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Changes in the 2020-21 ICaP Advisor’s Guide

Changes in this year’s manual mainly involve the procedures for transfer credit and how transfer credit appears on students’ records. ENGL 101, 102, and 103 are now expired course numbers. For transfer credit we will use only the course numbers ENGL 10600 (4 credits) and ENGL 10800 (3 credits) when we evaluate courses from other universities. Please see the Transfer Credit section of this guide for more information.

ICaP Web Address

For more information about ICaP’s policies, course descriptions and outcomes, news, and events, please visit our website at cla.purdue.edu/academic/english/icap/

Using the ICaP Advisor’s Guide

If you are new to academic advising at Purdue, you’ll want to review this guide and keep it as a reference when you advise students during STAR. The ICaP Advisor’s Guide is also a resource for questions about Introductory Composition at Purdue that come up at other times of the year.

In 2003, ICaP went through extensive curriculum changes and created the single-semester, 4-credit hour ENGL 10600 and the 3-credit hour ENGL 10800. Previously, Purdue’s composition requirement included a two-semester sequence (ENGL 101/102) or a single-semester accelerated course (ENGL 103). We no longer use the 101/102/103 numbers as a way to evaluate transfer credit, because these numbers have expired. Please refer to the Transfer Credit section of this guide to see how composition courses now transfer to Purdue.

This guide is updated every year before STAR. If there are questions you’d like to see answered or issues you’d like addressed in the next version, please contact Linda Haynes, Assistant Director of ICaP/Student Concerns at lhaynes@purdue.edu.

Meeting Foundational Learning Outcomes: The University Common Core

All versions of English 10600 (including 10600-DIST, 10600-LCOM, and 10600-INTL) or 10800 (including 10800-SLCE) may be used to meet the foundational learning outcomes for Written Communication (WC) and Information Literacy (IL).

More information about Purdue’s Undergraduate Outcome-based Core Curriculum can be found at www.purdue.edu/provost/students/s-initiatives/curriculum/outcomes.

About Introductory Composition at Purdue (ICaP)

Students at Purdue have diverse academic interests and professional goals. Although not every student at Purdue is an English major or strives to become a career writer, the ability to communicate creatively and effectively is important to all of us for several reasons:

• It provides us an outlet for sharing our ideas and an opportunity for making those ideas better;
• It empowers us to understand different conventions, genres, groups, societies, and cultures; and
• It allows us to have a voice in multiple academic, civic, and personal situations.

In short, writing is a way of learning that spans all fields and disciplines. Specifically, Introductory Composition at Purdue (ICaP) is designed to help students:

• Build confidence in their abilities to create, interpret, and evaluate texts in all types of media;
• Develop knowledge by inspiring new ideas through writing;
• Understand, evaluate, and organize their ideas;
• Articulate, develop and support a topic through first-hand and archival research;
• Become an effective writer who can respond credibly and accurately to a variety of composing situations.

Introductory composition courses include ENGL 10600, First Year-Composition; ENGL 10600-INTL, First-Year Composition: International Sections; ENGL 10600-LCOM, First-Year Composition: Learning Community; ENGL 10600-DIST, First-Year Composition: Online; ENGL 10800, Accelerated First-Year Composition; and ENGL 10800-SLCE, Accelerated First-Year Composition: Engaging in Public Discourse.

Outcomes

In the spring of 2015, the Introductory Writing Committee approved the following basic outcomes for ENGL 10600 which are the same outcomes for ENGL 10800. These outcomes are based on the Council of Writing Program Administrators’ Outcome Statement for First-Year Composition:

By the end of the course, students will:

• Demonstrate rhetorical awareness of diverse audiences, situations, and contexts
• Compose a variety of texts in a range of forms, equaling at least 7,500-11,500 words of polished writing (or 15,000-22,000 words, including drafts)
• Critically think about writing and rhetoric through reading, analysis, and reflection
• Provide constructive feedback to others and incorporate feedback into their writing
• Perform research and evaluate sources to support claims
• Engage multiple digital technologies to compose for different purposes

For an expanded list of ENGL 10600 and 10800 outcomes and a full description of this course, please visit the following URL at our program website: cla.purdue.edu/academic/english/icap/courses/outcomes.

