Courses

ENGL 110. College Composition I. 3 Credits.
A course which introduces students to college-level reading, writing, rhetoric, and critical thinking skills.
Typically Offered: Fall, Spring.
Prerequisite: ACT English score of 18 or higher, ACT English score of 14-17 with corequisite of ASC 88, or ASC 87.

ENGL 120. College Composition II. 3 Credits.
A course which continues the development of ENGL 110 skills with emphasis on research writing and documentation.
Typically Offered: Fall, Spring.
Prerequisite: ENGL 110 with a grade of C or better or an ACT English score of 23 or higher.

ENGL 125. Introduction to Professional Writing. 3 Credits.
A course which introduces the writing and research skills needed in business and technology fields. Topics include technical organizational patterns, document design, readability of text, research methods, research reporting and collaborative writing.
Typically Offered: Fall, Spring.
Prerequisite: ENGL 110 with a grade of C or better or an ACT English score of 23 or higher.

ENGL 194. Independent Study. 1-3 Credits.
Directed reading, study, and/or activities in selected topics.
Typically Offered: On sufficient demand.
Repeatable: Up to 12 Credits.

ENGL 199. Special Topics. 1-4 Credits.
Courses not offered in the regular catalog that provide an opportunity to extend student learning.
Typically Offered: On sufficient demand.
Repeatable: Up to 12 Credits.

ENGL 210. College Composition III: Persuasive Writing. 3 Credits.
Advanced development of writing skills which emphasizes increasingly sophisticated and effective rhetoric and style. Topics include the study of classic and contemporary rhetorical strategies through the analysis of both written and visual media, and the application of that study in original student works, including memoir/narrative, critical analyses, and research.
Typically Offered: Spring.
Prerequisite: ENGL 120 or ENGL 125.

ENGL 213. Literary Publications. 1 Credit.
An introduction to creative and academic magazine publishing in which students will produce The Forge, the campus literary, essay, and arts journal. After learning about the current literary marketplace through a review of contemporary literary journals, students will learn how to solicit manuscript and visual art entries, and then edit, design, layout and publish the journal. Students will also take part in organizing an open mic event and promoting and distributing the finished product.
Typically Offered: Spring.
Grading: S/U only.
Repeatable: Up to 4 Credits.

ENGL 220. Introduction to Literature. 3 Credits.
A course which introduces students to college-level reading and discussion of representative examples from poetry, drama, and fiction using common literary terminology. ENGL 220 may not be used to meet the English major literature requirements.
Typically Offered: Fall.

ENGL 225. Introduction to Film. 3 Credits.
A course which introduces students to film studies, including analysis of narrative and stylistic elements of films.
Typically Offered: Spring.

ENGL 232. Mythology. 3 Credits.
A study of representative myths, legends, and folklore from various cultures with emphasis upon the literary and cultural aspects of myth.
Typically Offered: Fall.

ENGL 241. World Literature I. 3 Credits.
A survey of major world literature text dating from antiquity through medieval times.
Typically Offered: Fall, even years.

ENGL 242. World Literature II. 3 Credits.
A survey of major world literature texts dating from the Renaissance to the present.
Typically Offered: Spring, odd years.

ENGL 261. American Literature I. 3 Credits.
A survey of the principle authors and literary movements to the end of the Civil War.
Typically Offered: Fall, odd years.

ENGL 262. American Literature II. 3 Credits.
A survey of the principle authors and literary movements from the end of the Civil War to the present time.
Typically Offered: Spring, even years.

ENGL 294. Independent Study. 1-3 Credits.
Directed reading, study, and/or activities in selected topics.
Typically Offered: On sufficient demand.
Repeatable: Up to 12 Credits.

ENGL 299. Special Topics. 1-4 Credits.
Courses not offered in the regular catalog that provide an opportunity to extend student learning.
Typically Offered: On sufficient demand.
Repeatable: Up to 12 Credits.

ENGL 300. Grammatical Analysis. 3 Credits.
A practical course in grammatical construction and usage, including traditional, structural, and transformational descriptions.
Typically Offered: Fall.

ENGL 305. Writing Workshop. 1 Credit.
A workshop course dealing with the original student work in a specific creative writing genre including poetry, drama, fiction, or creative non-fiction. May be repeated for credit.
Typically Offered: Fall-odd yrs; Spring.
Repeatable: Up to 3 Credits.
ENGL 309. Linguistics and Language Acquisition. 3 Credits.
A study of the nature of language, organization principles of language, the
history of English language and the principles of language change, and the
psycholinguistic theories of first and second language acquisition.
Typically Offered: Summer; Spring, even years.

ENGL 310. Writing in the Major. 3 Credits.
An intensive study of various methods of composition specific to the
discipline and stressing theory, research, audience expectation, and revision.
Typically Offered: Spring, odd years.

ENGL 321. English Literature I. 3 Credits.
A survey of principle British authors and literary movements, covering the
literature from the Anglo-Saxon invasions through the end of the 18th
Century.
Typically Offered: Spring, odd years.

