



Syllabus: **WRT 101-8**

Course Information

Course Title: Writing I

Course Prefix/Number: WRT 101

Semester: Fall 2025

Class Days/Times: MW 5:30 – 6:45 p.m. M10

Credit Hours: 3

Instructor Information

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Course Description

Student Learning Outcomes

After completion of the course students will be able to:

1. Establish **PURPOSE** in academic essays and other documents.
 - A. Analyze and determine purpose in relation to the rhetorical situation (writing context, topic, and audience).

- B. Generate academic essays and other texts that develop a central thesis (a statement of purpose).
 - C. Use the writing process to plan, research, draft, and revise in order to determine and accomplish the purpose of the writing.
 - D. Use writing for a variety of purposes such as informing, analyzing, and persuading.
 - E. Provide appropriate support (evidence and examples) from appropriate sources to accomplish the purpose of the writing.
 - F. Identify and use appropriate style and voice to achieve purpose in writing.
2. Demonstrate **CRITICAL THINKING**.
- A. Read critically to analyze purpose, main ideas, support, audience, and organizational strategies.
 - B. Evaluate the currency, relevance, reliability, and appropriateness of texts and other media.
 - C. Generate essays and other texts that demonstrate critical reading of sources and critical analysis of a topic.
 - D. Support claims with effective reasoning and appropriate sources (print and other media). Collaborate with others to discuss, generate and analyze ideas.
 - E. Interact effectively with different views and interpretations of a subject.
3. Demonstrate **INTERTEXTUALITY** in writing.
- A. Use information from sources for a specific purpose: i.e., to provide background information, support an idea, illustrate an alternative view, etc.
 - B. Demonstrate the ability to analyze sources, make connections, draw conclusions, and interact in depth with diverse ideas presented in a variety of sources.
 - C. Incorporate information from sources in writing by clearly and accurately contextualizing, quoting, and paraphrasing.
 - D. Document ideas from sources using MLA (in-text citation and works cited list).
 - E. Research appropriate sources to develop and support academic essays and other texts.
4. Write appropriately for academic and other **AUDIENCES**.
- A. Analyze different writing contexts and the needs of different audiences as part of the writing process.
 - B. Use effective organizational strategies to create coherent pieces of writing appropriate for a variety of audiences. 1. Write critically about literature. 2. Read, comprehend, and analyze a variety of literary works. 3. Research primary and secondary sources and write a paper utilizing the techniques of quotation, paraphrase, summary, and documentation. 4. Write essays and a research paper Use an appropriate genre and format for the purpose and audience.
 - C. Write with appropriate style and voice for the rhetorical situation.
 - D. Evaluate the currency, relevance, reliability, and appropriateness of sources in relation to a specific audience and purpose.

- E. Use standard conventions of spelling, punctuation, and grammar for clear, effective communication.

Course Structure

This class will use an informal “lecture” format that emphasizes class participation, discussion and questions, and both individual and group work through the Canvas course space asynchronously. The majority of assignments will consist of grammar exercises, posted discussions in Canvas, a grammar exam, and essays. Furthermore, PowerPoint presentations will be provided based on relevant rhetorical approaches to writing.

Class participation is crucial for academic success. It is mandatory to keep up with the course on a weekly basis. Please come prepared to discuss issues raised in the course.

- I. Writing college-level essays
 - A. The writing process
 - B. Prewriting, organization, and developing a thesis
 - C. Writing essays (minimum 750 words)
 - D. Reading, analyzing, and discussing model writers
 1. Professional/academic writings
 2. Student writings
- II. Review of basic writing skills
 - A. Verbal constructions
 - B. Common sentence and grammatical errors
 - C. Sentence variety
 - D. Paragraph development
 - E. Other grammatical elements
- III. Major Assignments
 - A. Essays
 1. Narrative
 2. Descriptive
 3. Compare-Contrast
 - B. Grammar Exam

Course Learning Materials and Textbook Information

Writing for Success (McLean)

[https://human.libretexts.org/Bookshelves/Composition/Introductory_Composition/Writing_for_Success_\(McLean\)](https://human.libretexts.org/Bookshelves/Composition/Introductory_Composition/Writing_for_Success_(McLean))

(This is an online textbook made available by the Open Textbook Library)

Policies and Expectations

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Accountability:

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Evaluations and Grading & Assignments:

- 90 and above is an A
- 80 - 89 is a B
- 70 - 79 is a C
- 60 - 69 is a D
- Under 60 is Failing

Your grade will be determined by the following:

- Narrative Essay 20%
- Descriptive Essay 20%
- Compare-Contrast Essay 20%
- Grammar Exam 20%
- Attendance/participation 20%

Attendance Policy

You are expected to arrive to class on time and be prepared to participate in each class period. Four unexcused absences may result in withdrawal and a “W” or “Y” will be recorded. You may request to be excused from class for religious observances and practices, for illness, for school or work-related travel or for personal or family emergency. If you will be absent, please notify the instructor as soon as possible.

Academic Integrity:

Violations of scholastic ethics are considered serious offenses by San Carlos Apache College. Students may consult the SCAC Student Handbook sections on student code of conduct, on scholastic ethics and on the grade appeal procedure.

All work done for this class must be your own, or the original work of your group. While you may discuss assignments with other class members, the final written project must clearly be original. You may use work from books and other materials if it is properly cited.

