



directed **SELF PLACEMENT** CHOOSING YOUR FIRST-YEAR WRITING COURSE

Directed Self-Placement is a process through which students, with knowledge and guidance, choose the first-year writing course that best fits their needs and academic plans. Students' reading and writing histories and their degree of comfort with academic writing should also aid in the selection process.

THE IMPORTANCE OF YOUR FIRST-YEAR WRITING COURSE

One of the only courses required of all students, first-year writing is statistically linked to positive graduation rates. This means that learning to write well will help you graduate in a successful and timely manner.

THE QUIZ AND SURVEY

Carefully discuss choices of first-year writing courses with your parents and teachers. Pay particular attention to your quiz score. It will help you make an educated and informed choice between ENG 110 and ENG 111. The quiz can be found in your D2L widget. Follow the directions in your orientation packet.

An SAT score of **450 or below** (critical reading) means you would benefit by taking ENG 110. To opt for ENG 111, we recommend a **quiz score of 75 percent or higher** or an SAT score of **450 or higher** (critical reading) but, ultimately, the choice is yours. Both courses count toward your degree.

In addition to the quiz, you will also take a survey indicating your tentative choice between ENG 110 and ENG 111. This is in D2L, in the same place as the quiz.

The director of writing is available for consultation via email at rlane@clarion.edu. You may change your first-year writing course prior to registration.

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ENG 110: WRITING 1

- Emphasizes a variety of processes for writing stronger projects: developing ideas, improving structure and gaining confidence.
- Students compose four to five projects in different genres at an estimated three to four pages each and two to four revisions each.
- Students may read 10 pages per week.
- There is no research-writing requirement in ENG 110. However, because it is a requirement in ENG 111, you may be introduced to the research process.
- ENG 110 counts as three elective credits toward your general education requirements.
- You will still need to take ENG 111 to fulfill your general education requirement in composition.

ENG 111: COLLEGE WRITING

- Focus is on working with other writers' texts while developing your own ideas and arguments.
- Students write three to five projects over the course of semester, four to six pages each, with at least one longer project of six-plus pages. Each will have two to four revisions.
- Instead of 10 pages per week, you might read as many as 20 pages per week.
- Conducting research, writing arguments and analyses are integral to the course.
- ENG 111 fulfills the general education requirement for composition.

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