

Dear SJCC Students,

You may be able to complete the English requirement for transfer by directly enrolling into a transfer-level English course based on your high school performance. Therefore, if you are currently enrolled in ENGL 335 or ENGL 92 AND/OR READ 101, READ 301 or READ 350, you may now skip straight into a transfer-level English course.

How Do I Enroll in Transfer-Level English?

1. It is strongly advised that you meet with a counselor to choose the best transfer-level English course.
2. To help with this meeting, bring a copy of your high school transcripts to the SJCC Counseling Department drop-in services in the Student Center (SC-201).
3. We'll accept your self-reported cumulative GPA if you're having a difficult time attaining transcripts.
4. If you are an English Language Learner (ESL), we would strongly encourage you to take the ESL Placement Test so that you can more accurately assess which class is best for your future academic success. A schedule can be found at <http://www.sjcc.edu/current-students/assessment-center>

English Course Information:

If you are enrolled in ENGL 1A and believe that you may be better served by taking our pre-transfer level courses—ENGL 92 (writing) and/or READ 101 (reading), OR ESL 91 (integrated writing and reading class for ESL students), please read the information below and consult with your instructor and counselor.

ENGL 92: is one level below ENGL 1A. ENGL 92 is an excellent class for students who want to brush up on their essay writing skills before starting ENGL 1A. In ENGL 92 Students focus on the writing of short compositions in response to readings. Students will also read college-level materials and write responses to the readings. Students will edit compositions for punctuation, spelling, and capitalization errors. This course prepares students for ENGL 1A. (4 units)

READ 101: Students will read, discuss, and write about a variety of academic topics, contemporary themes, and social problems, using articles, text chapters, and fiction commonly assigned in college-level courses. Students will acquire proficiency in critical analysis and research, as well as vocabulary development, comprehension, and study skills. (4 units)

ESL 91: is one level below ENGL 1A. ESL 91 is an integrated writing and reading class that prepares ESL students for advanced academic writing and reading at the college level (ENGL 1A and beyond). In this class, students will practice writing academic essays from sources and will also write a short problem/solution paper (mini research paper). In addition, students will read and analyze college-level materials, especially those related to American culture. Advanced grammar skills are also reviewed at this level. (6 units)

We have developed a few course options for ENGL 1A students.

ENGL 1A: Students will learn the skills necessary for writing college level compositions. Students learn expository writing, critical reading, and research techniques. Students will also learn to write academic essays including a documented research paper in conventional format using MLA style. (3 units)

ENGL 1A and ENGL 1B: Students are part of a one semester accelerated learning community. Students must enroll in both sections. Students may be automatically enrolled in the second section. Students must take both sections of the learning community. ENGL 1A students will be automatically enrolled in the corresponding ENGL 1B. (6 units)

ENGL 1A (with an ESL focus): Students will learn the skills necessary for writing college level compositions. Students learn expository writing, critical reading, and research techniques. Students will also learn to write academic essays including a documented research paper in conventional format using MLA style. This course is equivalent to ENG 1A but is set aside specifically for ESL students. It is taught by an ESL instructor or someone with extensive experience working with ESL students. (3 units)

ENGL 1A and ENGL 120: Students will develop writing and critical thinking skills to enhance success in ENGL 1A. This is a supplemental support course for ENGL 1A. Students will practice a variety of writing and revision techniques and build research literacy. Topics may include essay organization, writing for an audience, using college level diction and tone, and self-reflective strategies for revision. (5 units)

ENGL 1A and READ 120: This course enables students enrolled in ENGL 1A to examine, develop, and apply reading strategies for college reading materials. Emphasis is on critical reading, logical reasoning, critical thinking, reflective judgment, and problem solving skills that lead to the ability to interpret, analyze, and critically evaluate college texts. Students are advised to meet with a counselor prior to registration. (5 units)

Should you decide to enroll in ENGL 1A and you had an IEP in high school for language arts and/or have experienced difficulties with reading/writing, you may want to seek assistance. Therefore, we strongly urge you to utilize on-campus resources. Your teacher and counselor will connect you with the appropriate SJCC services.

Sincerely,

The San Jose City College English Department