

UNLV ENGLISH COMPOSITION PLACEMENT INFORMATION

Initial Course Placement

ACT English Score *	Old SAT Critical Reading Score	New SAT Evidence-Based Reading and Writing Score	Placement
1 – 17	200 – 490	200 - 470	ENG 101E Composition I Extended
18 – 29	500 – 670	480 - 650	ENG 101 Composition I
30 – 36	680 – 800	660 - 800	ENG 102 Composition II

* The ACT Residual Exam is available through [UNLV Educational Outreach](#).

Additional Placement Options

English Language Center: Non-native speakers who place into ENG 101E based on test scores should consider ENG 113E, which is equivalent to ENG 101E, but provides additional support for English language learners. Please contact the English Language Center (702-895-4311) for more information.

College Board Advanced Placement Exam: Students with AP scores of 3-5 on the Composition/Literature test or the Language/Composition test receive credit for ENG 101 and place into ENG 102.

Placement Portfolios: Students who feel that standardized test scores do not accurately reflect their writing ability may demonstrate their preparation for ENG 101 by submitting a portfolio which contains:

- **A one-page cover letter** that identifies the class in which each portfolio essay was originally written, the assignment that was given, and the skills that each essay demonstrates.
- **Two essays of at least 500 words each** that are clearly focused around a central idea, developed with specific supporting details, organized to provide a logical flow of ideas, and edited to observe the conventions of standard written English.
- **A timed essay** that responds to one of two short contemporary articles provided the day of the test.

Go to <http://www.unlv.edu/english/composition> or call the Composition Office (702-895-3165) for more information.

First Day Diagnostics: Students will complete a diagnostic essay the first day of class in both ENG 101 and ENG 101E. Students whose writing demonstrates weaknesses in basic language skills will be advised to switch to a class offered by the English Language Center or sign up for workshops and tutoring offered by the Writing Center.

Composition Program

(702) 895-3165

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Course Descriptions

ENG 101 Composition I

English 101 is a writing intensive course designed to improve critical thinking, reading, and writing skills. Students develop strategies for turning their experience, observations, and analyses into evidence suitable for writing in a variety of academic disciplines. *3 credits. Letter grades. Credits apply towards fulfillment of UNLV English Composition requirement.*

ENG 101E/101F Composition I Extended

ENG 101E/101F is a two-semester ENG 101 sequence designed for students who would benefit from more practice and instruction than is available in a one-semester course. Students use the ENG 101 text and complete the first half of the ENG 101 curriculum during ENG 101E and the second half during ENG 101F. *ENG 101E 3 elective credits. S/U grading. ENG 101F 3 credits. Letter grades. Completion of ENG 101E / 101F sequence fulfills UNLV requirement for ENG 101.*

ENG 102 Composition II

ENG 102 builds upon the critical thinking, reading, and writing capabilities that students developed in ENG 101. Students learn the processes necessary for collecting and incorporating research material in writing. They learn how to evaluate, cite, and document primary and secondary research sources, and how to develop arguments and support them with sound evidence. *3 credits. Letter grades. Credits apply towards fulfillment of UNLV English Composition requirement.*

Composition for Non-Native Speakers

The English Language Center provides equivalent composition courses for non-native speakers. Students who do not speak English as a first language should call 702-895-4311 for more information.



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