# COURSE SYLLABUS

**Course Title:** Introduction to College English  
**Date submitted:** September 2013 (AAC:14-124)  
**Department:** Academic Strategies Department  
**Curriculum:** Writing/Reading

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<th><strong>Course Code:</strong> (eg. ACC 101)</th>
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<td><strong>Course Type:</strong></td>
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| A: Clinical  B: Lab  D: Distance Learning  
I: Individual/Independent  
L: Lecture  
N: Internship  
X: Combined Lecture/Lab  
P: Practicum  
C: Combined Lecture/Studio |
| **Elective Type:**            | N/A     |
| AH: Art History  E: English  
FA: Fine Arts  
FL: Foreign Language  
G: General  
HI: History  
HU: Humanities  
LAS: Liberal Arts & Sciences  
M: Math  S: Science  SS: Social Science |
| **Credit Hours:**             | 6       |
| **Developmental:**            | Yes     |
| **Lecture**                   | 3       |
| **Lab**                       | 3       |
| **Contact Hours:**            | 6       |
| **Class Maximum:**            | 15      |
| **Semesters Offered:**        | F/S/Su  |

**Prerequisites:** Placement Test Score  
**Corequisites:** Recommended: CSS-101 First Year Experience  
**Other Requirements:** None

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**Catalog Course Description:** Prepares students for the reading and writing demands in Composition and other college-level courses by integrating reading, writing, and critical thinking. Student writing will focus on understanding, reporting on, reacting to, and analyzing the ideas of others. Texts will serve as models and sources for students to refine their skills in exposition, interpretation, and argumentation. Students learn and practice specific college-level skills through critical reading and writing, class discussions, lectures, group presentations, or workshops. This course does not satisfy an English requirement or an elective in any degree program, nor do its credits count toward graduation.

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**Topical Outline:**  
List course content in outline format.

1. **Respond to Rhetorical Situations**  
   Use appropriate language, analysis of texts, and development of ideas to demonstrate an awareness of audience and purpose

2. **Use Texts**  
   A. Read expository and argumentative whole texts  
   B. Employ effective annotation skills  
   C. Accurately identify the main idea and supporting points of a text
D. Use the reading process to differentiate between supporting points, evidence, and reasoning in a text
E. Formulate a close response to the author’s main idea
F. Read with accurate comprehension
G. Write accurate summaries and paraphrases
H. Evaluate information in texts for accuracy, validity, and relevance
I. Integrate summaries, paraphrases, and direct quotes into essays to achieve rhetorical purpose

3. Craft Logical Arguments
   A. Compose unified, coherent, and fully developed paragraphs to support a thesis in an essay
   B. Present an argument that uses basic organizational and transitional strategies

4. Apply Language Conventions
   A. Use language that demonstrates reasonable control of Standard English and language conventions
   B. Use basic MLA citation style
   C. Employ strategies to avoid plagiarism

5. Formulate Effective Writing Strategies
   A. By the end of the semester, write at least one thesis-driven, text-based 900-1200 word essay (beyond the 5-paragraph model)
   B. Write expository and persuasive essays relevant to the assignment
   C. Use the writing process to develop, organize, and refine ideas
   D. Develop thesis-driven essays with a clear, single focus and supporting points

6. Reflect on the Learning Process and Acquisition of Abilities
   A. Metatext
   B. Self-Assessment

**Outcomes:**
Describe measurable skills or knowledge that students should be able to demonstrate as evidence that they have mastered the course content.

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to do the following:

**COURSE:**
1. respond to rhetorical situations
2. use texts
3. craft logical arguments
4. apply language conventions
5. formulate effective writing strategies
6. reflect on the learning process and acquisition of abilities

**PROGRAM:** (Numbering reflects Program Outcomes as they appear in the college catalog)
N/A

**GENERAL EDUCATION:** (Numbering reflects General Education Outcomes as they appear in the college catalog)
| **Evaluation:** | Assessment will be based on the following criteria:  
1. Students will do a minimum of three (3) major thesis-driven, text-based writing assignments, for a total of at least **nine (9)** pages in MLA format.  
2. Other assignments can take the form of tests, quizzes, presentations, or projects.  
3. Final assessment is based on a reading and writing portfolio of the students’ best work that demonstrates mastery of all course abilities. Check with department chair for current portfolio requirements.  
Portfolio contents will be measured by the department portfolio rubric. |
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| **Instructional Resources:** | Required: None  
Desired: Dedicated Academic Strategies Computer Writing Lab |
| **Textbook(s):** | Check with department chair for list of departmentally approved texts. |