



The Kutztown University Writing Program

Designed to assist you in becoming a more capable and confident writer both in your college courses and in your professional life after graduation, the Writing Program utilizes a method of placement that allows you to assess your skills and decide which composition class best fits your needs.

Directed Self-Placement

During orientation, you will have the opportunity to answer a very important question: *Which composition class is best for me?* This method of placement is effective if you are willing to assess your previous reading and writing experiences carefully and honestly. To assist you in making the right decision, an English Department representative will review the available options with you during orientation before you select the course you consider most appropriate.

First-Year Composition Courses

Your course options include Introduction to College Composition, College Composition, and Honors Composition. To do well in either College Composition or Honors Composition, you must have a strong background in reading and writing. If you do not have this type of background, the English Department recommends that you enroll in Introduction to College Composition to gain valuable experience and confidence.



Survey of Reading and Writing Experiences

Consider and respond to the following survey to decide which composition course would be the most appropriate for you:

- Y N I read magazines and newspapers regularly.
- Y N I read books regularly.
- Y N I read publications about hobbies and interests.
- Y N I consider myself a good reader and writer.
- Y N I have learned writing as a process which includes at least some of these steps: brainstorming, drafting, evaluating, revising, and editing.
- Y N I am at ease composing and revising essays on a computer.
- Y N I write letters and/or email messages regularly.
- Y N English was one of my strong subjects in high school.
- Y N My writing demonstrates my competency in English grammar and punctuation.
- Y N In high school English, I wrote several essays a year for at least two or three years.
- Y N I stay current with political and social issues.
- Y N My SAT Verbal score is 500 or above.
- Y N I have experience in doing library research to write a paper.



Interpreting the Results of the Survey

If you answer yes to fewer than six of these statements:

You are strongly advised to take **Introduction to College Composition** (ENG 022) where you will strengthen your writing skills and build your confidence before taking College Composition (ENG 023).

If you answer yes to six or more of these Statements:

You are probably ready for **College Composition** (ENG 023). To do well in this course, you should already consider yourself a strong reader and writer.

If you have an exceptionally strong writing and reading background, have consistently received positive feedback on your writing from teachers, and can answer yes to virtually all of the statements:

Honors Composition (ENG 025) is the course you should consider. You are encouraged to speak with Dr. Guiyong Huang, Honors Program Director, to apply to KU's Honors Program. The Honors Program telephone number is (610)683-1391.

*Since writing has become an increasingly important part of courses in many majors at Kutztown University, **you must consider your choices seriously and carefully** to ensure success in your academic career.



Course Options



Introduction to College Composition (ENG 022)

This course introduces students to college-level writing and is appropriate for students who need additional assistance in becoming competent and confident writers. In this class, students will engage in reading and writing assignments similar to those given in ENG 023 (with the exception of the research paper) although the assignments may be slightly shorter and more individual assistance will be provided. Critical thinking, careful reading, and analytical writing will be emphasized. This course meets for three hours per week and carries elective credits that can be used toward graduation. If you take this class, you will then take ENG 023 to fulfill the college writing requirement.



College Composition (ENG 023)

Students who enroll in this class should already consider themselves competent readers and writers. In addition to focusing on critical reading and thinking, students will write papers in a variety of genres, including the academic research paper. Although grammar, punctuation and spelling may be covered briefly, students should already have a solid working knowledge of editing skills. This course fulfills the university requirement in composition and is a prerequisite for all other ENG and WRI courses except ENG 021 and ENG 022.



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Honors Composition (ENG 025)

This initial course in the Honors Program presents students with a substantially more challenging version of College Composition. Assigned papers are longer and readings more complex. This course fulfills the university composition requirement as well as the prerequisite for other ENG and WRI courses.



*If you are unsure about which course to select, even after hearing the English Department representative's talk, please ask questions. In addition, feel free to call the English Department Office or Dr. Janice Chernehoff, Coordinator of Composition, before orientation.



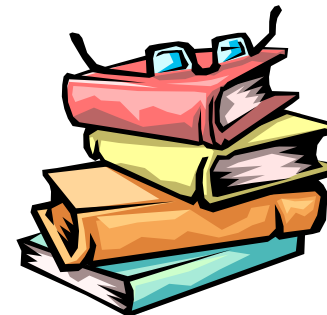
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English Department Composition Placement Program



► Deciding Which Composition Course Is Most Appropriate for You

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