Course Descriptions

ENGL 10600, First-Year Composition
ENGL 10600 is the standard 4-credit hour composition course for students at Purdue. Students in the course produce between 7,500-11,500 words of polished writing (or 15,000-22,000 total words, including drafts) or the equivalent. Some of this text production will be done using multimedia, and some of it may be composed in short assignments. Writing topics will be closely tied to the course’s theme or approach, and may include personal experiences as well as research-based arguments. Students may also be asked to write on topics that are related to their major fields of study.

It is common practice in ENGL 10600 to conduct different types of research to create a final project that culminates the expertise students have gained over the semester. Instructors may use planning assignments in order to help students discover and explore a topic, angle, or audience. It is also common practice to spend some time in exploration of topics and rhetorical contexts, and in the production, interpretation, and analysis of multimedia environments. Students will also reflect on their written assignments and compile them into a portfolio.

Students will also spend time reading and discussing writing of their own, their peers, and professionals. Instructors may accomplish this through in-class review sessions or in weekly or bi-weekly conferences. Additionally, instructors may select outside readings related to the theme of the class or readings that are similar in purpose to the writing they expect students to do.

ENGL 10600-INTL, First-Year Composition: International Sections
Some sections of ENGL 10600 are offered exclusively for non-native speakers of English; these courses are designated as ENGL 10600-INTL. These sections of ENGL 10600 are reserved for speakers of English as a second language. ENGL 10600-INTL fulfills the same requirements and these courses are
similar to other sections of ENGL 10600 in aim, content, and structure, differing only in that the curricula are designed for and the instructors are prepared to meet the unique cultural and linguistic needs of second-language writers.

For more information about any of the English courses for non-native speakers, please contact Harris Bras, Coordinator of ESL Composition by email (hbras@purdue.edu).

Note: ENGL 62000 and ENGL 62100, also ESL courses, are for graduate students only.

ENGL 10600-LCOM, First-Year Composition: Learning Community
Some sections of ENGL 10600 are offered as part of a Learning Community. All instructors follow the same outcomes as ENGL 10600 when teaching a Learning Community course with the only difference being the added LC experience. For more information on the Learning Communities, please visit their website www.purdue.edu/sats/learning_communities/.

ENGL 10600-DIST, First-Year Composition: Online
English 10600-DIST is identical to traditional ENGL 10600 in that it has the same course outcomes, it includes directed writing instruction with qualified and trained ENGL 10600 instructors from the Department of English, and it satisfies the written communication and information literacy requirements. Just like traditional ENGL 10600, students are offered extensive feedback on their writing from instructors and peers and they can visit the Purdue Writing Lab in person or online.

Course expectations in ENGL 10600-DIST include contact with the instructor and classmates through email, discussion boards, chat rooms, and web conferencing. Students must check their email regularly, maintain open channels of communication, ask questions when necessary, and participate in all discussion boards and forums in order to pass. This course requires excellent time management skills and a commitment of several hours of work per week for watching video content, reading, researching, writing, revising, and engaging in collaborative activities. We recommend this course for fluent English speakers confident in their writing and time management. English 10600-INTL remains the best choice for second language students.

Please visit cla.purdue.edu/academic/english/icap/courses/online for course expectations, technology requirements, and a sample syllabus.

ENGL 10800, Accelerated First-Year Composition
Like ENGL 10600, ENGL 10800 satisfies the Written Communication and Information Literacy requirements on the university core. We have removed the suggested SAT/ACT guidelines and instead ask that students be allowed to review the self-placement guidelines (Appendices A and B: Guidelines for Directed Self-Placement) to determine if this course is right for them. ENGL 10800 emphasizes a rigorous approach with expectations on students’ abilities to work quickly and independently.

The outcomes of ENGL 10800 are the same as for ENGL 10600.

Academic advisors are encouraged to share the self-placement guidelines document with students (Appendices A and B: Guidelines for Directed Self-Placement). These guidelines are written specifically for students so they may make informed decisions concerning their composition placement.

