



Syllabus

Name of Course

ENC 1101- Composition I/ 84397/ Fall 2026

3 hrs., 3 crs.

WEB

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Course Information

Catalog Description:

ENC1101, English Composition I, 3 hrs., 3 crs. \$5.00 lab fee

This course introduces students to rhetorical concepts and audience-centered approaches to writing including composing processes, language conventions and style, and critical analysis and engagement with written texts and other forms of communication. This is a course for which students will produce extensive college-level writing and requires completion with a minimum

grade of “C.”

Student Learning Outcomes:

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

- A. Students will apply rhetorical knowledge to communicate for a range of audiences and purposes.
- B. Students will employ critical thinking to analyze forms of communications.
- C. Students will engage in writing processes that involve drafting, revising, and reflecting.
- D. Students will use evidence to effectively support claims and thesis statements.
- E. Students will conduct credible research and incorporate information from sources using MLA style.
- F. Students will improve their proficiency in standard English through practice, feedback, and revision.

Course Materials & Resources:

- Monique Babin, et al., *The Word on College Reading and Writing*:
<https://open.umn.edu/opentextbooks/textbooks/the-word-on-college-reading-and-writing>
- Supplemental material will be posted on Canvas
- Students are expected to have adequate proficiency in the use of Microsoft Word and have access to the college’s LMS system outside of class

Delivery Method:

This is a web-based course. All online courses at GCSC utilize the Canvas Learning System. Students should read all information presented in the Canvas course site and should periodically check for updates—at least every 48 hours.

Remember: This course is not one in which students may work at their own pace. Each week there are learning modules, assignments, online lectures, online discussions, and/or online exams with due dates. Refer to the schedule within this syllabus and within Canvas for more information.

Student Expectations

In this course, communication and feedback will occur through various channels, including GCSC email, Canvas Inbox, Canvas Announcements, Canvas Discussions, Microsoft Teams or Zoom, assignment feedback, and instructor office hours. Review the statements below so that you understand the expectations for communication.

As a student at Gulf Coast State College, you are expected to:

- **Adhere to Course Guidelines:** Follow the guidelines detailed in the course syllabus, along with any additional instructions provided by the instructor. This includes understanding and complying with the course objectives, grading criteria, and academic policies.
- **Maintain Regular Contact:** Keep in touch with your instructor and classmates via your GCSC email or other designated communication channels. Regular contact helps clarify doubts, share ideas, and foster a collaborative learning environment.
- **Active Participation:** Engage actively in class discussions and submit assignments on time. Your active participation is crucial for your academic success and contributes to a vibrant learning community.

As your instructor, my commitment to you is to:

- **Provide Timely Feedback:** I will review and provide feedback on your assignments and submissions promptly. My goal is to help you understand your strengths and areas for improvement, which is crucial for your academic growth.
- **Respond Via Canvas Inbox:** I will respond to your emails or messages within 24-48 hours (excluding weekends), unless otherwise noted. I understand the importance of clear and timely communication in addressing your questions and concerns.
- **Post Regular Announcements:** To keep you updated and help you manage your time effectively, I will send out weekly reminders via announcements. These reminders will include important dates, upcoming assignments, and any changes to the course schedule.
- **Maintain Weekly Office Hours:** I will maintain regular weekly office hours, but I can also be available by appointment. This is to ensure I'm available for any questions or concerns that may come up during the week.

