

THE COMPOSITION CLASSES

What They Are and When They're Offered

Most every Methodist University student take at least one composition class, and most students take two or three. Students also take one upper-level literature class. The main composition classes are ENG 1000, ENG 1010, ENG 1020, and ENG 1040. ENG 2070 (Reviewing Writing) is for transfer students who have taken the equivalent of 1010 at another institution but did not score higher than 66 on the English Placement Exam.

In **ENG 1000** Skills Development in English, you will

- Review grammar and mechanics (The Dirty Dozen)
- Review sentence structure
- Review paragraph structure
- Write short essays

In **ENG 1010** Composition, you will:

- Learn basic rhetorical conventions and critical reading strategies
- Review grammar and mechanics
- Produce texts in several different genres
- Practice integrating your own ideas with those from appropriate sources

In **ENG 1020** Composition and Introduction to Literature and **ENG 1040** Composition: Research and Argument you will learn to:

- Use different rhetorical/theoretical strategies in writing
- Produce logical, persuasive arguments
- Critically examine your own and others' ideas
- Locate appropriate sources and integrate these effectively in your writing
- Understand the concept of intellectual property
- Practice applying the appropriate citation conventions

In **ENG 1020** Composition and Introduction to Literature you will read three genres of literature. Your ENG 1020 professor may also choose to include one or more of the following:

- Novels
- Critical theory
- Memoirs
- Graphic novels

In **ENG 2070** Reviewing Writing, you will:

- Review grammar and mechanics
- Produce texts in several different genres
- Be expected to write at a 2000-course level

ENG 2070, which has a pass/fail option, is an excellent course for any student who wants to review writing before taking a writing intensive course.