

English 1A WRC Syllabus

ENGLISH 1A, SECTION 22908

WRC REQUIREMENTS

The WRC (Writing and Reading Center) is here to help students succeed. Students can meet with tutors and instructors to receive assistance on their English assignments. The WRC is open during the following days and hours:

Location: HM 232

Monday through Thursday: 9am – 7pm

Friday: 8 am – 3pm

Saturday & Sunday: Closed

Website: <http://academic.rcc.edu/wrcmoval/index.htm>

The WRC is a vital component of this class. Students are required to complete 18 hours of specific instructional activities, which will include, instructor conferences and a variety of directed assignments that will supplement in-class instruction. Students need to complete a minimum of 62 and a maximum 72 minutes or 1.2 hours per week at regularly scheduled times during the WRC hours of operation. In addition, students must complete their lab hours and assignments prior to the day of the final. Students must complete a minimum of 5 hours in the WRC by 3/21 or they will lose 2% of their final grade.

The students will use the lab log-in software to record attendance through the login computers located near the entrance. Computer errors do sometimes occur, so you may also keep a written log to back up the hours recorded by the computer. You may request a paper log at the front desk of the WRC. (Please note that students must use the computer to log in and out each time they attend the WRC. The backup paper log is not required and is only to ensure that a computer error does not deprive you of hours that you have completed.) Each student will submit his or her weekly schedule during the first week of instruction. (Students may change the scheduled time later and/or substitute other hours on an emergency basis or for attendance at scheduled workshops after notifying the instructor.)

The lab contract indicates your understanding of the WRC policies and your agreement to attend the WRC at a regularly scheduled time. Please sign it and return it to me by Tuesday 2/25. I will check WebAdvisor each weekend; students not attending the WRC regularly may be dropped. I will be working in the WRC on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1-2. Feel free to come see me during those hours to discuss assignments or readings.

WRC Assignments and Grading

Required Paper Conferences: You will be required to see an instructor in the WRC at least once for each paper you complete in this course: [E1](#), [E2](#), the [Group Paper](#) and the [Final Paper](#). Failure to do so will result in a 5% penalty on the paper. In addition, WRC Instructor Conferences completed on the day an assignment is due will not be accepted. Failing to complete revisions suggested by the instructor in the WRC may also result in a grade penalty on your final

draft. Paper Conferences are worth 25 points each. If you lose your WRC Confirmation worksheets, please use the links above to download and print a new copy.

A final note on the WRC: WRC assignments do not need to be signed by an instructor unless you are specifically instructed to meet with an instructor to complete the assignment. If you attend workshops for extra credit, you still need to complete the regularly assigned WRC activity for that week! The goal is that you will have something to turn in to me every Tuesday that you completed during the previous week in the WRC.

WRC Assignment Calendar

Week 1 (2/18-2/20): Assignment Due 2/25

English 1A is the first transfer-level English course required of all college students. Since you are enrolled in this course, you are probably either planning on transferring to a four-year university, or taking an AA degree or other certificate and moving directly into your career. In order to prepare for transferring or entering the job market, you must perform your due diligence and research the universities to which you might apply or your job prospects in your chosen field.

If you are planning on transferring: Take some time in the WRC to research three universities to which you may want to transfer. Spend some time investigating the majors and programs in which you are most interested. Also, be sure to look into any campus life issues, such as clubs, dorms, sports and extracurriculars, that may factor into your decision to apply to the university. For your assignment, write a paragraph or two about each school that explains the following:

1. Why does this particular university seem like a good fit for you?
2. What about the program(s) and campus life offered at this university most appeal to you?
3. What do you think the drawbacks or potential struggles are that you may face in being accepted to and attending this particular school?
4. How will you go about pursuing your goal of applying and eventually being accepted to the university?

If you will not be transferring, and are instead going to be taking an AA or certificate upon completion of coursework at MVC, you will instead research the field that you plan on entering. Do some job-hunting in your chosen field and write a minimum of three paragraphs that address the following:

1. What qualifications and skills are the jobs looking for? How difficult/easy is it to find job postings in your chosen field? How many did you find?
2. How is your work at MVC preparing you for entering the job market? And particularly, how are you being prepared in your chosen field? What drew you to this field in the first place?
3. How will you go about positioning yourself to obtain a position after you complete your program? What characteristics do you possess that make you an ideal candidate for a position in your field?
4. What drawbacks or potential struggles might you encounter as you exit college and enter the job market and your chosen field?

Week 2 (2/25-2/27): Assignment Due 3/4

Identifying proper support for an assertion.

Week 3 (3/4-3/6): Assignment Due 3/11

Support charts for E1.

Week 4 (3/11-3/13): Assignment Due 3/18

E1 Instructor Conference Confirmation

Week 5 (3/18-3/20): Assignment Due 3/25

PEE (Point, Evidence, Explain) Assignment for E2

Week 6 (3/25-3/27): Assignment Due 4/1

Quoting and Paraphrasing Assignment

Week 7 (4/1-4/3): Assignment Due 4/8

MLA Citations and Works Cited Assignment

Week 8 (4/8-4/10): Assignment Due 4/22

E2 Instructor Conference Confirmation

Week 9 (4/22-4/24): Assignment Due (Thursday) 5/1

Group Paper Instructor Conference Confirmation

Week 10 (4/29-5/1): Assignment Due 5/6

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Week 11 (5/6-5/8): Assignment Due 5/13

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Week 12 (5/13-5/15): Assignment Due 5/20

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Week 13 (5/20-5/22): Assignment Due 5/27

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Week 14 (5/27-5/29): Assignment Due 6/3

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Week 15 (6/3-6/5): Assignment Due 6/12

Final Paper Instructor Conference Confirmation