



University of Central Florida  
Department of Writing and Rhetoric

## How Can I Know Which Class is Right for Me?

You probably have some idea which class you should take. However, this is not a decision you should rush. So, don't wait until orientation to start thinking about it. There are three things you need to do before you decide:

### Visit:

[writingandrhetoric.cah.ucf.edu/selfplacement.php](http://writingandrhetoric.cah.ucf.edu/selfplacement.php)

1 Watch the video and take the survey. When you finish the survey, print out the results page and bring it to orientation.

2

Talk with family members, former teachers, or others who are familiar with your writing. Show them this brochure and ask for their advice.

3

Speak with your academic advisor. You will meet your advisor at summer orientation. The two of you will talk about your unique situation and about which class is best for you.

## Remember...

The choice is yours. It is important to listen to the advice of people you can trust, but in the end, you have to decide. We could just tell you which writing course to begin your college career with. In fact, many colleges do just that. But, we think it is important for you to make decisions that affect your education. After all, it's *your* education.

## Have Questions?

If you need more information about choosing the writing course that is right for you, contact Elizabeth Wardle by email: [ewardle@ucf.edu](mailto:ewardle@ucf.edu)



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Important  
Choice:**  
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## Choosing a First-Year Writing Class

As a UCF Knight, you will have several opportunities to make decisions that will impact your academic career and your life beyond college. One of the first decisions you might make is which writing class you should take first. This is an important decision. Strong writing skills are necessary for success in nearly all disciplines on campus. While some students are already prepared to take on college writing challenges, others need a chance to practice and sharpen their skills in order to be successful. If you are ready to write in college, we want to challenge you. If you need extra help to be ready, we want to give it you.

## Do All UCF Students Have This Choice?

Most students do have a choice.

- Students who score 440 or higher on the Verbal section of the SAT or 17 or higher on the ACT English section and 18 or higher on the ACT Reading section can choose whether to take ENC 1130 or ENC 1101 as their first writing course.
- Students whose scores are lower than this may be required to take ENC 1130, although they will have the opportunity to re-test.

Since you may have this choice, you should think about the class that is best for you.

## What Are My Options?

You may choose to take **ENC 1101** or **ENC 1130**.

### ENC 1101: Composition I

ENC 1101 is a challenging course that introduces students to thinking about writing in new ways. This course will introduce you to the work of composition scholars and teach you to apply theoretical concepts to your own writing. In this class you will:

- Read scholarly texts that are each 15 to 20 pages long
- Write and meaningfully revise four essays longer than 5 pages during a semester
- Research using a computer
- Document sources to inform and support your claims
- Write and revise using word processing software (e.g. MS Word)
- Conduct primary research

ENC 1101 is one of two required composition courses that all students must earn credit for. However, if you are not sure you are prepared for these challenges now, you can take ENC 1130 first.

### ENC 1130: Improving College-Level Writing

ENC 1130 provides extra instruction and practice for students who might not feel ready for college-level writing. Like ENC 1101, this course introduces students to writing in the university. However, ENC 1130 classes focus on developing the reading and writing skills you will need in ENC 1101. In this course you will:

- Identify aspects of your writing to improve
- Learn strategies for reading and comprehending difficult material
- Learn strategies for revising and drafting
- Learn to be reflective about your reading and writing
- Learn to use and cite sources in your papers

ENC 1130 is an elective class. You will get credit toward graduation when you pass. But like all UCF students, you still have to earn credit for both ENC 1101: Composition I and ENC 1102: Composition II.