

# Fall 2021 English 205

## Welcome!

English 205 is a class taught in combination with English 1A to help you with English 1A. This means that there will be extra assignments to help you with the work in your English 1A class, and to help you be a better student in general. Many of activities we do in here will be based on English 1A. You will also write other short papers in here that again, work together with the assignments in English 1A.

Many of the policies are the same in this class. I have listed those that differ first and the ones that are the same, at the end.

## Weekly Meetings

Every week, we will have a weekly zoom meeting. **THIS MEETING IS MANDATORY!** Although each class does have a particular time to met (see below) you may go to either meeting time. Look at webadvisor to figure out which section you signed up for.

## Points

You will get points for showing up and participating during our zoom meeting. At some point during class, you will be asked to participate.

Many times, there will be follow up work to complete online. This work will sometimes be added after our class meeting.

## Video Cameras

While I will not make you turn on your video camera, I highly encourage students to do so. It sucks looking at a screen of black boxes. At the very least, add a picture and maybe turn on your camera for a few minutes to say high or when you are in break-out rooms.

## Dress Code

Okay, so I don't care if you come to class in your PJs or looking like you just woke up. I do ask that you wear a shirt and that you are sitting up and not laying down in bed. You might want to take notes, and laying down is not conducive to that. Plus, it's just a little too informal for a class. Now if your bed is the only place you can sit, that's fine. Just sit up. Please.

## Zoom Meetings Times

If you signed up for **section 95015** your meeting is from **10 to 10:50 am on Thursdays**.

If you signed up for **section 55697** your meeting is from **2 to 2:50 pm on Thursdays**.

Here is the zoom link. <https://sccd.zoom.us/j/98629310926>

## Workload Expectations

I think it's important to know how many hours you will be expected to put into this class. In the college catalogue it states, "One unit equals one hour of classroom lecture per week plus two hours of study." English 205 is a **2 unit class**, so that means you could have **up to 6 hours of work a week**. **One of these hours will be spent in the zoom call above.**

## How do you pass the class?

Many students ask how to pass the class. Do the work! This class is not meant to be a barrier. It is meant to help you pass 1A. Some students do pass 205 but do not pass 1A. If this happens, then next semester, you only have to retake 1A. For the majority, the only students who don't pass 205 are the students who **DO NOT** do the work with some thought.

Remember that because this course is connected to English 1A, if you drop English 1A, you have to drop English 205 also. You cannot do this course without the other.

## Shared Assignments

Occasionally, you will get a grade for an assignment in your 1A class and in this class. Again, the classes are linked.

## Due Dates

You will have due dates on **Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Sundays** in this class.

**NOTE:** In **English 1A**, the due dates are mostly Wednesdays and Saturdays.

## Grades:

This class will be based **on points** received for each assignment. All of your scores will be added up and divided by the total possible points for the semester. Points will vary for each assignment.

If you don't do the work, you will not pass the class. Students who do the work which includes following instructions and meeting the standards, usually pass the class.

## NOTES:

**For all assignments, always look back for comments from me.**

You can keep track of your points on Canvas. Canvas will show you your running total grade.

Grading Scale

100-90% =	A
80-89% =	B
70-79% =	C
60-69% =	D
0-59% =	F

Make sure you check your grades weekly!

## Extra Credit

There will be **NO extra credit** in this class. If you do the work in this class you should pass. The only reason why you wouldn't pass is if you put no effort into the work or if you don't follow the instructions and meet the standards.

## Required Texts and Supplies

We will be using the same texts as in 1A.

## Student Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:  
Utilize the skills required to successfully complete English 1A.

## Course Objectives

In the process of completing this course, students will:

1. Further utilize appropriate pre and post reading strategies to analyze patterns of organization within a variety of texts.
2. Further demonstrate awareness of rhetorical situations: audience, purpose, and voice.
3. Further practice the writing process in support of students writing essays in English 1A.
4. Practice finding and evaluating sources for their credibility.
5. Improve in writing grammatically correct sentences that adhere to conventions of written English.
6. Revise essay drafts to improve, focus, and strengthen ideas.
7. Proofread and edit essays for clarity and use of academic language.

## POLICIES FROM OUR 1A SYLLABUS THAT ARE THE SAME FOR THIS CLASS

### The Best Ways to Contact Me

1. Through Email  
[Lori.levine@reedleycollege.edu](mailto:Lori.levine@reedleycollege.edu)
2. Through the Canvas Inbox

You can send me a message through Canvas. The link to the inbox is on the left side of the Canvas page or on the bottom toolbar of the Canvas app.



3. Through texts: Here is my phone number--559-549-3399.

Note: Overall, I'm pretty good at returning messages. If you don't hear back from me within 24 hours, contact me again.

