revise a paper, students must notify the instructor and complete a revision plan, as well as submit a summary of revisions.

Technology

Canvas is NJIT's learning management system. In First-Year Writing (FYW) instructors share course materials, grade assignments, give feedback on drafts, participate in discussions while students read course material, view assignments, submit essays, write and create in discussion boards. There are no written exams in FYW. Participation on discussion boards or other short essays or responses are regularly completed on Canvas and will count toward students' participation grade.

Students use their NJIT email as the primary method of communication. Maintain an appropriate tone in all school-related correspondence. Include an appropriate subject line and your name in all emails for more efficient correspondence.

Students should not use cell phones during class unless needed for a specific activity. Resist the distraction and focus on one thing at a time - classroom lessons, activities and discussion. Active engagement in class leads to better outcomes in grading. Set your phones to silent as a courtesy.

Laptops should only be used when we are drafting, researching, note taking or otherwise engaging in classroom activities. Students should practice professional, focused behavior now to enhance preparation for the work world!

For technical assistance, including computing equipment or help with internet access, contact the office of the Dean of Students and Campus Life <https://www.njit.edu/dos/>

NJIT University Code on Academic Integrity

"Academic Integrity is the cornerstone of higher education and is central to the ideals of this course and the university. Cheating is strictly prohibited and devalues the degree that you are working on. As a member of the NJIT community, it is your responsibility to protect your educational investment by knowing and following the academic code of integrity policy that is found at: [NJIT Academic Integrity Code](#).

Please note that it is my professional obligation and responsibility to report any academic misconduct to the Dean of Students Office. Any student found in violation of the code by cheating, plagiarizing or using any online software inappropriately will result in disciplinary action. This may include a failing grade of F, and/or suspension or dismissal from the university. If you have any questions about the code of Academic Integrity, please contact the Dean of Students Office at dos@njit.edu."

All assignments submitted shall be considered "graded work" and all aspects of your coursework are covered by the Code on Academic Integrity. Written and visual works are to be completed individually unless otherwise specified.

Artificial Intelligence

This policy prohibits the use of AI in this course, including but not limited to narrow, general, or super generative AI, LLMs, or wordsmithing tools such as Grammarly and Quillbot. First-Year Writing (FYW) follows the guidelines from the NJIT University Code of Academic Integrity:

“Artificial intelligence usage is not permitted in this course. The expectation of this course is for students to work through the course without assistance from any type of artificial intelligence to better develop their own skills in this content area. As such, artificial intelligence usage is not permitted throughout this course.”

Turnitin evaluates all sorts of academic integrity violations. This tool detects unauthorized use of quotes and repurposed text (including borrowing and purchasing of papers). Turnitin flags AI-generated text and use of “grammar” assistants that actually rewrite entire sentences. None of these tools are acceptable in student writing in ENGL 101 or ENGL 102. Your plagiarism percentage appears on the submission page for each assignment. The AI percentage is available only to instructors. Ask your instructor if you have questions about AI use. Students in violation of the rules of academic integrity will be reported to the Dean of Students who will follow up with a meeting and a final determination of grade and status in the course.

Accessibility Needs

Every attempt will be made to accommodate qualified students with disabilities. If you are a student with a documented disability, please see your instructor as early in the semester as possible to discuss the necessary accommodations, and/or contact the Office of Accessibility Resources and Services (OARS) at 973-596-5417.

The Writing Center

The Writing Center (G17 Central King) is available for individual and group appointments with professional and peer writing tutors. This resource helps you to improve your communication and writing skills. Tutors can help with planning assignments, improving your writing, refining an essay or multimedia project, or other communication-based needs. The Writing Center is not simply a grammar fix or editing service. For more information, please visit: <https://www.njit.edu/writingcenter/>



NEED HELP?

