

English 110 (Composition and Reading)  
Imperial Valley College Course Syllabus  
21 June – 29 July 2021

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### Basic Course Information

Semester:	Summer 2021	Instructor Name:	Angel Sandoval, MFA
Course Title & #:	English 110 – Composition and Reading	Email:	angel.sandoval@imperial.edu
CRN #:	30104 or 30149	Webpage (optional):	N/A
Classroom:	online	Office #:	2798
Class Dates:	21 June – 29 July	Office Hours:	N/A
Class Days & Times:	Mon. – Thurs.; Online (asynchronous)	Office Phone #:	<del>(760) 355-5734</del>
Holiday:	5 July – NO Class/School	Emergency Contact:	760-355-6337 (English Department)
Units:	4		

### Course Description

The standard course in freshman English. The course seeks to improve the student's ability to understand serious and complex prose and to improve the student's ability to write an exposition that is thoughtful and clear, including the production of a well-documented research paper. (CSU, UC)

### Course Prerequisite(s) and/or Corequisite(s)

*Consult academic counselor for advice.*

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### **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. Compose college-level essays that contain clear thesis statements, effective support, and unified organization. (ILO1, ILO2, ILO4)
2. Synthesize information from multiple sources to produce a research paper that is formatted and documented according to MLA guidelines. (ILO1, ILO2, ILO4, ILO5)
3. Demonstrate an ability to comprehend and interpret a variety of college-level texts, including complex arguments and at least one full-length novel, play, or non-fiction book, without relying on outside sources for assistance (ILO1, ILO2, ILO3, ILO4)

### **Course Objectives**

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

1. Write multiple essays—including one research paper and one final exam—that, together, add up to 6,000 words of formal writing
2. Demonstrate a command of the writing process, which may include pre-writing, drafting, revising, self-editing, peer group editing, and proofreading
3. Compose error-free essays that avoid sentence-level and grammar problems
4. Compose unified essays that include support for the thesis statement, clear development, and effective transitions
5. Demonstrate a command of writing patterns by effectively integrating various rhetorical modes, such as compare/contrast, definition, cause/effect, and argumentation together to produce sophisticated, college-level essays as appropriate
6. Demonstrate an ability to adapt writing strategies to the requirements of the writing situation (e.g. in-class writing, research writing, reflective writing) or to tailor a written assignment to address specific audiences (both general and academic)
7. Demonstrate a thorough understanding of research strategies and library skills (including electronic databases) to identify and evaluate resources for a research paper
8. Synthesize information from multiple sources to produce a research paper that is formatted and documented according to MLA guidelines
9. Demonstrate a command of rules regarding plagiarism and academic ethics
10. Read actively, using metacognitive strategies to monitor comprehension, build vocabulary, and improve analysis of college-level texts
11. Analyze the rhetorical context when reading by identifying genre, medium, purpose, audience and tone
12. Analyze and evaluate the strategies an author uses to make and support a claim, including the use of fallacies

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13. Synthesize knowledge by relating texts to personal experience, to past and present events, and to other texts

### Textbooks & Other Resources or Links

1. *The Happiness Hypothesis: Finding Modern Truth in Ancient Wisdom*, by Jonathan Haidt, Basic Books, ISBN-13: 978-0465028023. Required.
2. *Outliers: The Story of Success* by Malcolm Gladwell, Back Bay Books, ISBN-13: 978-0316017930. Required.
3. *Not a Crime to Be Poor: The Criminalization of Poverty in America* by Peter Edelman, New Press, ISBN-13: 978-1620975480. Required.

### Resources & Links

**Purdue Online Writing Lab (OWL):** [https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/purdue\\_owl.html](https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/purdue_owl.html)

OWL is a reference tool. On the above website you will find MLA, grammar, and writing rules.

**Columbia College MLA Citation Guide:** <https://columbiacollege-ca.libguides.com/mla>

This is another reference tool that perhaps is more user-friendly than Purdue OWL.

**EasyBib** (citation generator): <http://www.easybib.com/guides/>

Remember, this is a tool we can use, but we should know the proper way to format a Works Cited page and be ready to edit the works-cited entries yielded by any citation generator.