Course Schedule

Dates	Module	Description
August 17-21	1	“Introduction to the Course” Review class materials and expectations Readings: Syllabus, Schedule, Lamott’s “First Drafts” Assessments: Writing Diagnostic, Reading and Response #1 Post
August 24-28	2	“The Narrative Essay” Introduction to The Narrative Essay Textbook Readings: “Check Mate”, “A Case of Beer” Assessments: Reading Notes
August 31- September 4	3	“Dialogue and Vivid Imagery” Developing topics for the Narrative Essay Textbook Readings: “Me Talk Pretty One Day” Assessments: Essay 1 Outline
September 7-11	4	“Peer Review and Revision” Reviewing and revising drafts alone and with others Sample Essay/ Sample Breakdown Assessments: Essay 1 Draft
September 14- 18	5	“Essay 2 Intro” Close Reading and Annotations Readings: “Period, Full Stop” “The Pleasures of Eating”, “When a Crop Becomes King”, “If You Pitch It, They Will Eat” Assessments: Essay 1 Final Draft
September 21- 25	6	“Rhetorical Analysis” Introduction to Rhetorical Analysis Readings: “The Rise and Fall of the Trad Wife” Assessments: Summaries and Critiques of Articles
September 28- October 2	7	“MLA Style Citations” Introduction of MLA citations and in text citations Assessments: Essay 2 Work Cited Page, Essay 2 Outline
October 5-9	8	“Essay 2 Revisions and The Paragraph” In class revisions, paragraph development Assessments: Essay 2 First Draft Due
October 12-16	9	“Midterm Conferences” Meet with Professor about Essay 2 and mid-term grades Assessments: Essay 2 Second Draft Due

October 19-23	10	“Argument Essay: Topic and Research” Introduction to Argument Essay and Presentations Sample Essays Assessments: Topic Proposals Due, Essay 2 Final Draft Due
October 26-30	11	“Argument Essay: Sources and Close Readings” Library Research Day, Taking Notes and Close Reading Sample Essays Assessments: Sources
November 2-6	12	“Argument Essay: Annotated Bibliography” Introduction to the Annotated Bibliography Assessments: Annotated Bibliograph and Notes Worksheets
November 9-13	13	“Argument Essay: Paragraph Development and Quote Integration” Writing the draft, Context, intro and conclusion Assessments: First Presentations, Essay 3 Outline
November 16-20	14	“Argument Essay: Revision and Review” Assessments: Essay 3 First Draft Due 11/16, Presentations cont.
November 23-27	15	“Essay 3 Conferences” Assessments: Essay 3 Second Draft Due 11/23
November 30-December 4	16	“Presentations and Reflections” Presentation, Intro to Essay 4: Final Exam/ Reflection Essay Assessments: Final Presentation on Essay 3 Topic
December 7-11	Final Exams	Final Exam

Grading

GCSC Grading Scale

All grades will be posted in the student grade book in Canvas and will be assigned according to the following scale:

- A 90%-100%
- B 80%-89%
- C 70%-79%
- D 60%-69%
- F 59% and below

Calculation of Grades

Essay 1- 15%

Essay 2- 20%

Essay 3- 20%

Essay 4 (Final Exam)- 15%

Drafts & Oral Competency-15%

Homework and Class Participation- 15%

Course Policies

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. Please visit [GCSC's Student Accessibility Resource \(SAR\) webpage](#) to learn more. For information regarding the registration process, email sar@gulfcoast.edu or call 850-747-3243.

Attendance Policy

This is an online course so attendance is measured by consistent participation in the course and the completion of assignments.

Instructors will monitor attendance at the beginning of each semester. If you are not in attendance during this period, you may be withdrawn from the course. You will be financially responsible for the course and a "W or NS" will appear on your transcript. Withdrawal from a course may also have implications for financial aid.

Withdrawal Policy

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.). There are two kinds of withdrawals---student and administrative.

- *Student Withdrawal (W1)* - Students wishing to withdraw must complete the online Student Withdrawal Form 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.

- *Administrative Withdrawal (W2)* – A faculty member may withdraw a student up to the published withdrawal deadline for violation of the class attendance policy in which case the student will receive a grade of "W." The withdrawal deadline for an off-term or condensed term is one week after midterm.

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.

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. GCSC professors report every instance of student academic misconduct to the college for inclusion on the student's records.