ENGL 10800-SLCE, Accelerated First-Year Composition: Service Learning/Community Engagement
In ENGL 10800-SLCE, students work with public writing and community service and can expect to engage in some local community activities outside the classroom. This is an excellent course for students interested in pre-med, nursing, health care, social services, political science, or any career that involves service to others.

ENGL 30400, Advanced Composition
Prerequisite: completion of the first-year composition requirement.
ENGL 30400 is a composition course that is not to be used as a first-year course; instead, it’s for students who have some college writing experience and are looking for an advanced course. It focuses on non-fictional, non-narrative composition. The course includes readings and class discussions of rhetorical theories, principles, and models. Students can expect to learn about writing conventions in their own disciplines through reading and writing assignments that require analysis and research. Students can also expect to gain extensive practice in stylistic and content revision. Prerequisite: ENGL 10600, 10800, or ENGL 1XUWC and a course that includes instruction in research-based writing and documentation (such as ENGL 1XUIL).

Registration: Placement
Because one purpose of studying composition and rhetoric is to prepare students for college writing, students should enroll in composition during their first fall or spring semester at Purdue whenever possible. Although the outcomes are the same across all sections of ENGL 10600 and ENGL 10800, each instructor chooses from among the approved ICaP themes to teaching this course. The initial composition course students normally take will be either ENGL 10600, ENGL 10600-INTL for non-native speakers of English, ENGL10600-LCOM for students in a Learning Community, ENGL 10600-DIST for students with excellent time management skills and who are confident in their writing, ENGL 10800 or 10800-SLCE.

Directed Self-Placement
We encourage academic advisors to share with students the self-placement guidelines (Appendices A and B: Guidelines for Directed Self-Placement). These guidelines are written specifically for students so they may make informed decisions concerning their composition placement.

Writers for whom English is a Second Language
Students whose second language is English and enter Purdue with test scores falling within the parameters described below may want to register for ENGL 10600-INTL, but they should be assured that ENGL 10600 instructors also work with ESL students. Students who qualify for ENGL 10600-INTL may monitor their registration on myPurdue and try to get into an International class, but ENGL 10600-INTL classes fill early. Instructors will not sign students into these classes.

Note: When advising International Students, please use PLaCE’s Placement Protocol for International Students. See Appendix C.

Students are eligible to register for ENGL 10600-INTL if:

Their TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) total score is equal to or higher than 101 (internet-based test) or IELTS (International English Language Testing System) is equal to or higher than 8.0, AND their TOEFL writing subscore is 26 or below or IELTS writing subscore is 6.5 and below
- English has not been the medium of instruction for most of their education prior to enrolling at Purdue University
- They are in the first generation of their family to attend a college or university
- Their writing/reading skills in English are not as strong as their speaking/listening skills in English
- They can read difficult passages in English but are likely to need extra time and may experience difficulty with a heavy reading load

English as a Second Language students without TOEFL or IELTS scores should request ENGL 11000 on their course selection. If a student feels they have compelling evidence to show they have the proficiency to be exempt from this requirement, they may contact PLaCE (place@purdue.edu) and request an English Proficiency Interview (EPI). Evidence would include a significant amount of time in the US school system. Again, please refer to Appendix C: Information about PLaCE Foundational Courses.
For more information about any of the English courses for non-native speakers, please contact Harris Bras, Coordinator of ESL Composition, by email (hbras@purdue.edu).

**Registration: Drop/Add**

During the first week of classes, students may drop or add composition classes through myPurdue. During the second week of classes and thereafter, a student may add with the instructor’s signature only if the student was previously enrolled in that instructor’s section, was attending class, and was cancelled due to tuition non-payment or encumbrances. Instructors will not add new students to the class roster beyond the first week of classes.

Instructors are told to not grant requests for section changes or to add new students to their rosters after the first week of classes because these changes make it too difficult for students to make up even a week’s worth of missed work. The Assistant Director of Composition/Student Concerns will intervene only under extenuating circumstances.

**Note:** English 10600 and 10800 instructors will not add new students to the class roster beyond the first week of classes.

