

Basic Course Information

Semester: Winter 2021	Instructor Name: Dr. Cynthia J. Spence
Course Title: English 55 Units: 1	Email: cynthia.spence@imperial.edu
CRN #: 15277	
Classroom: Online	Office #2799 – We are not on campus this semester
Class Dates: January 4—February 4 Class Days and Times: Asynchronous Online: Asynchronous learning happens on your schedule. While your instructor will provide materials for reading, lectures for viewing, assignments for completing, and exams for evaluation, you have the ability to access and satisfy these requirements within a one week time frame. Assignments will be posted on Monday in a weekly module and should be completed by Sunday 11:59 p.m. in order to be considered on time.	No office hours during Winter Intersession: Feel free to send me an email if you have any questions. Contacting the Instructor: Send an email or post in the Question Discussion Thread – Although I will do my best to reply quickly, please allow 24 hours for a response. Office Phone: #760-355-5702 – Since I am not on campus during the shutdown, phone calls are not a point of contact.
Embedded Tutor: Priscilla Torales	ptorales@students.imperial.edu

Course Description

This lab class offers intensive instruction in writing, research, reading, and critical thinking skills to promote success in a concurrent English 110 course. This course allows a qualified student to bypass English 009. This course follows the freshman composition co-requisite model of acceleration.

Course Objectives

Upon satisfactory completion of the course, students will be able to:

1. Critically read, analyze, and evaluate a variety of primarily non-fiction texts for content and context.
2. Utilize appropriate pre- and post-reading strategies to analyze patterns of organization within a variety of texts.
3. Write grammatically correct sentences that adhere to conventions of written English.
4. Integrate the ideas of others through paraphrasing, summarizing, and quoting utilizing appropriate MLA format and guidelines.
5. Compose an essay with an introduction, body, and conclusion, which includes organizing an essay around a controlling idea and developing main idea paragraphs with effective use of supporting details.

Student Learning Outcomes

Upon course completion, the successful student will have acquired new skills, knowledge, and or attitudes as demonstrated by being able to:

1. Students will be able to write an expository essay that demonstrates beginning competence in both form and content. The essay will 1) address the writing task 2) be organized 3) use details and examples to support the thesis and 4) demonstrate facility with grammar and syntax. The essay will be supported by the lab work and written according to the guidelines set in the co-requisite English 110 course.

Textbooks & Other Resources or Links

This is a Zero Textbook Cost course – reading materials are provided free on Canvas

Course Requirements and Instructional Methods

Lab Activity- The course is a lab component for some English 110 classes. As such, the primary instructional activities in the class will be geared toward improving and enhancing the students' understanding of the course material and assisting in the essay development process. **Two (2) hours of independent work done out of class** per each hour of lecture or class work, or 3 hours lab, practicum, or the equivalent per unit is expected.

Course Grading Based on Course Objectives

Grading Scale This course uses the Pass/Not Pass scale. Students must pass 70% of the lab assignments to pass the course. 0-69 % = Did not pass 70% or higher = pass

The assignment will be graded pass/not pass. There will be a 10 point deduction in points for turning the assignment in late

Lab Assignments Uploaded to Canvas	20 X 50	1000
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Attendance

- A student who fails to attend the first meeting of a class or does not complete the first mandatory activity of an online class will be dropped by the instructor as of the first official meeting of that class. **The "Check-in Discussion Post" in the English 110 class must be completed on or before Wednesday January 6th at 2:00 p.m. or you will be dropped from the course.**
- Should re-admission be desired, the student's status will be the same as that of any other student who desires to add a class. It is the student's responsibility to drop or officially withdraw from the class. See the [General Catalog](#) for details.
- Regular attendance in all classes is expected of all students. A student whose continuous, unexcused absences exceed the number of hours the class is scheduled to meet per week may be dropped.
- Absences attributed to the representation of the college at officially approved events (conferences, contests, and field trips) will be counted as 'excused' absences.

What does it mean to "attend" an online class?

Attendance is critical to student success and for IVC to use federal aid funds. Acceptable indications of attendance are:

- Student submission of an academic assignment
- Student submission of an exam
- Student participation in an instructor-led Zoom conference
- Documented student interaction with class postings, such as an interactive tutorial or computer-assisted instruction via modules
- A posting by the student showing the student's participation in an assignment created by the instructor
- A posting by the student in a discussion forum showing the student's participation in an online discussion about academic matters
- An email from the student or other documentation showing that the student has initiated contact with a faculty member to ask a question about an academic subject studied in the course.

Logging onto Canvas alone is NOT adequate to demonstrate academic attendance by the student.

Academic Honesty

Academic honesty in the advancement of knowledge requires that all students and instructors respect the integrity of one another's work and recognize the important of acknowledging and safeguarding intellectual property. There are many different forms of academic dishonesty. The following kinds of honesty violations and their definitions are not meant to be exhaustive. Rather, they are intended to serve as examples of unacceptable academic conduct.

