



Language and Literature Division

ENC 1101: Composition I, 3 hrs., 3 crs.

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CRN 84463 – Wednesdays 5:30-8:15 p.m. – RC 135

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Please Note: The best way to contact your instructor is via CANVAS email. Although every effort will be made to respond to your communications within twenty-four hours, please allow for up to forty-eight hours on weekends and holidays.

APPROVED COURSE MATERIALS

Textbooks, other required materials and required proficiency

- Monique Babin, et al., *The Word on College Reading and Writing*: ([Online Text](#))
- Supplemental material will be posted on Canvas
- A USB or other portable electronic storage device.
- Purdue Owl: <https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/>
- Students are expected to have computer access and adequate proficiency in the use of Microsoft Word.

CURRICULUM

Course Description

ENC 1101, English Composition I, 3 hrs., 3 crs. \$5.00 lab fee

Minimum competency in word processing needed. Impromptu and process-based writing, inclusive of a multiple-source essay. This course is a Gordon Rule writing course in which students will produce extensive college-level writing and which requires completion with a minimum grade of “C.”

Goals

The purpose of the course is to foster in students the writing and critical thinking skills necessary for many college-level classes (and for life beyond the classroom). What distinguishes it from ENC 1102 is that ENC 1101 is an introductory course. Its focus is personal response, analysis, and synthesis.

Student Learning Outcomes

- Students will complete at least four major writing assignments. All work submitted to the instructor must be **original to this semester and section of this class**. Work previously submitted for any other class does not fulfill the requirements of this class.
- Students will write two or more timed, impromptu essays
- Students will write two or more major writing assignments of at least 500 words each produced through the process of multiple drafts and revisions that will be written both in and out of class. The composition process may include multiple assignments and deadlines, and the essays will be evaluated for content and mechanics according to the Rubric for Composition.
- Students will write one multiple-source essay of at least 750 words produced through the process of multiple drafts and revisions that will be written both in and out of class. The composition process may include multiple assignments and deadlines, and the essays will be evaluated for content and mechanics according to the Rubric for Composition.
- Students will be responsible for other written responses, quizzes, and peer review assignments.
- Students will write and submit a Final Reflection due on the final exam date published in the college’s official exam schedule. No student may submit the Final Reflection without first having submitted all other writing assignments in a sequential manner to the course instructor.
- Students will demonstrate competency in the use of standard English and MLA style by the end of the course.

STUDENT EXPECTATIONS of the INSTRUCTOR

Office hours will be held for thirty minutes each week in the Language and Literature building.

I will do my best to respond to voicemails and emails within 24 hours of receipt, excluding weekends.

EXPECTATIONS of the STUDENT

Academic Integrity

Honest participation in academic endeavors fosters an environment in which optimal learning can take place and is consistent with the college’s mission. Academic misconduct, including cheating or plagiarism, is destructive to the spirit of an educational environment and therefore will not be tolerated. “Cheating” includes but is not limited to use of any unauthorized assistance in completing course work. “Plagiarism” includes, but is not limited to, the use by paraphrase or direct quotation of the published or unpublished work of another person without full and clear acknowledgment. Sanctions for incidences of academic misconduct, depending on the

severity of the incidence and/or its repetition, may range from receiving an F grade (or zero) for the test, assignment, or activity, to failure of the course, to suspension or dismissal from the program or the college.

Accessibility Statement

Gulf Coast State College supports an inclusive learning environment for all students. If there are aspects of the instruction or design of this course that hinder your full participation, reasonable accommodations can be arranged. Prior to receiving accommodations, you must register with Student Accessibility Resources. Appropriate academic accommodations will be determined based on the documented needs of the student. For information regarding the registration process, email sar@gulfcoast.edu or call 850-747-3243.

Recording of Lectures

In accordance with federal and state privacy laws, students may record class lectures for their own personal educational use, in connection with a complaint to the college, or as evidence in internal or external legal proceedings. Students may not publish or upload the recordings or any components thereof without the knowledge and written permission of the faculty member. Failure to obtain permission to publish could lead to the students' having to pay damages, attorney fees, and court costs. For more information about what can be recorded, please see the guidelines on pages 36-39 in the GCSC Student Handbook <https://www.gulfcoast.edu/current-students/student-handbooks/2021-2022-student-handbook.pdf>.