**Registration: Retaking a Composition Course FAQs**

**Can a student who received a grade of “F” in ENGL 10800 replace it with ENGL 10600?**

No. Even though these courses have the same outcomes, they are not equivalent: ENGL 10800 is a 3-credit hour course and ENGL 10600 is a 4-credit hour course.

**Can a student who received a grade of “F” in ENGL 10600 replace it with ENGL 10800?**

No. Even though these courses have the same outcomes, they are not equivalent: ENGL 10800 is a 3-credit hour course and ENGL 10600 is a 4-credit hour course.

**Does a student need special permission to take ENGL 10600 or ENGL 10800 a third or fourth time?**

Yes, but not from the ICaP Program. University Regulations state that students may enroll in a non-repeatable course up to three times (and a withdrawal counts as an enrollment). After that, they must petition for an exception to enroll. Check with your college’s Director of Advising or with the Office of the Registrar for the full policy and for the procedure to request the exception.

**Composition Transfer Credit**

The Purdue’s Office of the Registrar’s page on “How Purdue Awards Transfer Credit” is located at purdue.edu/registrar/currentStudents/students/credit_evaluation. Please review this page for comprehensive information.

Equivalency credit for courses taken at other accredited colleges or universities reviewed by the Office of the Registrar and Credit Evaluation. If a student feels that a composition course taken at another university was not evaluated correctly, the student should gather as much documentation about the course as possible (college catalog descriptions, syllabi, assignments, original graded papers written for the class, etc.) and make an appointment to see Linda Haynes, Assistant Director of Composition/Student Concerns.

When Composition Credit Transfers to Purdue

The Credit Evaluation office determines distributed credit and undistributed credit following guidelines recommended by the English Department.

Until Summer 2020, you may have seen credit transferred to students’ Purdue transcripts as ENGL 10100, 10200, or 10300. These course numbers mean that the student transferred in the equivalent of
Purdue’s old 2-semester sequence composition courses which we have kept “on the books” since 2003 in order to better determine how other universities’ course content is being transferred to the WL campus. This practice, however, has changed because the 10100, 10200, and 10300 course numbers have expired.

Here’s what you will see now:

- ENGL 10800
- ENGL 10600
- ENGL 1XUWC = Written Communication (Usually a Composition 1 course)
- ENGL 1XUWC = Information Literacy (Usually a Composition 2 course)
- ENGL 1XILW = Information Literacy and Written Communication. You won’t often find this designation. Three-credit courses that have both IL and WC are usually evaluated as 10800.
- ENGL 1XTRA = Extra Credit
- ENGL 1XXXX = Undistributed Credit

You may see on a student’s transcript ENGL 10600 (4 credits) and ENGL 1XTRA (2 credits). That means the student has taken at the same university Composition 1 and 2 (each for 3 credits), which together become the equivalent of ENGL 10600. The two extra credits are undistributed.

If the student takes courses that have not been evaluated as having similar outcomes as ENGL 1XUWC, 1XUIL, 1XILW, 10600, or 10800, the courses will transfer as English undistributed (ENGL 1XXXX). Usually, courses evaluated as ENGL 1XXXX are not even writing or composition courses.

The student and advisor must observe any prerequisites for higher-level writing courses in the student’s plan of study.

**Composition Transfer Credit and Professional Writing Prerequisites**

In some cases, a single 3-credit hour composition course (like ENGL 1XUWC) does not fulfill the prerequisites of other writing courses or for program requirements. Students and advisors should pay close attention to these prerequisites. As an example, the following statement comes from the Professional Writing Purdue Course Guide (pw.rhetorike.org/general-education-course-guide):

Students who have transferred credit(s) for English courses sometimes ask ICAP and PW staff to accept those credits as fulfillment of Purdue’s first year writing requirement. Our courses, the four-credit English 106 and its accelerated three-credit equivalent 108, were developed with the specific needs of Purdue’s students in mind. While we recognize that AP, Bridge program, and dual enrollment courses have value, they do not include key curricular elements of 106 and 108, namely our focuses on information and technological literacy, group work, and research methods.

