**Reedley College**

Spring 2020 English 205

**English Success Skills** Monday & Wednesday12:30pm-1:35pm PC 3

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elcome to English 205. This 2-unit class supports everything you will be doing in English 1A. The purpose of this class is to develop your critical thinking, reading, and writing skills. This course relies on collaboration with others and the social construction of knowledge. This means that we’ll work together on all aspects of thinking, reading, writing, and research. This class provides a mixture of informal and formal writing assignments as well as various forms of group work, all of which are designed to meet the learning outcomes for the course.

**Attendance**: You must arrive on time to class. Students that are chronically late to my classes fail my classes. You can miss 2 classes. The work you miss those days will be forgiven.

**Assignments:**  Throughout the semester, you must write reflections on your progress as a writer in English 1A and post them on Canvas. A more detailed prompt for these reflections will be posted on Canvas. I will drop your lowest score at the end of the year.

**Behavior and Student Conduct:** Please read your English 1A syllabus for my behavior policies. All the same standards for behavior apply in English 205. This is not a “busy work” class, nor an excuse to chat because it is a 2-unit course. You will be expected to work just as hard as your English 1A class and to take this support course seriously.

**Grading:**

**Required Course Work:**

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| 1. Class Participation 2. 6 weekly assignments posted on Canvas (Your first assignment must be completed in week 1) 3. Supplementary reading, individual tasks, essay drafting, and group tasks to be completed during class time   Please be advised: You will be earning TWO separate grades for English 1A and English 205. You must complete all of the requirements for BOTH classes to pass both classes. Passing \*Earning a 70% or better in English 205 does not guarantee that you will pass English 1A. | Required  50%  50% | 90 - 100% = A  80 -  89% = B  70 -  79% = C  60 - 69% = D  0 -  59% = F |

**Catalog Description:**

This course will be taught in conjunction with English 1A College Reading and Writing so that students can further their critical reading and writing skills for their English 1A course. Course will include assignments linked to and building on the English 1A coursework.

**Required Readings & Materials:**

* Computer, Printer, and Internet Access. Every assignment will be submitted through Canvas
* Weekly Assigned Readings available via Canvas
* Estimated cost for printing: $5.00
* Binder or Notebook with paper
* Pens, pencils, and highlighters
* A flash/thumb drive

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| **Topics covered in English 205 to help you with English 1A** |
| 1. Reading strategies    1. Annotation    2. Patterns of organization    3. Vocabulary    4. Rhetorical Situation: Audience, purpose, and voice 2. Writing strategies    1. Generating ideas    2. Outlining    3. Creating drafts    4. Revising essays to improve, focus, and strengthen ideas    5. Editing essays for clarity and use of academic language 3. Finding and Evaluating Sources    1. Databases    2. Primary and secondary sources    3. Summarize, Quote, and paraphrase sources    4. Evaluate sources for credibility and currency    5. MLA format and guidelines    6. MLA Citation |