English Skills

Program Description
The English Skills Department guides students through a sequence of reading and writing courses that prepares them for success in subsequent college coursework, their chosen vocation, and in daily literacy needs. The department offers three levels of reading and two levels of writing. All of our classes emphasize critical thinking and study skills that are essential to college success.

Program Student Learning Outcomes

English 60
Present verbal and written interpretations of assigned readings, using textual evidence.
Apply active reading and study strategies, using assigned readings with teacher modeling.
Demonstrate literal and inferential comprehension of assigned readings.

English 70
Present interpretations of assigned readings, using textual evidence.
Apply active reading and study strategies to assigned readings with limited teacher modeling.
Analyze, summarize and evaluate assigned readings.

English 103
Present verbal and written interpretations of assigned readings, using textual evidence.
Apply active reading and study strategies, using assigned readings independently.
Analyze, summarize and evaluate assigned readings, including readings in which authors represent multiple perspectives.

English 65
Apply the stages of the writing process to written work:
Pre-write, write, revise and edit, using instructional feedback.
Develop organized paragraphs supported with evidence from class texts, and personal experience or observation.
Create a thesis that controls the content of an essay.

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English Skills Courses

ENG 060 — Basic Reading and Study Skills
(5)
Prerequisites: Qualifying score on SBCC placement exam.
Hours: 90 lecture
Non-transferable developmental reading course intended for students who demonstrate the need for intensive work in critical reading, comprehension, study skill and vocabulary development. Students must receive credit for ENG 60 to be eligible for ENG 70.
Graded Pass/No Pass.

ENG 065 — Basic Skills: Writing
(5)
Prerequisites: Qualifying score on SBCC placement exam.
Hours: 90 lecture
Non-transferable basic writing course designed to promote competence and fluency. Students must receive credit for ENG 65 to be eligible for ENG 80.
Graded Pass/No Pass.
ENG 070 — Effective Reading and Study Skills Techniques
(5)
Prerequisites: ENG 60 with a “P” or qualifying score on SBCC placement exam.
Hours: 90 lecture
Non-transferable developmental reading course intended for students who demonstrate the need for intensive work in critical reading, comprehension, study skills and vocabulary development. Students must receive credit for ENG 70 to be eligible for ENG 103. Course is also available in hybrid online format. Letter grade.

ENG 080 — Effective Writing Techniques
(5)
Prerequisites: ENG 065 with a minimum grade of “P” or qualifying score on SBCC Placement Exam.
Hours: 90 lecture
Non-transferable developmental writing course designed to promote competence and fluency in written composition. Students must receive credit for ENG 80 to achieve eligibility for ENG 100. Course is also available in hybrid online format. Graded Pass/No Pass.

ENG 100 — Fundamentals of Composition
(5)
Prerequisites: ENG 80 with a minimum grade of “P” or qualifying score on SBCC Placement Exam.
Hours: 90 lecture
Intensive course in composition, emphasizing development of ideas into organized essays which are correct in grammar and mechanics.

ENG 103 — Improvement of College Reading and Study Skills
(5) — CSU
Prerequisites: ENG 70 with a minimum grade of “C”, or qualifying score on SBCC placement exam.
Hours: 90 lecture
Reading course to improve critical thinking, comprehension, vocabulary and study skills. Various texts, including book-length works and textbook selections from various content areas, are read and analyzed. Also offered in hybrid online, and fully online formats. Letter grade.

ENG 109 — Library and Information Resources (1) — CSU
Skills Advisories: ESL 124
Course Advisories: COMP 151A
Hours: 30 (12 lecture, 18 lab)
Introduces student to library and other information sources for research. Teaches use of online catalogs, databases, Internet, evaluation of information sources, print and online periodical indexes and reference sources. Most materials are Web-based. Graded Pass/No Pass.

ENG 114 — Creative Writing Skills
(3)
Skills Advisories: ENG 065 with a minimum grade of “P”
Hours: 54 lecture
Introductory study and practice in the art of creating elements of fiction, poetry, drama and other literary forms.

ENG 117 — Fundamentals of Composition - Intensive
(6)
Prerequisites: ENG 065 with a minimum grade of “P” or ESL 134 with a minimum grade of “P” or ESL 135 with a minimum grade of “P” or ENG 060 with a minimum grade of “P” or qualifying score on SBCC placement exam
Hours: 108 lecture
Designed to provide an immersion experience in composition, with additional readings for students who qualify for course entrance with a high placement in ENG 80. Students must achieve a passing portfolio to enter ENG 100/110.

ENG 119A — CAP Core Literacies: Reading and Writing within Academic Disciplines
(3)
Hours: 90 (36 lecture, 54 lab)
Students identify how personal challenges (including reading and writing methodologies) affect academic performance in specific disciplines, develop strategies to address these challenges, and assess effectiveness of adopted strategies.
ENG 119B — CAP Core Literacies: Reading, Writing and Critical Thinking Across Disciplines (3)

Hours: 90 (36 lecture, 54 lab)

Students identify standards and strategies for success embedded in their field of interest (including reading, writing, research, critical inquiry and problem-solving), and transfer these skills across disciplines.

ENG 160 — Reading and Literacy Strategies for Nursing (3)

Prerequisites: ENG 070 with a minimum grade of “C”

Hours: 54 lecture

Designed to assist nursing students further develop reading, communication and study strategies that will be needed in the Licensed Vocational Nursing (LVN) program. Intended as a bridge between the CNA and LVN programs, the course focuses on the academic skills needed by pre-nursing students.