- Plagiarism is taking and presenting as one's own the writings or ideas of others, without citing the source. You should understand the concept of plagiarism and keep it in mind when taking exams and preparing written materials. If you do not understand how to "cite a source" correctly, you must ask for help.
- **Asking someone else to write your essay or using an essay writing service is a serious academic honesty infraction.**
- Cheating is defined as fraud, deceit, or dishonesty in an academic assignment, or using or attempting to use materials, or assisting others in using materials that are prohibited or inappropriate in the context of the academic assignment in question.

Anyone caught cheating or plagiarizing will receive a zero "0" on the exam, essay, or assignment, and the instructor may report the incident to the Campus Disciplinary Officer, who may place related documentation in a file. A plagiarism score above 25% is a serious error and will result in a point deduction on the essay.

Anyone who allows another student to copy homework, journals, or quiz assignments will also receive a "0" on the assignment – enabling another student to cheat is also cheating. Repeated acts of cheating may result in an F in the course and/or disciplinary action. Please refer to the [General Catalog](#) for more information on academic dishonesty or other misconduct. Acts of cheating include, but are not limited to, the following: (a) plagiarism; (b) copying or attempting to copy from others during an examination or on an assignment; (c) communicating test information with another person during an examination; (d) allowing others to do an assignment or portion of an assignment; (e) using a commercial term paper service. Also remember, that any paper you have written and submitted to another teacher for a grade no longer belongs to you, it belongs to the instructor and can't be submitted in this class for a grade.

There is an entire plagiarism module available to you in our course Canvas shell if you need more information, but you can always feel free to discuss any questions before you submit your assignment.

Additional Student Services

Imperial Valley College offers various services in support of student success. The following are some of the services available for students. Please speak to your instructor about additional services which may be available.

- [Learning Services](#). In order to accommodate students and maximize student success during the COVID-19 Pandemic, all tutoring support is being provided through one Zoom link ([IVC online Tutoring](#)). When campus is open again, there are several learning labs to assist students. Whether you need support using computers, or you need a tutor, please consult your [Campus Map](#) for the [Math Lab](#); [Reading, Writing & Language Labs](#); and the [Study Skills Center](#).
- [Library Services](#). Visit the Spencer Library's page on the IVC website for a wealth of valuable resources and online access to databases, e-books and more. Contact us so we can help you with instructional and research development skills (for those conducting research and writing academic papers). When campus re-opens, students also have access to tutoring services in the Study Skills Center as well as private study rooms for small study groups. There is more to our library than just books!
- [Career Services Center](#). The Career Services Center is dedicated to serve all IVC students and Alumni. Services include Career Assessments, Resume and Cover Letter Assistance, Interview Preparation, Internship Opportunities and Job Placement.

- [Child Development Center](#). The Preschool and Infant/Toddler Centers are on-campus demonstration lab programs that meet the educational, research, and service needs of the institution and community at large. The Preschool program (children three to five years of age) and the Infant/Toddler program (newborn to three years of age) are in buildings 2200 and 2300. Service is available to families who meet the California Department of Education qualifications for enrollment. The centers are open during COVID from Monday-Friday 7:15-5:30. Breakfast, lunch and snack are provided through the California Adult and Child Food Program. Location: Buildings 2200 and 2300. Phone: (760) 355-6528 or (760) 355-6232. Application: <https://forms.imperial.edu/view.php?id=150958>

CANVAS Support. Canvas is Imperial Valley College’s main Learning Management System. To log onto Canvas, use this link: [Canvas Student Login](#). The [Canvas Student Guides Site](#) provides a variety of support available to students 24 hours per day. Additionally, a 24/7 Canvas Support Hotline is available for students to use: 877-893-9853

Disabled Student Programs and Services (DSPS)

Any student with a documented disability who may need educational accommodations should notify the instructor or the [Disabled Student Programs and Services \(DSP&S\)](#) office as soon as possible. The DSP&S office is located in Building 2100, telephone 760-355-6313. Please contact them if you feel you need to be evaluated for educational accommodations.

Student Counseling and Health Services

Students have counseling and health services available, provided by the pre-paid Student Health Fee.

- **Student Health Center.** A Student Health Nurse is available on campus. In addition, Pioneers Memorial Healthcare District provide basic health services for students, such as first aid and care for minor illnesses. Contact the IVC Student Health Center at 760-355-6128 in Room 1536 for more information.
- **Mental Health Counseling Services.** Short-term individual, couples, family and group counseling services are available for currently enrolled students. Services are provided in a confidential, supportive, and culturally sensitive environment. Please contact the IVC Mental Health Counseling Services at 760-355-6310 or in the building 1536 for appointments or more information.