For this reason, we cannot approve requests to recognize ENGL 1XUWC alone as fulfilling Purdue’s first-year writing requirement. Nor can we waive the first-year writing pre-requisite for students who wish to take PW courses, even if they have earned credit for English 1XUWC and/or similar courses. Students who transferred only ENGL 1XUWC could consider enrolling for the accelerated class, ENGL 108.

For more information, please contact the director of the Professional Writing Program, Dr. Jennifer Bay, jbay@purdue.edu.
Dual Credit

Students who have taken a composition course in-state as dual credit may receive college credit if they earned at least a C- in the course and send their official college transcript to the Office of Admissions for evaluation. The course(s) may be distributed as ENGL 1XUWC, 1XUIL, 1XILW, 10600, 10800, or as 1XXXX. The Office of Credit Evaluation maintains a list of Dual Credit programs. Students who have taken a composition course out-of-state as dual credit may receive college credit only if the course was taken on a college campus.

Students who have taken dual credit composition courses that transfer to Purdue as either 1XXXX credit or as ENGL 1XUWC should consider taking ENGL 10800 to complete any composition requirements for their program, to fulfill any course prerequisites, or to fulfill the university core requirement.

Regional Campus Transfer Equivalencies

On student transcripts you may see various composition course numbers from Purdue’s regional campuses. Please use the following equivalencies for Regional Campus Transfers.

- **Purdue University Northwest (PNW)**
  (Previously Purdue North Central and Purdue Calumet)
  
  ENGL 10000 (4 credits) is a developmental composition course. It is NOT equivalent to any PU-WL course.
  ENGL 10400 (Composition 1, 3 credits) is the first semester of a 1st-year composition sequence and is equivalent to PU-WL’s ENGL 1XUWC.
  ENGL 10500 (Composition 2, 3 credits) is the second semester of a 1st-year composition sequence and is equivalent to PU-WL’s ENGL 1XUIL.

If both ENGL 10400 and 10500 are taken, the student has completed the equivalent to ENGL 10600.

- **Purdue Fort Wayne**
  
  ENG W115 and ENG W116 are now listed in the PFW course catalog as ENGL 11500 and 11600. They are basic English Comp I & II courses for non-native speakers of English. These courses are considered developmental at PFW, and do not count toward any PFW degree program. Students study vocabulary, word order, idioms, and they write very short papers.
  ENG W129 (3 credits) is designed for students who need additional instruction with writing for an academic audience. These students require a 2-semester sequence of writing instruction to complete IU’s composition outcomes.
  ENG W131 (Composition 1, 3 credits) is now listed in the PFW course catalog as ENGL 13100 and is equivalent to PU-WL’s ENGL 1XUWC.
  ENG W233 (Composition 2, 3 credits) is now listed in the PFW course catalog as ENGL 23300 and is equivalent to PU-WL’s ENGL 1XUIL.
  ENG W140 (3 credits) is now listed in the PFW course catalog as ENGL 14000, Elementary Composition Honors, and should be considered equivalent to PU-WL’s ENGL 10800.

If both ENG W131 and W233 are taken, the student has completed the equivalent to ENGL 10600.

*Prior to Fall 2018, Purdue Fort Wayne was known as Indiana Purdue Fort Wayne (IPFW). The PFW composition course numbers resemble the old IU course numbers.

**CAUTION:** The PFW course catalog contains ENGL course numbers that appear similar to some of our old and new composition course numbers, but are actually literature courses: 10101, 10201, 10301, 10302, and 10801 are NOT composition courses. These courses are not writing courses and will not fulfill the prerequisites for upper level writing courses.
Purdue/IU Composition Equivalencies

According to the IU/Bloomington Composition Coordinator, the IU campuses have spent the last 6 years coming to an agreement concerning W131: all W131 courses must align with IUB & IUSB’s outcomes. Although some campuses still offer W132, that course will now transfer to the Bloomington campus as undistributed credit. Therefore, what IU says is equivalent to their W131 should be considered equivalent to Purdue’s ENGL 10800.