### Course Requirements and Instructional Methods

Students are expected to:

- Complete the first week of class assignments (students who do NOT complete the assignments in the allotted time frame will be automatically dropped)
- Know and observe due dates for all assignments
- Communicate assignment extensions and/or learning needs to the instructor in a timely manner
- Participate in gathering and sharing research and contributing to online discussions
- Have the equipment necessary to participate in class--this class is fully online; a laptop or desktop is required for this course
- Drop the class if the student cannot participate in class or does not wish to continue the course of training

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- Take an active role in successfully completing the class (the instructor and other IVC professionals such as counselors and administrators are here to help you succeed, but the bulk of the work is your responsibility)

Out of Class Assignments: The Department of Education policy states that one (1) credit hour is the amount of student work that reasonably approximates not less than one hour of class time and two (2) hours of out-of-class time per week over the span of a semester. WASC has adopted a similar requirement.

### Course Grading Based on Course Objectives

– Grade Breakdown (tentative) –

Papers (all drafts) – 60 points

Journals – 15 points

Discussion Posts – 14 points

Other & Quizzes – 11 points

Total Points = 100

Extra Credit (XC) – No more than eight (8) points.

**-!!!EVERY POINT COUNTS!!!-**

**\*To get a passing grade in this class, you must submit all three final drafts. Failure to receive a score/grade for a final draft will disqualify you from obtaining a passing grade (A, B, or C) in this class. Receiving a zero on a final draft due to plagiarism will disqualify you from earning a passing grade in this class.**

NOTE: Each point represents a percentage point; this means that the 100 points possible represents the 100 percent (%) associated with the overall grade.

100-90 pts. = A

89-80 pts. = B

79-70 pts. = C

69-60 pts. = D

59-0 pts. = F

*This course can be taken for a letter grade only.*

Like most assignments, the paper assignments are related to the larger, overall class subject/theme. Every paper will involve different types of research and different argumentation strategies.

- Paper 1 – Definition of Success (Definition)

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- Paper 2 – Issues Concerning Economic Inequality and Social Justice (Compare and Contrast; Argumentation; Research)
- Paper 3 – Job- or Work-Related Issue (Cause/Effect; Argumentation; Research)

**Assignments that are plagiarized will receive a score of zero (0). Papers drafts that are incomplete, not properly formatted, or off-topic are likely to receive a failing score.**

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– Evaluation of Papers –

Compositions will be scored based on whether they

1. contain a **controlling idea (or thesis)** that responds to the prompt.
2. support the main idea using **evidence and examples**.
3. present a clear **overall organization** (this includes **transitions**) and effective **paragraph structure**.
4. demonstrate clear command of **grammar and punctuation** skills.
5. follow **MLA format**, paragraph and page length, and other prompt requirements.

*The rubric that follows is only a general example of the instructor's scoring process and does not mean all or any papers will be scored in this manner.*

Criterion	Full Credit	Partial Credit	No Credit
1. Thesis (2 pts)	Stated in Introduction <b>and</b> Conclusion, <u>Underlined</u> . Follows the thesis tiers format.	Stated in Intro or Concl. Not underlined.  Does not follow the thesis tiers format.	Thesis not stated.
2. Evidence/Examples (2 pts)	3-4 pieces of evidence/examples per mini-claim (topic sentence)	1-2 piece of evidence/example.	No evidence provided to support mini-claim.
3. Organization & Structure	Contains all topic sentences, <u>underlined</u> . Contains transitions.	Contains some topic sentences. TS are a	Contains few or no topic sentences.

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(2 pts)		little vague or too broad.	
4. Grammar & Punctuation & Mechanics (2pts)	Few (0-4) grammar mistakes.  Strong and grammatical sentences.	Contains grammar mistakes (5-10). Sentences are vague or unclear.	Too many grammar mistakes (10+). Sentences are incomprehensible.
MLA & Other Requirements (2 pts)	All requirements met: MLA-compliant, meets page requirements, meets source requirements.	Combination of few MLA mistakes and most requirements met.	Not MLA compliant. Does not meet page or source requirements.
Total Pts. Per Paper: 10			

### Anticipated Class Schedule/Calendar

**\*\*\*Tentative, subject to change without prior notice\*\*\***

NOTE: The following class schedule is a guiding tool used for the purpose of structure, but it should be noted that because of the natures of instruction and learning this schedule will change. With this understanding in mind, please refer to the Announcement posts in Canvas and Canvas due dates for updated changes to this schedule.

