

English Course Placement

EFFECTIVE FALL 2019

After completing the placement questionnaire at Merced College, you should have received either placement in an English course or instructions to meet with a counselor to get your placement in an English course. Please use this chart to better understand your placement and course options.

COURSE GUIDE



ENGL 01A

Online, Hybrid, or Face to Face

Self-Reported HS GPA of 2.6 or higher

This is a 4 unit, freshman reading and composition course. Students place into this course through the GPA reporting process and multiple measures assessment, or by passing ENGL 95S, ENGL 85 AC, or ESL 85E



ENGL 01A + ENGL 95S

Hybrid or Face to Face

Self-Reported HS GPA below 2.6

or

This is a linked pair of courses for students who need extra support to be successful in English 01A, college level reading and composition. Students will be enrolled in a section of ENGL 01A (4 units) that is hard linked to a section of ENGL 95S (2 units) with the same instructor and cohort of students. Students place into this class by reporting a high school GPA below 2.6 in the placement questionnaire.



ESL 84E or ESL 40

Face to Face

ESL 84E → ESL 40 → ENGL 01A

ESL 84E and ESL 40 are 5 unit courses designed for students whose primary language is not English. ESL 40 receives CSU/UC elective credit. These courses help students develop the necessary academic reading and writing skills to succeed in English 01A and other transfer-level courses. These courses focus primarily on writing paragraphs and essays, and reading academic texts. All non-native English speakers should speak with a counselor to discuss placement options or self-place using the ESL self-assessment. A noncredit ESL pathway is also available.



English 85 AC

Face to Face

ENGL 85AC → ENGL 01A

This is 5 unit, nontransferable course for students who feel underprepared for English 01A or English 01A with English 95S. **Students must self-place into this class and sign a placement waiver.**