Veteran’s Center

The mission of the IVC Military and Veteran Success Center is to provide a holistic approach to serving military/veteran students on three key areas: 1) Academics, 2) Health and Wellness, and 3) Camaraderie; to serve as a central hub that connects military/veteran students, as well as their families, to campus and community resources. Their goal is to ensure a seamless transition from military to civilian life. The Center is located in Building 600 (Office 624), telephone 760-355-6141.

Extended Opportunity Program and Services (EOPS)

The Extended Opportunity Program and Services (EOPS) offers services such as priority registration, personal/academic counseling, tutoring, book vouchers, and community referrals to qualifying low-income students. EOPS is composed of a group of professionals ready to assist you with the resolution of both academic and personal issues. Our staff is set up to understand the problems of our culturally diverse population and strives to meet student needs that are as diverse as our student population.

Also under the umbrella of EOPS our CARE (Cooperative Agency Resources for Education) Program for single parents is specifically designed to provide support services and assist with the resolution of issues that are particular to this population. Students that are single parents receiving TANF/Cash Aid assistance may qualify for

our CARE program, for additional information on CARE please contact Lourdes Mercado, 760-355- 6448, lourdes.mercado@imperial.edu.

EOPS provides additional support and services that may identify with one of the following experiences:

- Current and former foster youth students that were in the foster care system at any point in their lives
- Students experiencing homelessness
- Formerly incarcerated students

To apply for EOPS and for additional information on EOPS services, please contact Alexis Ayala, 760-355-5713, alexis.ayala@imperial.edu.

Student Equity Program

- The Student Equity Program strives to improve Imperial Valley College’s success outcomes, particularly for students who have been historically underrepresented and underserved. The college identifies strategies to monitor and address equity issues, making efforts to mitigate any disproportionate impact on student success and achievement. Our institutional data provides insight surrounding student populations who historically, are not fully represented. Student Equity addresses disparities and/or disproportionate impact in student success across disaggregated student equity groups including gender, ethnicity, disability status, financial need, Veterans, foster youth, homelessness, and formerly incarcerated students. The Student Equity Program provides direct supportive services to empower students experiencing insecurities related to food, housing, transportation, textbooks, and shower access. We recognize that students who struggle meeting their basic needs are also at an academic and economic disadvantage, creating barriers to academic success and wellness. We strive to remove barriers that affect IVC students’ access to education, degree and certificate completion, successful completion of developmental math and English courses, and the ability to transfer to a university. Contact: 760.355.5736 or 760.355.5733 Building 100.
- The Student Equity Program also houses IVC’s Homeless Liaison, who provides direct services, campus, and community referrals to students experiencing homelessness as defined by the McKinney-Vento Act. Contact: 760.355.5736 Building 100.
- SEA also provides outreach at local Imperial County high schools to ensure graduating seniors are successfully matriculated into the college and have a strong support system. Please visit us online for assistance at <https://imperial.edu/students/student-equity-and-achievement/> or call us at 760-355-6465 or when campus reopens, visit Building 401.
- **What if I cannot afford food, books, or need other help?** We have many resources that are available to you. Please tell us what you need by submitting your request(s) here: <https://imperial.edu/students/student-equity-and-achievement/>

Student Rights and Responsibilities

Students have the right to experience a positive learning environment and to due process of law. For more information regarding student rights and responsibilities, please refer to the IVC [General Catalog](#).

Information Literacy

Imperial Valley College is dedicated to helping students skillfully discover, evaluate, and use information from all sources. The IVC [Library Department](#) provides numerous [Information Literacy Tutorials](#) to assist students in this endeavor.

Imperial Valley College Course Syllabus English 55 Instructor Spence

This course is a lab component paired with English 110. IVC data shows that students who take English 110 with a lab have a higher success rate than students who take English 110 without a lab. **However, English 110 courses without a lab are available, but you will need to take another professor.** I have chosen to pair my English 110 courses with a lab because research has shown that students who take English 110 with a lab have a higher rate of success. Every lab assignment is designed to help you succeed in the class and ultimately construct college level essays.

*****The Assignment Calendar is Subject to Change, Changes Will Be Announced*****

Course Topics Covered	Lab Assignments Due @ 11:59 p.m. on Sundays (Two Exceptions)
Week One January 4 -10	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Works Cited Quiz 2. Heading, Header, Title, Paragraph 3. Italics and Capitalization 4. Logos, Ethos, Pathos 5. Works Cited Draft 6. Color Symbolism
Week Two January 11 -17	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7. Introductions and Conclusions 8. Quotations and Ellipsis 9. Argument Thesis Approval 10. Argument and Counter Argument Transitions with Argument Outline 11. Words to Avoid Quiz 12. Plagiarism Quiz
Week Three January 18-24	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 13. Argument Draft 14. Paragraph Structure Quiz 15. Research Question Approval
Week Four January 25-31	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 16. Grammar One 17. Grammar Two 18. Grammar Three 19. Research Draft 20. Course Survey
Week Five February 1-4	No Lab Assignments