

Which English class should I take?

MCC offers two options for beginning your college writing requirements:

- RDG090 + ENG101 (taken together as a pair)
- or
- ENG101 (taken alone)

Which option is best for you?

<p>RDG090 + ENG 101</p> <p>TWO courses . . . ONE goal: SUCCESS in college reading and writing</p>	
<p>This pair of classes is your chance to complete college-level ENG101 with the support of RDG090. You'll take both classes in the same semester with the same instructor and the same classmates. In RDG090, you'll develop the reading, organizing, and editing skills required of the challenging research and writing assignments you're working on in ENG101.</p>	
<p>RDG 090 (Integrated Reading and Writing)</p> <p>This course will focus on the development of effective critical thinking, reading, and writing skills. Students will develop their ability to participate in academic discussions by reading and responding to academic texts and by writing clear sentences, effectively developed paragraphs, and short essays. This course is designed to support students enrolled in ENG 101 and must be taken during the same semester.</p>	<p>ENG 101 (English Composition I)</p> <p>ENG101 is a course in which students will develop the abilities to read critically, to think logically, to discuss intelligently, and primarily to write effectively using exposition, argumentation, and research.</p> <p><i>A grade of "C" or better is required to enter into English 102.</i></p>

<p>ENG101 (English Composition I)</p>
<p><i>If your high school GPA is 2.5 or higher, you may enroll in ENG101 (without ENG091); however, you should consider all of the information in this document as you decide on the best course for your success.</i></p> <p>ENG101 is a course in which students will develop the abilities to read critically, to think logically, to discuss intelligently, and primarily to write effectively using exposition, argumentation, and research.</p> <p><i>A grade of "C" or better is required to pass the course and enter into ENG102.</i></p>

Need more guidance?

Follow this Guided Self-Placement for English

Use the following Guided Self-Placement questions to help you determine which ENG course you should enroll in. Your goal should be to identify the course in which you'll be appropriately challenged but able to succeed.

When you register online in MyMCC, you may see a message that you haven't completed a recommended prerequisite for the course you've chosen. These prerequisites are being waived. You may continue and register for the class you've placed yourself into.

If you need help making your decision, [contact the MCC Counseling and Advising Center](#).

1. Did you already successfully complete a writing or composition course at MCC or another college?

No. → Continue on to #2.

Yes! → Simply choose the next course in the sequence:

Did you successfully complete **ENG091, RDG297**, or a similar remedial or developmental course?

→ Enroll in ENG101.

Did you successfully complete **ENG101** or a similar course (often called English Composition I or Freshman Composition I)?

→ Most students need ENG 102. [Your MCC counselor](#) can advise you on your options.

Did you successfully complete **both ENG101 and ENG102** or their equivalents?

→ You are not required to take another English course at MCC to meet basic degree requirements, but you may enjoy (or your specific degree program may require) a 200-level ENG course. (See pages 239+ in the [MCC catalog](#), or [ask your MCC counselor](#).)

If you took an English course at a Michigan college or university, you can check how it transfers to MCC by visiting [MITransfer.org](#). If you took the course outside of the state of Michigan or have questions, please [contact the MCC Counseling and Advising Center](#).

2. Did you take an English writing class in high school?

No. → Continue on to #3.

Yes! → Let the grade you earned in your high school English writing class inform your decision:

Below a B
in high school
writing class → Enroll in RDG090 + ENG101.
(Take these two courses together as a pair.)

B or better
in high school
writing class → Enroll in ENG101 if you feel confident
in your writing abilities.

3. Do you know your high school GPA?

No. → [Speak to your counselor.](#)

Yes! → Let your high school GPA inform your decision.

high school GPA
below 2.5 → Enroll in ENG090 + ENG101.
(Take these two courses together as a pair.)

high school GPA
2.5 or higher → Enroll in ENG101 if you feel confident in
your writing abilities.

high school GPA
over 10 years old → Make an appointment with the [MCC
Counseling Center](#) to choose the best course
for you.

For additional help deciding which ENG course is right for you, please [contact the MCC
Counseling and Advising Center.](#)

To learn more about ENG courses at MCC, [the 2021-2022 Course Catalog.](#)