

NorthWest Arkansas Community College
Division of Communication and Arts
English Department

Course Number and Title

ENGL 1013H, English Composition I, Honors

ACTS Index Number and Title

ENGL 1013, Composition I

Catalog Description

Course begins the composition sequence by teaching skills to enable the student to write clear, concise expository prose and to improve critical thinking skills through the writing process. The student prepares for other college writing assignments by evaluating and synthesizing academic sources in print and online. This is an honors course. Please refer to the NWACC Honors Program section in the current catalog for more information

Prerequisites

Minimum placement score (25 ACT, or its placement test score equivalent)

Credit hours/Contact hours/Load hours

Three

Target Audience/Transferability

This course fulfills the first half of the standard composition curriculum required of all students and transfers to other institutions as the first composition course. As an honors course it is directed at highly motivated students who have advanced skills in writing and reading.

Course Student Learning Outcomes

- Students compose focused, coherent, and developed writing in multiple genres.
- Students use writing strategies to invent, draft, revise, and edit major writing projects.
- Students adopt voice, style, and tone appropriate to the rhetorical situation.
- Students control surface features such as syntax, grammar, punctuation, and spelling.
- Students read, analyze, and interpret print and non-print texts.
- Students locate, evaluate, use, and credit reliable resources.
- Students collaborate with peers to plan, develop, and revise projects.
- Students demonstrate cultural awareness through knowledge of diverse ideas, values, and perspectives.

Honors Program Learning Outcomes (new)

Students who graduate from the NWACC Honors Program will become proficient in:

Critical Thinking

- Apply classroom learning to new problems and life situations
- Analyze and evaluate evidence
- Creatively develop original ideas and arguments

Effective Communication

- Express ideas and concepts precisely and persuasively in multiple formats
- Effectively debate ideas and arguments in individual and group settings

Community Engagement

- Apply classroom knowledge to local or national issues
- Serve the community through projects and presentations
- Demonstrate responsible citizenship

Valuing Diversity

- Recognize and evaluate bias, stereotyping, and discrimination in human interaction
- Respect cultural differences

Leadership

- Formulate own leadership style through study of various methods
- Develop skills in leading groups and projects
- Use knowledge or education to influence others

Topics

Critical reading skills, critical writing skills, analysis, synthesis, evaluation, handling source material

Forms of Assessment

Approximately five papers in combination with revisions and in-class writing experiences, at least one dealing with secondary sources; quizzes, tests, journals, and/or other writing.