

# English 111: College Composition

3 Credits ♦ Fall 128 ♦ 9:00 a.m.–11:55 a.m. ♦ Wednesdays  
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*English 111: Composition 1* is designed to prepare you for academic work in English 112. As your instructor, it is my goal to help you improve your reading and writing skills in an interactive and collaborative setting. We will learn active reading and writing strategies needed to understand, interpret, and apply ideas and information from various texts.

## Course Description

<http://www.delta.edu/english/courses/eng111.aspx>

## Course Prerequisite

Prerequisite: READING LEVEL 2 and WRITING LEVEL 2.

## Course Objectives

<http://www3.delta.edu/catalog/outcomes.asp?CourseActionID=4237>

## Required Texts and Materials

- The Everyday Writer 4<sup>th</sup> Edition*, by Andrea A. Lunsford
- Things Fall Apart*, by Chinua Achebe
- The Kite Runner*, by Khaled Hosseini
- American college dictionary and Thesaurus
- 3-ring binder and a two-pocket folder
- Reliable computer access
- Reliable storage device for documents and class assignments

## Major Course Assignments

<b>Eulogy</b>	<b>50 points</b>
<b>Visual Literacy Project</b>	<b>20 points</b>
<b>“The Information Highway”</b>	<b>50 points</b>
<b>Midterm Exam</b>	<b>50 points</b>
<b>Exploratory Essay</b>	<b>100 points</b>
<b>Journal Entries</b>	<b>10 points each</b>
<b>Final Exam</b>	<b>50 points</b>

## **Course Policies and Procedures**

### **Grading**

Every assignment is graded according to accuracy, detail, depth and complexity. In addition, all writing assignments are graded according to rubric (see hand-out). Your final grade is based on the earned total points for the course.

### **Your grade is based on the following scale:**

93-100% = A	80-82% = B-	67-69% = D+
90-92% = A-	77-79% = C+	63-66% = D
87-89% = B+	74-76% = C	60-62% = D-
83-86% = B	70-73% = C-	Below 60 % = E (failing)

### **Late Work**

Any assignment turned in after the due date can only earn the highest grade of a **C**. This means that if you have written a “**B**” paper and turned it in late, you will earn a “**D**” on the paper. If you have posted to the discussion board late and you wrote a response worthy of **10 points**, you will only receive **7 points**.

### **Absences**

It is very important that you attend every class **ON TIME!**  
**Two** absences will result in an instructor-initiated drop.

You are not allowed to make up any missed quizzes, tests or in-class assignments due to an absence. Absences also include information missed due to tardiness or leaving class early.

**NOTE:** The instructor reserves the right to drop a student from the course for not only excessive absences; but also, disruptive behavior.

### **Classroom Conduct**

- You are expected to treat your classmates and instructor with respect at all times.
- We may discuss “sensitive” or controversial topics in class, so please respect the opinions of others.
- No food allowed!** Drinks are okay ☺
- Remember to silence cell phones and pagers.
- Disruptive behavior (e.g. talking/whispering while others are trying to listen, harassing others, texting, etc.) will not be tolerated. When using computers in class, you will not be allowed to make unauthorized use of the computers, either to complete work for another course or for your own entertainment; doing so will result in a verbal warning or even loss of access to a computer. Please see Delta’s Disruptive Student Policy for a full definition of “disruptive behavior” and the consequences of being disruptive in class.

### **Academic Integrity**

Plagiarism is defined as, “the false assumption of authorship; the wrongful act of taking the product of another person’s mind and presenting it as one’s own” (Lindey “Plagiarism and Originality”). If you are caught cheating or plagiarizing on an exam or an assignment, you will receive a zero on that exam or assignment and a written notification will be issued to you, the Division Chair, the Academic Dean, and the Chief Academic Officer of the College. If you are caught cheating more than once, you will fail the course. If a case is reported to the Chief Academic Officer of the College, a permanent record of the incident will be maintained and the Chief Academic Officer of the College will decide appropriate consequences, including, especially in the case of repeat violation, dismissal from the college. Please review the policy on Academic Integrity online at <http://www.delta.edu/catalog/StudentsRights.asp>. If you are uncertain what constitutes plagiarism, please contact your instructor. (I am more than willing to help prevent you from plagiarizing and receiving a poor grade.)

### **Students with disabilities**

If you require additional assistance and/or if you have a documented disability which affects your academic abilities and performance and can benefit from reasonable accommodations and support, you are advised to contact Mike Cooper, Director Disability Services, in D102 for a consultation. He can be reached at 686-9322.

### **Adverse Weather**

In the case of adverse weather, Delta College will make every effort to contact local radio and television stations as early as possible. Please tune to Delta Q-TV (channels 19 and 35), Delta Public Radio (90.1FM) or other local TV and radio stations, or call the weather line at (989) 686-9179 (or 1-800-686-9179).

### **Valuing Diversity**

In our classroom, we value diversity. Diversity represents an environment of inclusion and equity that fosters creativity, innovation, and growth. We welcome and appreciate differences in identity, expertise, experiences, ideas, and opinions. Each person will be respected regardless of real or perceived gender identity/expression, race, color, ability, socioeconomic status, national origin, sexual orientation, political belief, physical characteristics, parental status, marital status, linguistic/language difference, creed, sex, religion, height, age, arrest record, weight, and/or veteran status.