Instructor Withdrawals

Students who have missed four consecutive classes (or the equivalent), or have not submitted any assignments nor taken any quizzes by the 45th day census report, due on [date of 45th day found in Academic Calendar on SCAC website], are assumed NOT to be participating in the class and may be withdrawn at the faculty member’s discretion.

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Student Withdrawals

Students may withdraw from class at any time during the first 2/3 of the semester without instructor permission and without incurring any grade penalty. Please be sure to withdraw yourself by [withdrawal deadline date found in Academic Calendar on SCAC website] if you do not expect to complete the class; otherwise, you may receive an "F" grade.

RESPECT***Equal Access Statement/Disability Accommodations***

San Carlos Apache College seeks to provide reasonable accommodations for qualified individuals with disabilities. The College will comply with all applicable regulations, and guidelines with respect to providing reasonable accommodations as required to ensure an equal educational opportunity. This process includes self-identifying as a student with a disability, providing supporting documentation of their disability, and being approved for services through the Disability Resources Office (DRO). It is the student's responsibility to make known to their instructor(s) the student's specific needs within the context of each class in order to receive appropriate accommodations. We will work together in order to develop an accommodation plan specifically designed to meet the individual student's requirements.

For more information or to request academic accommodations, please contact: Anthony Osborn, TOCC Disabilities Resource Coordinator, aosborn@tocc.edu, or 520-383-0033 for additional information and assistance.

Title IX

San Carlos Apache College encourages each student to have the knowledge and skills to be an active bystander who intervenes when anyone is observed or being harassed or endangered by sexual violence. Sexual discrimination and sexual violence can undermine students' academic success and quality of life on campus and beyond. We encourage students who have experienced or witnessed any form of sexual misconduct to talk about their experience and seek the support they need.

Conduct: Bias, Bullying, Discrimination and Harassment

San Carlos Apache College faculty and staff are dedicated to creating a safe and supportive campus environment as a core value. Harassment based on age, class, color, culture, disability and ability, ethnicity, gender, gender identity and expression, immigration status, marital status, political ideology, race, religion/spirituality, sex, sexual orientation, and tribal sovereign status will not be tolerated.

RESILIENCE***Incomplete Policy***

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Incomplete (I) grades are not awarded automatically. The student must request an "I" from the instructor who can choose to award an Incomplete only if all three of the following conditions are met:

1. The student must be in compliance with the attendance policy.
2. The student must have unavoidable circumstance that would prohibit the student from completing the course.
3. The student must have completed over 75% of the course requirements with at least a "C" grade.

Incompletes are not a substitute for incomplete work due to frequent absences or poor academic performance. Incomplete grades that are not made up by the end of the ninth week of the following semester will be automatically changed to an F if the agreed upon work, as stipulated on the written form signed by the instructor and the student when the I grade is awarded, is not completed.

Special Withdrawals (Y) Grade

The "Y" grade is an administrative withdrawal given at the instructor's option when no other grade is deemed appropriate. Your instructor must file a form stating the specific rationale, with documentation, for awarding this grade. "Y" grades are discouraged since they often affect students negatively. Your instructor will not award a "Y" grade without a strong reason.

OPENNESS

Courses Outline and Important Dates

[Weekly structure, reading assignments, class projects, due date, exams, etc. details regarding assignments, exams, projects with due dates and any instructions for work. Make sure that you have one or more learning activities in the calendar/schedule that address each outcome. An activity can address more than one outcome.)

Faculty/Student Communication

A faculty member will respond to a student's communication within 24 hours of receiving the communication excluding weekends and college closures. If a course is online a faculty will login their Canvas classroom a minimum of three times per week spread evenly throughout the week and respond to any discussion posts and check on student progress in the course.

Course Feedback:

All assignments will be graded and returned to the students promptly, typically within a week after the assignment is closed for handing in. Email and phone messages will be returned within 24 hours. A student or the instructor may request a student conference at any time during the semester. Quarterly grade reports will be provided to each student, either in person, by email or via the electronic system of Canvas.

WISDOM

SCAC General Education Learning Outcomes

Apache Wisdom

Learning from the teachings carried on from Apache elders and other community leaders, students will appreciate their unique history, language, and culture as a source of strength for their personal, family, academic, and career aspirations.

Critical Thinking

Approach critical issues, problems, or questions using creativity and deductive reasoning, evaluating evidence, acknowledging diverse perspectives and contexts, and synthesizing one's own viewpoint into ongoing conversations and debates.

Communication

Effectively express ideas orally and in writing. Good communication includes understanding one's audience, organizing one's thoughts, acknowledging and integrating outside sources, using the most recent technology, and following the accepted writing and citation conventions of the particular discipline.

Environmental Literacy

Students will understand their connection to social, cultural, physical, and global environments. Students will consider and evaluate strategies for cultural, community and global sustainability.

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EXPECTED STUDENT BEHAVIOR

1. Students should show respect to the instructor when discussing assignments, grades, or misunderstandings.
2. Students who are suspected of being under the influence during a class meeting may be asked to leave the class and may be reported to SCAC administration.
3. Students should not ask the instructor to immediately grade an essay or make any similar demands. Essays are graded as soon as time allows, and feedback is usually provided within one week, although exceptions may exist.
4. AI Policy: Grammarly is provided by the college for download by students. Students may use it to identify writing errors. **However, students must not allow Grammarly, ChatGPT, or any AI application to**

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correct or generate any writing. Once writing errors are identified by the app, students must make the corrections, themselves. The same applies to other forms of AI, including ChatGPT, Quillbot, Google AI, etc.