The exception is IU Kokomo which maintains the 2-semester composition sequence.

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°When the equivalents to ENGL 1XUWC AND 1XUIL taken at the same university transfer to Purdue, the credit should be considered and/or shows up on student transcripts as ENGL 106 + 2 undistributed credits.
°°IUPUI/Indianapolis' course numbers will show up on PU transcripts as IU course numbers. The chart indicates in parenthesis what PU course would be considered equivalent.
Guidelines on the Office of the Provost’s website state that, “…the UCC currently recognizes transfer credit (TR) and credit by examination (CR) as meeting foundational outcomes. The UCC does not recognize departmental credit (DC) or exemptions (EX) as meeting foundational outcomes”. See the Advisor Guidelines for the core curricula on the Office of the Provost’s website.

Test-out/CLEP
There is no test-out available for First-Year Composition. There is no English Composition credit for the CLEP (College-Level Examination Program).

Retake Policy for Composition Courses
Students who take ENGL 10800 and then take ENGL 10600 (and vice versa) will receive the grade and credit for BOTH classes. The ICaP Advisor’s Guide did not reflect this policy change until Spring 2017, so if between Fall 2013-Spring 2017 you advised a student in good faith to take ENGL 106 and 108 expecting one course to replace the other’s grade and credit, please contact Linda Haynes.

- The policy of the Registrar is that if two courses are not equivalent courses, one should NOT replace the other’s grade and credit.
- ENGL 10600 and 10800 are NOT equivalent courses.
- Neither of these courses are repeatable for credit.

AP Credit
Students beginning at Purdue in Fall 2005 and thereafter must receive an AP Credit score of 4 or 5 on the English Language and Composition exam in order to receive credit for ENGL 10600.

Exemptions
Because the UCC does not recognize exemptions as meeting foundational outcomes, most colleges no longer offer exemptions for composition. However, some colleges may still offer them to students who have used other courses to meet the Written Communication and Information Literacy learning outcomes. The criteria for exemption from First-Year Composition are determined by individual schools or colleges. ICaP suggests that students with SAT Critical Reading scores no lower than 710 (or ACT 32) be considered for exemption; however, standardized test scores are not the best indicator of a student’s writing ability.

To initiate an English Composition exemption:

1. Use a Form 350. Check the box for Exemption (item 6).
2. Fill in the top line (student name, ID, etc.)
3. Fill in the Subject and Course number, title, and credit lines. The exemption should be for English 10800 (NOT 10600), and the title is “Accelerated First-Year Composition” for 3-credit hours.
4. Attach the appropriate documentation to the form as required by the college or program.
5. The form must be signed by the academic advisor and the Dean (or the Dean’s designee).
6. Send the form to the Office of the Registrar.
7. Note: According to the University Common Core Council, exemptions do not indicate that students have mastered the associated learning outcomes. Effective with Fall 2014 and beyond, exemptions will not be allowed for meeting foundational learning outcomes.

Directed Credit/Departmental Credit Without Examination (Portfolio Review)
Departmental Credit Without Examination will be awarded only under special circumstances. In order to receive credit, students must have performed writing above the First-Year Composition level. Students 1 This policy was developed with representation from the Provost’s Office, the English Department, Head Advisors, and the Office of Admissions (February 21, 2003). It was revised by Doug Christiansen, VP Enrollment, and Shirley Rose, Director of Composition, on February 3, 2004.
will be required to submit work that includes the original instructor’s comments. For more information on special cases, please contact the Assistant Director of Composition/Student Concerns.

Note: According to the University Common Core Council, department credit does not indicate that students have mastered the associated learning outcomes. Effective Fall 2014 and beyond, department credit will not be allowed for meeting foundational learning outcomes.

Grade Appeals/Reviews

Students who believe the grades they received in an ENGL 10600, 10800, or 30400 course are not accurate reflections of their performance in the course should first consult the instructor who gave the grade. If the student and instructor cannot come to an agreement, the student may then request a grade review from Linda Haynes, Assistant Director of Composition/Student Concerns.

