

Miami-Dade Community College
ENC 1101 English Composition I

Catalog Description:

This is a required general education core course in college level writing. Students will write unified, coherent essays using various methods of development and review sentence and paragraph structures and writing fundamentals. English Composition I is required for both the Associate of Science (A.S.) and Associate of Arts (A.A.) degree programs. This course fulfills 8000 words of the Gordon Rule requirement.

3 credits

Prerequisites: Scholastic Assessment Test (SAT) score of 440 or more on the verbal test; American College Testing (ACT) score of 17 or more on the English subtest; or MDC Computerized Placement Test (CPT) score of 83 or more on the English subtest.

Course Competencies:

Competency 1: The student will present writing which focuses attention on himself or herself (personal writing).

Competency 2: The student will present information in writing on a given subject (informational writing).

Criteria: To achieve this competency, the student must:

- Support the thesis or central idea with facts;
- Use graphs, charts, pictures, tables, or other visual aids for support when appropriate;
- Use a standard form to document all phrasing and ideas which are not your own.

Competency 3: The student will demonstrate proficiency in using techniques that enhance reading skill.

Criteria: To achieve this competency, the student must:

- Identify main ideas, purpose, overall organizational pattern, supporting details, and elements of coherence in assigned readings;
- Demonstrate ability to define words by examining context using a dictionary, or applying the root-affix method.

Competency 4: The student will present writing based on specific readings.

Criteria: To achieve this competency, the student must:

- Summarize and/or paraphrase passages;
- Respond to explicit and implicit content.

Competency 5: The student will demonstrate proficiency in using research strategies. (Becoming familiar with the campus library is assumed as part of this competency.)

Criteria: To achieve this competency, the student must:

- Assemble research sources on a designated subject;
- Take effective notes from research source.