Most course syllabi include an academic honesty policy and the consequences for violating this policy. Familiarize yourself with course policies regarding authorized or unauthorized use of AI to avoid the pitfalls of academic dishonesty.

The following definitions will apply:

"Cheating"

includes but is not limited to use of any unauthorized assistance in taking quizzes, tests, or examinations; dependence upon the aid of sources beyond those authorized by the instructor in writing papers, preparing reports, solving problems, or carrying out other assignments; the acquisition without permission of tests or other academic materials belonging to a member of the College's faculty.

"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 as well as the purchase of papers or projects. It can also include overuse of an editing program like Grammarly or submitting work written by an Artificial Intelligence (AI) generator like ChatGPT. Make certain to consult your course syllabi for your instructor's guidelines of AI material.

"Self-plagiarism"

occurs when a student submits the same or considerably similar document to fulfill requirements in different classes. For example, if a student submits a term paper in Religion they originally wrote for an English class, this is self-plagiarism. Once a paper receives a grade in one class, it cannot be submitted again for another class.

"Generative Artificial Intelligence (AI)"

is technology that uses machine learning to create new content, such as text, images or code, based on user input. These systems are trained on vast amounts of data, including large language models and image or code generators. Common examples include ChatGPT, GitHub, Copilot, Google Gemini, Perplexity, and the Grammarly AI function.

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 0) for the test, assignment, or activity, to failure of the course, to suspension or dismissal from the college.

Classroom Recording

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 in the GCSC Student Handbook.

Generative Artificial Intelligence (AI) Policy

The use of generative AI tools in academic work requires clear guidelines to maintain academic integrity. Please review the policy selected for this course regarding the use of AI tools such as ChatGPT, Copilot, Grammarly's AI features, and similar platforms for assignments, research, and other coursework.

See the student handbook for further information. Students with questions about acceptable use should consult their instructor.

Prohibited Use of AI

The use of AI-generated content is strictly prohibited in all assignments, coursework, and throughout all stages of the work process, such as brainstorming, outlining, or drafting. This includes but is not limited to, tools such as ChatGPT, Copilot, and Grammarly's AI function. Use of AI tools will be treated as a violation of academic integrity and may result in penalties, including a zero on the assignment and additional disciplinary actions as outlined in the college's academic integrity policy.

Anti-Discrimination Policy

Gulf Coast State College does not discriminate against any person in its programs, activities, policies or procedures on the basis of race, ethnicity, color, national origin, marital status, religion, age, gender, sex, pregnancy, sexual orientation, gender identity, genetic information, disability, or veteran status. All questions or inquiries regarding compliance with laws relating to non-discrimination and all complaints regarding sexual misconduct or discrimination may be directed to Amanda Reed, Executive Director of Human Resources/Title II/504/Title IX Coordinator and Employment Equity Officer, Gulf Coast State College, 5230 W. US Highway 98, Panama City, FL 32401; 850-769-1551, ext. 3516. Rules, policies, fees, and courses described in this catalog are subject to change without notice.

Syllabus Policy

For any syllabus posted prior to the beginning of the term, the instructor reserves the right to make minor changes prior to or during the term. The instructor will notify students via e-mail or Canvas announcement when changes are made in the requirements and/or grading of the course.

Student Support Resources

Gulf Coast State College is committed to providing you with the resources you need for success as a student and beyond. View all the academic and student support resources provided at GCSC on the [Student Services web page](#).

Course Technology & Support

To successfully participate in this online course, students must have basic computer and digital information literacy skills and meet the following technology requirements:

- **Computer:** Up-to-date web browser that supports the Canvas learning management system; please refer to the system requirements for compatibility and information on using the Canvas app on mobile devices.
- **Internet Speed:** Minimum bandwidth of 8 Mbps upload/download speed to effectively engage in online activities and access multimedia.
- **Office 365 software:** Available for free download through GCSC Information Technology Services (ITS).

If you need technical support, contact the ITS Help Desk, available 24/7 at (850) 913-3303.