

COURSE: ENGLISH 101: Composition I

DESCRIPTION: Develops basic writing skills and includes review of essential grammar, including syntax, punctuation and spelling. The Challenge Exam for English 101 requires demonstration of proficiency in the following areas and construction of a short essay:

RECOMMENDED TEXT: Barbara Fine Close, Progressions, 6th edition, 2005. Longman Publishers, ISBN: 0-321-14556-9 or any comparable college-level English composition text

FORMAT:

Paragraph construction (including topic sentences, supporting details, closing)

Types of paragraphs (narration, description, illustration, process analysis, definition, comparison and contrast, cause-and-effect analysis, classification and persuasion)

Sentence construction, including identifying subjects and verbs, identifying and classifying clauses

Use of frequently confused words

Spelling and frequently misspelled words

Double negatives

Using verbs correctly, including verb forms (regular and irregular verbs, forms of *be*, *have* and *do*), subject-verb agreement (compound subjects, collective nouns, indefinite pronouns, phrases between subject and verb, inverted order, *who*, *which*, *that*) and tense shifts

Using pronouns correctly, including pronoun-antecedent agreement (compound subject antecedents, collective noun antecedents, indefinite pronoun antecedents, phrases after the antecedent), pronoun reference (unclear, distant and unstated references), subject and object pronouns and person shift

Using adjectives and adverbs, including *-ly* adverbs, *good/well*, comparative and superlative forms and dangling modifiers

Capitalization

Punctuation, including use of period, comma, semi-colon, colon, question mark, exclamation point, apostrophes and quotation marks

GRADING: Students must receive a “C” (73-76) in order to receive credit for a course taken as a Challenge Exam.