KNOW WHO TO CALL

Please note following important numbers that will come in handy in case of emergency:

EXTERNAL RESOURCES	AVAILABILITY	CONTACT NUMBER
Suicide Prevention	24 hrs/ 7 days a week	(973) 623-2323 (University Hospital-Newark)
Drug/ Alcohol Addiction	24 hrs/ 7 days a week	(877) 630-8262
Crime Victim Compensation Office	Monday – Friday 8 AM – 8 PM	(877) 658-2221
Rape Care Center	24 hrs/ 7 days a week	(877) 733-2273 (Essex County)
Sexual Assault Hotline	24 hrs/ 7 days a week	(800) 656-HOPE (National)
Psychiatric Emergency	24 hrs/ 7 days a week	(973) 924-7416 (Newark Beth Israel Hospital)
NJIT RESOURCES	AVAILABILITY	CONTACT NUMBER
NJIT Public Safety	24 hrs/ 7 days a week	(973) 596-3111 (Emergency) (973) 596-3120 (Non-Emergency)
Dean of Students (TITLE IX – Sexual Misconduct Report/Response)	Monday – Friday 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM	(973) 596-3466
Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS)	Monday – Friday 8:30 AM - 5 PM	(973) 596-3414
Student Health Services (SHS)	Monday – Friday 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM	(973) 596-3621

ENGL 101
Course schedule

Class time may consist of readings, mini lectures, videos, visuals, workshops on writing process, small and whole group activities and reviews of drafts and reflections.

Week 1	1/22; 1/24
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Introductions; discuss syllabus

In-class diagnostic essay

Begin literacy narrative assignment

Week 2	1/29; 1/31
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Writing: Literacy narrative introduced and assignment expectations carefully reviewed

Writing process:

Introduction to writing process and concepts

Week 3	2/5; 2/7
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Writing: Literacy narrative first draft due (required in order to receive a final grade)

Peer and/or class review using writing rubric

Writing process:

Constructing an essay; prewriting; genre knowledge

Week 4	2/12; 2/14
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Writing: Literacy narrative final draft due

15%

Writing process:

Developing a strong, clear and focused thesis statement

Week 5	2/19; 2/21
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Writing: Rhetorical analysis introduced and assignment expectations carefully reviewed

Reading:

Rhetorical analysis essay structure, terms and appeals

Week 6	2/26; 2/28
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Writing: In-class rhetorical analysis; read a new text and write a 2-3 page rhetorical analysis in one 80-minute class period **15%**

Writing: Argument (position) essay introduced and assignment expectations carefully reviewed

Citation: APA style

Week 7	3/5; 3/7
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Writing:**Argument (position) essay rough draft due (required in order to receive a final grade)**

Peer and/or class review of drafts using AAC&U Written Communication rubric

Week 8	3/12; 3/14
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Research and information literacy:

Finding and evaluating sources

APA citation style

<https://apastyle.apa.org/>**Writing: Argument (position) essay final draft due****20%**

Week 9	SPRING BREAK 3/16-3/22
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Week 10	3/26; 3/28
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Writing: Research argument essay introduced and assignment expectations carefully reviewed**Reading/research:**

Read and sort through articles to create a coherent research argument.

APA citation style reviewed

Week 11	4/2; 4/4
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Research:

Refining list of sources, making connections

Prewriting and drafting

Information literacy

Week 12	4/9; 4/11 Note: Monday 4/7 Last Day to Withdraw
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Writing: Research argument essay rough draft due (required in order to receive a final grade)

Peer and/or class review of research argument essay using writing rubric

Revision of research argument essay drafts

Writing process:

Development and transitions (review from literacy narrative week)

Week 13	4/16; No classes Friday 4/18
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Writing process:

Grammar, mechanics, punctuation; citation

Editing and proofreading:

https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/graduate_writing/graduate_writing_topics/graduate_writing_topics_editing_proofreading_new.html

Speaking:

Prepare oral presentation and Powerpoint for assigned class period.

Week 14	4/23; 4/25
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Writing: Final draft of research argument due

25%

Week 15-16	4/30; 5/2; 5/7 Change in designation of days: Tuesday 5/6 Thursday classes meet, Wednesday 5/7 Friday classes meet
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Oral presentations on research argument essay

10%

Summary of Due Dates: (assignments due at 11:59 on Canvas unless otherwise indicated)

Literacy Narrative Draft	2/5
Literacy Narrative	2/14
Rhetorical essay (in-class)	2/26
Argument (position) draft	3/5
Argument (position) essay	3/14
Research argument draft	4/11
Research argument	4/25
Oral Presentation	4/30; 5/2; 5/7