The student must first refer to the Student Guide to ICaP on the Introductory Composition website and go to the Grades and Feedback page to the Grade Appeals section. The student will need to fill out the Grade Review Form and submit all of their graded work from the semester (with the instructor’s original comments and grades) along with any other supporting documentation. Students are then directed to upload their materials to Filelocker.com and share their materials with Linda Haynes (lhaynes@purdue.edu).

If after the grade review process the student is still not satisfied with the outcome of their grade, they may take the case to the college level. CLA grade appeal information is located at cla.purdue.edu/resources/policies-procedures/students/gradeappeals.html.

The Writing Lab

The Writing Lab offers a variety of free services to undergraduate and graduate students in any department or any course. Students can receive feedback—in person or online—on any writing project, in any stage of the writing process, whether they need a sounding board for ideas, want advice on how to reorganize a paper, need help polishing, or are putting together job application materials. Consultants work with students in one-to-one sessions, and together they focus on particular assignments, questions, or problems that students have with their writing. The Writing Lab also offers workshops on various writing topics, holds daily conversation groups for international students and scholars, and offers online writing support materials 24/7 at owl.purdue.edu/owl/purdue_owl.html and on our Youtube channel at youtube.com/user/OWLPurdue.

The Writing Lab’s main location in 226 Heavilon Hall, and tutors offer various options for providing feedback to students (both virtual and face-to-face). For current hours of operation and locations, students should visit the Writing Lab’s website at owl.purdue.edu/writinglab/the_writing_lab_at_purdue.html. To make in-person or virtual appointments, register for workshops, or sign up for conversation groups, students may go to cla.purdue.edu/wlschedule.

For more information, please call 494-3723 or visit the Writing Lab’s website. We post updates and announcements on Twitter and Facebook.
Appendix A: For Students and Advisors
Guidelines for Directed Self-Placement for ENGL 10600

Most students enroll in English 10600 or 10800 in either Fall or Spring of their first year. Your academic advisor may have specific suggestions on which class you should take for your program. However, the following guidelines may help you determine the appropriate composition placement for you.

You should consider enrolling in **English 10600, First-Year Composition, (4 credits)** if:
- You think you would benefit from having frequent individual conferences in which you discuss your writing projects with your writing instructor;
- You welcome the chance to develop your writing and research skills in a computer lab classroom;
- Establishing a solid academic foundation for college work is important to you.

You are eligible to enroll in **English 10600-INTL, First-Year Composition for international students, (4 credits)** if:
- Your TOEFL total score is 101 or above OR IELTS is 8.0 or above AND your TOEFL writing subscore is 26 or below OR your IELTS writing subscore is 6.5 or below.
- You have completed the PLaCE program (ENGL 11000 and ENGL 11100)
- English has not been the medium of instruction for most of your education prior to enrolling at Purdue University
- You can read difficult passages in English but are likely to need extra time and experience difficulty with a heavy reading load

You will only be allowed to register for ENGL 10600-I if your test score(s) are:
- TOEFL writing: 26 and below
- IELTS writing: 6.5 and below

If you are a student whose second language is English and you do not have TOEFL or IELTS scores, you should request ENGL 110 on your course selection. If you feel you have compelling evidence to show you have the proficiency to be exempt from this requirement, you may contact PLaCE (place@purdue.edu) and request an English Proficiency Interview (EPI). Evidence would include a significant amount of time in the US school system.

Please consult with your academic advisor about placement in ENGL 10600-INTL or ENGL 110/111. For more information about any of the English courses for non-native speakers, please contact Harris Bras, Coordinator of ESL Composition by email (hbras@purdue.edu).

You should consider enrolling in **English 10600-LCOM, First-Year Composition-LC, (4 credits)** if:
- You have talked with your academic advisor and are part of a Learning Community.

You should consider enrolling in **English 10600-DIST, First-Year Composition Online, (4 credits)** if:
- You have strong time management skills
- You are confident in your writing skills.
- You are prepared to spend several hours per week watching video content, reading, researching, writing, revising, and engaging in collaborative activities online.
- You have the appropriate computing software and hardware.

Please visit cla.purdue.edu/academic/english/icap/courses/online for more information and a sample syllabus.

