

ENG 111 Student Success Strategies

What before-the-first day actions lead to success in ENG 111?

- Buy your books in advance and bring them to the first class;
- Make sure you know the delivery mode and start/end dates and times for your class. For example, is your class a face-to-face class or an online class? Is it a 7-week, 12-week, 15-week course? How many days a week does your class meet?
- If you are registered for a face-to-face class, locate your classroom, if at all possible, *before* your first class begins. This will cut down on any first day stress you might experience.



What during-class actions lead to success in ENG 111?

- Be “present” in class. This means: (1) be there; (2) be prepared; (3) be engaged and attentive;
- Ask questions about anything you are unsure of or confused about.
- Come to class on time and plan to attend each class session; this means avoiding scheduling appointments, etc. during your class meeting time.

What could you expect during your ENG 111 meeting times?

- In ENG 111, you can expect to write several essays that each help you build your writing and your research skills;
- ENG 111 is not a lecture class; you will discuss ideas and engage in activities in small groups and in whole-class conversation;
- Your ENG 111 instructor may ask you to write during class. It is important to remember that writing is not only a way to “show what you know,” but writing is a way to grow your understanding about a topic.



What outside-of-class behaviors lead to success in ENG 111?

- There will be ENG 111 work outside of class time; be sure to have ENG 111 homework blocks scheduled in your week;
- Check your ENG 111 Canvas modules regularly -- before and after each class-- to make sure you are aware of upcoming assignments and activities;
- Communicate with your professor. They want to know if you are having any trouble with assignments, attendance, links, etc.
- If you miss a class, check Canvas for assignments, handouts, and/or class recordings;
- Communicate with your professor in writing or in person about any questions, absences, concerns;
- Be familiar with class/instructor policies regarding late and missed assignments, absences, lateness.

What are some common ENG 111 missteps?

- Not talking to professor about small problems until they become big problems;
- Letting one or two small missed assignments snowball, getting you further off track;
- Not completing essay drafts in time for workshopping. Drafts are imperfect; bring something.

Any additional “suggestions for success” for ENG 111 students?

- Writing develops with practice and over time. Work on ENG 111 assignments in little bits on a regular basis; don’t try to accomplish everything all at once.
- “Office hours” are the time during each week that your instructors have set aside for **you**. Visit your instructor in their office hours, even if it is just to say “hello” and see where their office is located.
- Know that your English instructor believes in you -- believes you will thrive in ENG 111. Always feel free to communicate with your instructor because they are there to assist you in your education journey.