Week #	Assignment, Activity, and/or Topic	Due
1 (21 – 24 June)	Orientation MLA guidelines for research and source documentation; Paper structure Readings (chapters) from <i>The Happiness Hypothesis</i> (j.Haidt)	Quiz 1  Journal 1  Discussion 1  P1-D1
2	Readings <i>The Happiness Hypothesis</i> (j.Haidt) <i>Outliers</i> (m.Gladwell), and	Quiz 2

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(28 June – 1 July)	<i>Not a Crime to Be Poor</i> (p.Edelman) Lectures on Thesis and Source Documentation	Discussion 2  Journal 2  P1-D2
3 (6 – 8 July) <b>5 July No Class/School</b>	Readings <i>Not a Crime to Be Poor</i> (p.Edelman) Lectures on Body Paragraphs on Evidence and Sources	P1-FD  Journal 3  Discussion 3
4 (12 – 15 July)	Readings <i>The Happiness Hypothesis</i> (j.Haidt), <i>Outliers</i> (m.Gladwell), and <i>Not a Crime to Be Poor</i> (p.Edelman) Lectures on Body Paragraphs on Evidence and Sources	P2-D1  Quiz 3  P2-D2  Journal 4
5 (19 – 22 July)	Readings <i>Outliers</i> (m.Gladwell) <i>Not a Crime to Be Poor</i> (p.Edelman)  Lectures on editing, revising, and feedback	P2-FD  Journal 5  Discussion 4  P3-D1
6 (26 – 29 July)	Readings <i>Outliers</i> (m.Gladwell) <i>Not a Crime to Be Poor</i> (p.Edelman) Lectures on research and documentation	P3-D2  Discussion 5  P3-FD (Paper 3-Final Draft)

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**Attendance**

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In this course, logging in on a regular basis and your **participation** is how I will gauge your "attendance." Thus, meeting the due dates for discussions is very important.

Online attendance is about **participation and engagement** with the course activities and assignments. Going beyond logging onto Canvas includes:

- Submitting an assignment or exam
- Taking a class quiz
- Creating a discussion post
- Participating in an instructor-led ZOOM conference

If, after reviewing the syllabus and orientation unit, you feel this is not the right course for you, please let me know ASAP, so that you can be dropped from the course and another student can be added in your place. Students who miss more than two graded assignments (lessons, discussions, drafts, peer reviews, or conferences) may be dropped from the course. In addition, students who fail to log in to the course for 7 consecutive days risk being dropped from the course. If you are struggling, experiencing access issues, or are seriously ill, please contact me immediately so we can develop a success plan together.

- 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. Should readmission 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 [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. For online courses, students who fail to complete required activities for two consecutive weeks may be considered to have excessive absences and 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.

## Online Netiquette

- What is netiquette? Netiquette is internet manners, online etiquette, and digital etiquette all rolled into one word. Basically, netiquette is a set of rules for behaving properly online.
- Students are to comply with the following rules of netiquette:
  - ✓ identify yourself
  - ✓ include a subject line
  - ✓ avoid sarcasm
  - ✓ respect others' opinions and privacy
  - ✓ acknowledge and return messages promptly
  - ✓ copy with caution

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- ✓ do not spam or junk mail
- ✓ be concise
- ✓ use appropriate language
- ✓ use appropriate emoticons (emotional icons) to help convey meaning
- ✓ use appropriate intensifiers to help convey meaning [do not use ALL CAPS or multiple exclamation marks (!!!!)]

## 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.
- 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 or assignment, and the instructor may report the incident to the Campus Disciplinary Officer, who may place related documentation in a file.

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.

How do I show academic honesty and integrity in an online "classroom"?

- **KEEP YOUR PASSWORDS CONFIDENTIAL.**
  - You have a unique password to access online software like Canvas. Never allow someone else to log-in to your account.
- **COMPLETE YOUR OWN COURSEWORK.**
  - When you register for an online class and log-in to Canvas, you do so with the understanding that you will produce your own work, take your own exams, and will do so without the assistance of others (unless directed by the instructor).

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Examples of Academic Dishonesty that can occur in an online environment:

- Copying from others on a quiz, test, examination, or assignment;
- Allowing someone else to copy your answers on a quiz, test, exam, or assignment;
- Having someone else take an exam or quiz for you;
- Conferring with others during a test or quiz (if the instructor didn't explicitly say it was a group project, then he/she expects you to do the work without conferring with others);
- Buying or using a term paper or research paper from an internet source or other company or taking any work of another, even with permission, and presenting the work as your own;
- Excessive revising or editing by others that substantially alters your final work;
- Sharing information that allows other students an advantage on an exam (such as telling a peer what to expect on a make-up exam or prepping a student for a test in another section of the same class);
- Taking and using the words, work, or ideas of others and presenting any of these as your own work is plagiarism. This applies to all work generated by another, whether it be oral, written, or artistic work. Plagiarism may either be deliberate or unintentional.

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