Attendance

- Students are expected to attend all classes.
- Upon a student's 5th absence a letter grade will be deducted from the student's final average. After 6 absences, the student will automatically fail the course.
- There are no "excused" absences; however, students who experience extreme circumstances resulting in more than the allowed number of absences may seek mitigation by discussing their circumstances in my office. Verifiable documentation of the circumstances is required. It is up to my discretion as to what constitutes extreme circumstances.
- Being late to class is disruptive and should be avoided. In this course, two tardies will count as one absence. If you are late to class and we have already begun an in-class response/writing prompt or an in-class quiz, I may ask you to wait outside the classroom until the writing prompt/quiz has concluded. You will not be allowed to make up this assignment.
- If a student leaves class early without my prior consent, that student will receive an absence for the class.

Withdrawals

Students wishing to withdraw must complete a withdrawal form and submit the form to the Office of Enrollment Services before the scheduled withdrawal deadline as published in the college catalog. Student withdrawals initiated prior to the scheduled withdrawal deadline will be recorded as a grade of "W". The withdrawal deadline for an off-term or condensed term is one week after midterm.

Two withdrawals are permitted per credit course. After that, a grade will be assigned. Please be concerned about withdrawals. When admitting students into certain programs, universities may calculate withdrawals as grades. It is your responsibility to verify the effects of enrollment and/or withdrawal upon your financial assistance (financial aid, scholarships, grants, etc.).

Students cannot withdraw from developmental studies courses (college-preparatory classes) after the drop/add period without written permission from their instructor and/or their academic advisor.

Incompletes

An "Incomplete" ("I") will be considered by the instructor if a student has completed seventy-five percent of the class. This will be determined based on attendance, participation, and/or assignment completion. The instructor may require that the student submit a schedule for completion of the missing work. The "Incomplete"

provides 30 days from the ending date of the course to make up any missing work. If work is not submitted during this time period, the grade will automatically change to an “F”.

NOTE:

Our classroom will be a cellphone-free zone – turn cellphones and other electronic devices off, and put them away. They should not be seen or heard.

Focus, discipline, and concentration will be vital factors in experiencing a successful semester in this course – we do not want any undue distractions (for you or your classmates).

MEASURE of STUDENT PERFORMANCE

Grade Determination

- Final Reflection Paper: 15%.
- Multiple-source essay: 25%.
- Other Essays and assignments: 60%. (**Quizzes and Journals that are not taken before their grace periods expire will receive zeroes.** The lowest quiz and journal scores will be dropped at the end of the semester.)
- All essays must be submitted to and accepted by the course instructor or the student cannot pass the course. (**A late penalty of FIVE POINTS PER DAY will be assessed on all late essays** – students are responsible for getting all work to the instructor ON TIME. Absence from class does NOT change assigned due dates)

GCSC Grade Scale:

A: 90-100

B: 80-89

C: 70-79

D: 60-69

F: 0-59

We will make extensive use of Canvas, a course management program that allows you to turn in your work and take quizzes online, keep track of your grades, communicate easily with me and other students in the class, etc. **You must turn in all assignments on Canvas.**

ACADEMIC SUPPORT and TUTORING

Tutorial Services – Writing and Reading Lab

The college provides tutorial support to Gulf Coast students through various means, including tutorial services for students taking coursework in reading, English, and mathematics. The Writing and Reading Lab is located in RC108 and 110 – wandrlab@gulfcoast.edu or (850) 769-1551 ext. 1022. The staff is prepared to assist students who need clarification regarding assignments, suggestions regarding revision and the recognition of patterns of grammatical and mechanical errors, and remediation with specific content area skills including reading comprehension, organization of ideas, transitions from one idea to another, grammar, vocabulary development, basic computer skills, MLA formatting, etc.