



Hello and welcome to Introduction to Composition online.

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Introduction to Composition is a writing-intensive course that serves to prepare students for the rigors of writing throughout their college careers. “Comp 101,” as it is often called, also supports the research and information literacy requirements for first-year students, fulfilled through the completion of several information literacy quizzes on such topics as academic integrity and research skills.

The main goal of the course is the completion of three major essays: personal, informative, and research. In addition, a fourth major writing assignment, the annotated bibliography, supports the research essay. All three of the major essay assignments will be revised through the use of peer review: you will be asked to read and comment extensively on the work of your colleagues.

Please be aware that online courses begin the same day as on-campus courses. Make sure to order your books ahead of time so that you will be ready to begin work on the day classes begin. I do try to make some accommodation for those who must order their books and have them mailed on the first day of classes, but you will find it much easier to make a good start if you have your books at the start of classes.

When you log into our course for the first time, be sure to read through the “Getting Started” links on the left side of the course homepage, as well as the information and assignments in the Content area. Then, post an introduction of yourself and your course of study in the discussion area (“Discuss”) on your course menu.

“See” you online!