ENGL 322. English Literature II. 3 Credits.
A survey of the principle British authors and literary movements from the
Romantic period to the present time.
Typically Offered: Fall, odd years.

ENGL 330. Creative Writing. 3 Credits.
The intensive study and practice of writing poetry, short stories, and
nonfiction, with the goal of constructing a polished portfolio of work.
The course includes the exploration of contemporary genres and writing
techniques.
Typically Offered: Fall, even years.
Prerequisite: ENGL 120 or ENGL 125.

ENGL 350. Young Adult Reading and Literature. 3 Credits.
An advanced course of selected genres, authors, themes, or eras in British
literature. May be repeated for credit.

ENGL 393. Writing Center Tutoring. 1 Credit.
A concentrated tutor training course for developing the knowledge and skills
necessary for writing tutors to effectively assist individuals and small groups
with their writing challenges. Topics include tutoring techniques, revision
strategies, error identification, and VCSU’s Writing Center methodologies. Any
student who wishes to work in the Writing Center must complete this course
before becoming a writing tutor. The course does not count toward a major or
minor in English.
Typically Offered: Fall, Spring.

ENGL 394. Independent Study. 1-3 Credits.
Directed reading, study, and/or activities in selected topics.
Typically Offered: On sufficient demand.
Repeatable: Up to 12 Credits.

ENGL 399. Special Topics. 1-4 Credits.
Courses not offered in the regular catalog that provide an opportunity to
extend student learning.
Typically Offered: On sufficient demand.
Repeatable: Up to 12 Credits.

ENGL 409. Language and Culture. 3 Credits.
An examination of the basic sociocultural variables in the acquisition
process of first and second languages. Theories in language use, language
learning, types of bilingual and multilingual education situations, and social
determinants of dialect and style will also be discussed.
Typically Offered: Fall.

ENGL 410. Technical and Scientific Writing. 3 Credits.
An advanced writing course which focuses on formal writing projects required
in technical and scientific fields to include technical and scientific research
reports and proposals, RFPs, and grant writing.
Typically Offered: Spring, even years.
Prerequisite: ENGL 120 or ENGL 125.

ENGL 420. Writing for the Web. 3 Credits.
A study of the types and rhetorical demands of online communication,
focusing especially on writing help documents, FAQs, software documentation,
and copyright issues. Includes copy-editing concerns (clarity, conciseness,
accuracy, grammatical correctness) as they relate to these types of writing.
Typically Offered: Fall.
Prerequisite: ENGL 120 or ENGL 125.

ENGL 430. Studies in Poetry. 3 Credits.
An intensive study of poetic principles as exhibited in the poetry of selected
authors, themes, or types.
Typically Offered: On sufficient demand.

ENGL 440. Comparative Literature. 3 Credits.
An advanced course of selected genres, authors, themes, or eras in World
Literature.
Typically Offered: Fall, odd years.

ENGL 450. Studies in British Literature. 3 Credits.
An advanced course of selected genres, authors, themes, or eras in British
literature. May be repeated for credit.
Typically Offered: Summer, even years.
Repeatable: Up to 6 Credits.
ENGL 460. Studies in American Literature. 3 Credits.
An advanced course which examines selected genres, authors, themes, or eras in American Literature. May be repeated for credit.
Typically Offered: Spring-odd yrs; Summer-odd yrs.
Repeatable: Up to 6 Credits.

ENGL 480. Shakespeare. 3 Credits.
A study of Shakespeare's life, times, and writings, emphasizing major plays.
Typically Offered: Spring.

ENGL 490. Methods of Teaching English. 3 Credits.
An examination of the curriculum, methods, materials, trends, and philosophy in the teaching of the English language arts in secondary schools. ENGL 490 must be successfully completed prior to student teaching.
Typically Offered: Fall, odd years.
Prerequisite: Admitted to Teacher Education.

ENGL 491. Senior Capstone. 2 Credits.
A course which provides the opportunity for upper-level students to work individually with professors in designing and completing a Senior Thesis, as well as exposing future graduates to discipline-specific career expectations and processes.
Typically Offered: Fall, Spring.
Grading: S/U only.

ENGL 494. Undergraduate Research. 3-12 Credits.
The course is designed to integrate subject matter from major coursework and other disciplines into a project that leads to the creation of an original body of knowledge.
Typically Offered: On sufficient demand.
Repeatable: Up to 12 Credits.

ENGL 497. Internship. 3-12 Credits.
An opportunity for students to apply classroom learning to an on-the-job work experience. Internship must be related to the student's major or minor course of study and may be in any geographic location. Credit is granted in the range of three to twelve hours per semester and may be repeated up to a maximum of 12 credit hours. Application and approval through Career Services.
Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer.
Prerequisites: Junior Standing or Senior Standing and cum GPA of 2.50 or higher.
Grading: S/U only.
Repeatable: Up to 12 Credits.

ENGL 499. Special Topics. 1-4 Credits.
Courses not offered in the regular catalog that provide an opportunity to extend student learning.
Typically Offered: On sufficient demand.
Repeatable: Up to 12 Credits.