Overview

Language and the ability to communicate effectively are critical skills in the global economy and in our daily social exchanges, but they are also essential to gaining a deeper understanding of who we are. This introductory composition course will help you develop and express ideas effectively for a variety of personal and professional purposes, audiences, and occasions.

During the course, you will complete five major written projects, maintain a writer’s journal, learn and apply a variety of concepts in the field of rhetoric and composition, and create an ePortfolio where you will showcase your work and your evolving identity as a writer.

Credit earned will count as one of ASU’s First-Year Composition courses.

About this course

We will be discussing our course outcomes and “habits of mind” in each module. You will work towards achieving these outcomes and habits by:

- Reading and watching a variety of texts chosen with these outcomes and habits in mind;
- Composing five major writing assignments including a literacy narrative, context analysis, audience analysis, purpose analysis, and rhetorical analysis;
- Maintaining a Writer’s Journal where you will work through the ideas presented in the course;
- Designing and creating an ePortfolio website;
- Learning and applying a variety of rhetorical concepts.

Required prior knowledge and skills

To be successful in this course, we recommend English language fluency and computer literacy.

Learning Outcomes

- Rhetorical Knowledge: how to craft your writing to meet the needs of specific audiences for specific purposes
- Critical Thinking: how to make decisions about what to include and not include in your writing
- Writing Processes: how to use invention, research, drafting, revising, and editing in your writing
- Knowledge of Conventions: how to use various formats and stylistic choices, including genre conventions
- Digital Technology: how to use diverse technologies to write more effectively and efficiently
- Habits of Mind: how to benefit from and cultivate curiosity, openness, engagement, creativity, persistence, responsibility, flexibility, and reflection
Additional Info

This is a 3 credit hour course at Arizona State University (ENG 101 First-Year Composition). It is strongly encouraged that you consult with your institution of choice to determine how these credits will be applied to their degree requirements prior to transferring the credit.

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