

# English Skills

The English Skills Department guides students through a sequence of reading and writing courses that prepares them for success in college, in their chosen vocation, and in daily life. We offer three levels of reading and two levels of writing. All of our classes teach critical thinking and study skills, as well as literacy skills.

## Program Student Learning Outcomes

1. Demonstrate comprehension of texts on both literal and inferential levels
2. Apply active reading and study strategies to texts
3. Demonstrate ability to work effectively in group settings
4. Develop a well-organized essay on a topic, including a thesis, topic sentences and supporting details
5. Demonstrate competent use of standard writing conventions

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## Course Descriptions

### ENG 060 and 060A — Basic Reading and Study Skills

(4.5) F, S

*Prerequisites:* Qualifying score on SBCC placement exam.

Non-transferable basic reading course designed to improve competence and fluency in reading and study skills. Students must receive credit for ENG 60 to be eligible for ENG 70. (Students who complete all course work but are not eligible for the next level will receive credit for ENG 60A.) *Graded Pass/No Pass.*

### ENG 065 and 065A — Basic Skills: Writing

(4.5) F, S

*Prerequisites:* Qualifying score on SBCC placement exam.

Non-transferable basic writing course designed to promote competence and fluency. Students must receive credit for ENG 65 to be eligible for ENG 80. (Students who complete all coursework but are not eligible for the next level will receive credit for ENG 65A.) *Graded Pass/No Pass.*

### ENG 070 and 070A — Effective Reading and Study Skills Techniques

(4.5) F, S

*Prerequisites:* ENG 60 with a "P" or qualifying score on SBCC placement exam.

Non-transferable developmental reading and study skills course intended for students who demonstrate the need for intensive work in reading, study skills and vocabulary development. Students must receive credit for ENG 70 to be eligible for ENG 103. (Students who complete all coursework but are not eligible for the next level will receive credit for ENG 70A.) *Graded Pass/No Pass.*

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**ENG 080 and 080A — Effective Writing Techniques**

**(4.5) F, S**

*Prerequisites: ENG 65 with a "P" or qualifying score on SBCC placement exam.*

Non-transferable developmental writing course. Eligibility for the course is determined by placement examination or by successful completion of a lower level writing course. Class meets 5.2 hours per week and is an intensive writing course designed to promote competence and fluency. Students must receive credit for ENG 80 to achieve eligibility for ENG 100. Course is also available in hybrid online format (three hours in class and two hours online). (Students who complete all coursework, but are not eligible for the next level, will receive credit for ENG 80A.) *Graded Pass/No Pass.*

**ENG 103 — Improvement of College Reading and Study Skills**

**(4.5) F, S — CSU**

*Prerequisites: ENG 70 with a "P" or qualifying score on SBCC placement exam.*

Reading course to improve comprehension, critical thinking, vocabulary and study skills. Various texts, including book-length works and textbook selections from various content areas, are read and analyzed.

**ENG 106 — Vocabulary Development**

**(1) Summer**

One-unit course for students who want to improve their general vocabulary knowledge. Includes college-level vocabulary, subject-specific vocabulary, Latin and Greek derivatives, the use of context and dictionary skills.

**ENG 109 — Library and Information Resources**

**(1) F, S — CSU**

*Skills Advisories: ESL 124*

*Course Advisories: COMP 151A*

Introduces student to library and other information sources for research. Teaches use of online catalogs, databases, Internet, evaluation of information sources, print and online periodical indexes and reference sources. Most materials are Web-based. *Graded Pass/No Pass.*

**ENG 114 — Creative Writing Skills**

**(3) F, S**

*Skills Advisories: Eligibility for ENG 80*

Degree-applicable, non-transferable creative writing course designed to expose students to the elements of fiction, poetry and drama (intended for students in ENG 70, 80, 100, 103).

**ENG 119A — CAP Core Literacies: Reading and Writing Across Diverse Academic Disciplines**

**(3)**

CAP course to help students develop effective strategies for analyzing standards embedded in Student Services resources and discipline-specific assignments.

**ENG 119B — CAP Core Literacies: Reading, Writing and Critical Thinking in Academia and the Professions**

**(3)**

CAP course to help students develop and apply standards for personal, academic and professional success.