### Office Hours/Study Hall

- Tuesdays and Thursdays 11-11:50
- Tuesdays 2-2:50
- Fridays 9-9:50
- By appointment

### ZOOM LINK FOR OFFICE HOURS

<https://scccd.zoom.us/j/98629310926>

## Announcements

I post several announcements on Canvas weekly. You can set up Canvas so you receive an alert for these. You will be expected to read the announcements and watch any videos in the announcements. Sometimes I ask you to reply. Sometimes, I give you extra credit for your replies.

Change your alerts to make sure you get all announcements: Go to <account>, <notifications>. Next to announcements, click on the check mark (v).

## **TO ENSURE SUCCESS CHECK YOUR CANVAS INBOX, YOUR EMAILS, AND THE ANNOUNCEMENTS DAILY.**

### Supplies

**We will be using the same book as in the 1A class.**

1. *The Smartest Kids in the World and How They Got That Way* by Amanda Ripley. Make sure you **buy** this. **Do not rent it** as you will need to mark in the book. You can buy it from the bookstore.

#### **OTHER ITEMS:**

2. A computer with a web cam. While it might be tempting to do all of your work on your phone, it will be difficult. You can access zoom through your phone, but I would do the rest of your work on your computer. **If you don't have a computer or if you are sharing with family members, contact the school about getting a loaner computer.**

*Please wear a mask and bring a valid photo ID to checkout*

3. A printer and paper: You will want to print out handouts from class so that you can annotate them. While you can read and annotate online, there is a lot of research that explains how reading something on a piece of paper is better. Also, you will want to print out all essay assignments so you can have them next to you as you write.

### Attendance Policy

It is important that you participate in all aspects of this class which means completing assigned work on time. You completing work is how I take "attendance."

**BEING DROPPED THE FIRST WEEK:** The first time I take attendance is during the first week. If you don't complete the assignments that week, you will be dropped.

**WHEN YOU WILL BE DROPPED AFTER THE FIRST WEEK:** If you don't post to the discussion board or complete other assignments for 10 days in a row (including weekends) that means you are not participating in the class, and you run the risk of being dropped.

If you decide that you no longer wish to participate in the class, then you are responsible for dropping it!

### Late Work

As a general rule, everything that falls under class work (discussion boards, padlets, quizzes, and other submitted work) must be turned in on time. However, I do understand that sometimes "life" happens and gets in the way of school and you will need a few extra days to complete an assignment. If something happens, contact me. I also know that occasionally, you will forget about an assignment. Again, if you realized you forgot something, contact me. At some point, I won't accept a late assignment, but before that date, I do give students a lot of chances to do the work.

## Sharing Work

At my discretion, sentences and/or paragraphs may be taken from essays or other assignments and shared with the class to help illustrate grammar concepts, writing concepts, MLA guidelines, and more.

## Plagiarism

Every semester one or more students plagiarize. Plagiarism is bad, bad, bad and will not be tolerated.

Plagiarism is a specific form of cheating: the use of another's words or ideas without identifying them as such or giving credit to the source. Plagiarism may include, but is not limited to, failing to provide complete citations and references for all work that draws on the ideas, words, or work of others, failing to identify the contributors to work done in collaboration, submitting duplicate work to be evaluated in different courses without the knowledge and consent of the instructors involved, or failing to observe computer security systems and software copyrights. **Copying someone else's Discussion Board counts as plagiarism.** Copying someone else's essay or parts of his/her essay is also plagiarism. Copying ideas from an article is plagiarism. If you plagiarize in my class, I will give you a zero on the assignment even if the assignment has already been graded and I find out that you plagiarized after the fact. You might fail the class, and I might report you to the VP of Student Services.

## Canvas Issues

There is a help button on Canvas if you have problems. Use that. Canvas works best on Google Chrome. It does not seem to work well on Explorer.

## Accommodations for Students with Disabilities

If you have a verified need for an academic accommodation or materials in alternate media (i.e. Braille, large print, electronic text, etc.) per the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) or Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, please contact me as soon as possible. I will work with the DSPS office to make sure that you get the help that you require. In order to get accommodations, you must be signed up with DSPS.

## Important Dates

August 30 English 1A and 205 start

**September 6 (M) Labor Day Holiday (no classes held, campus closed)**

September 10 (F) Last day to change a Fall 2021 class to/from Pass/No-Pass grading basis

October 8 (F) Last Day to drop a full-term class (letter grades assigned after this date)

October 11 – December 10 (M-F) Short-Term classes, second nine weeks

**November 11 (Th) Veterans Day (no classes held, campus open)**

**November 25-26 (Th-F) Thanksgiving holiday (no classes held, campus closed)**

December 6-10 (M-F) Fall 2021 final exams week December 10 (F) End of Fall 2021