Any version of English 10600 or 10800 will fulfill both the Written Communication and the Information Literacy requirements on the University Common Core (UCC).
We are eager to help advisors promote English 10800, Accelerated First Year Composition, more widely as a viable alternative for English 10600.

About English 10800

- English 10800, at 3 credit hours, is still an accelerated version of English 10600 (4 credit hours), and it has the same outcomes as English 10600.
- English 10800 meets either two or three times a week (MWF or TR schedule). Unlike English 10600, there are no scheduled conferencing days.
- English 10800 is usually best for students confident in their writing and comfortable with an accelerated, less managed approach.
- Student success in English 10800 requires a) more self-efficacy and self-regulation; b) strong writing skills and/or prior writing experiences, and/or c) focused content.
- English 10800 is not a good fit for Second Language (L2) students who feel they need more help learning English and becoming familiar with American academic approaches to writing.
- Some sections of English 10800 will still be taught with the Service Learning/Community Engagement (SLCE) approach. These sections are indicated in the Class Schedule Listing: “…and community service. Students can expect to engage in some local community activities outside the classroom.”

You should enroll in English 10800 (3 credits) if:

- You usually understand a teacher’s instructions the first time and rarely need for them to be repeated or explained;
- You have fluent control of discourse conventions such as sentence structure, punctuation, spelling, and mechanics;
- You will seek out help on your own—such as visiting the Writing Lab or attending your instructor’s office hours—when you need it;
- You usually try to exceed your instructor’s expectations;
- You are interested in engaging in public writing and community service (if so, register for the English 10800-SLCE sections)
- You enjoy the challenge of an accelerated course;
- You believe you are well-prepared for college work.

If you are interested in engaging in public writing and community service, make sure you register for the English 10800-SLCE section. These sections, devoted to service learning, are a good fit for students planning on majoring in pre-med, nursing, health care, social services, political science, or any area that involves service to others.

Three versions of English 10800

Both versions of English 108 have the same outcomes.

- 10800: mainstream
- 10800–SLCE: Service Learning/Community Engagement. These sections of English 1080 use a service learning or community engagement approach.
Appendix C: Purdue Language and Cultural Exchange (PLaCE)

Information about PLaCE Foundational Courses and Short Courses

Purdue Language and Cultural Exchange (PLaCE) supports international students who have learned English as a second language, and who will benefit from language and cultural support as they adjust to life at a U.S. university. The mission of PLaCE is to provide a strong instructional and assessment program in order to help participating undergraduate and graduate students to develop the academic, linguistic and cultural competencies needed to participate in university life and to compete for graduate school and employment opportunities.

The PLaCE program consists of three instructional components for Purdue students:

English 110: American Language and Culture for International Students I provides students with a foundation for increasing their intercultural competence and academic language skills. In addition to three major projects and related class and homework, students complete weekly journals and video blogs, in which they explore course topics and practice writing and speaking skills. Specific topics and skills addressed during English 110 include self-regulated learning, goal setting, creative thinking, collaboration and teamwork, reflection, sentence and paragraph writing, and speaking and reading fluency.

English 111: American Language and Culture for International Students II builds on the general foundation of intercultural competence and language skills in 110 by delving into more specific elements of language and culture. Students complete three major projects, weekly journals, and a range of activities in and out of class. Specific topics and skills addressed during English 111 include conceptual learning, critical thinking, reflection, source use and citations, oral presentation skills, collaboration, and developing an effective writing process for learning and communication in an academic setting.

PLaCE Short Courses provide additional options for support in English language development and will be open to all international undergraduate and all graduate students. Short courses are non-credit bearing six-week-long courses (shorter than a full semester). Previously offered short courses include: Speaking and Listening: Pronunciation and Prosody; Speaking and Listening: Public Speaking; Speaking and Listening: Social Language Use, and Academic Writing: Focus on Grammar.

Placement Protocol International Students

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Detailed course information is available on the PLaCE website: [http://www.purdue.edu/place/](http://www.purdue.edu/place/) or by emailing: place@purdue.edu

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