

New Course Proposal: College Composition Lab (ENG 101L)

Course Description

A small-group workshop facilitating writing improvement and peer revision, taken in conjunction with ENG101. Lab sessions will reinforce the reading, writing, and research skills necessary to complete assignments in ENG 101. Required for students with department-determined results on placement exam(s). For each of those students, a passing grade in this course is required to pass ENG101. Graded Pass/Fail. (2 Lab). Prerequisite: Department-determined results on placement exam(s) or departmental recommendation. Corequisite: ENG101.

Syllabus

This course will follow the syllabus for ENG 101.

Justification

The students who enroll in ENG101L will have placement scores that would usually place them in ENG 098, but which are close to the cutoff for ENG 101. One-hour lab sessions will immediately follow each lecture session. They will be held in a computer lab. The same instructor will teach both the lab session and the lecture, which will permit students to review the content from the lecture, get started on assignments, receive one-on-one feedback from instructors, and have the opportunity for structured peer revision workshops. Each lab session will be designed to help facilitate students' success in ENG 101.

Students will spend three hours in lecture and two hours in lab each week but will only pay for four credits.

The majority of our sister campuses use this corequisite model. Customized support in a lab setting can provide hand-on, "just-in-time" remediation that is directly relevant to success in ENG 101. According to Complete College America, "corequisite support is doubling and tripling gateway college course success in half the time or better." Ultimately, the addition of this lab will help students save both time and money as they are completing their degrees.