

**ENGLISH 99
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS
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1) What is English 99?

English 99 is a lower-division composition course that precedes English 101. It provides an intensive writing seminar for students who need additional preparation before attempting English 101. With small class sizes, the instructor is able to provide additional support and attention to the development of academic writing. English 99 is graded on a credit/no credit basis, and does not count toward graduation.

2) How did I get placed in English 99?

Placement in English composition courses is based on your score on the English Placement test, as follows:

Students who score 141 or lower: Take English 99 (4 units) and English 99T (1 unit).

Students who score 142 to 147: Take English 99 (4 units).

Students who score 148 to 150: Take English 101 (with 1 unit 99T tutorial)

Students who score 151 or higher: Take English 101 (3 units: GE Area A2)

Certain exceptions:

* Students who have passed the EAP exam in high school are eligible to go directly into English 101.

* Students who have scored 3 or higher on the Advanced Placement English Literature exam are exempt from English 101 and English 214. You must take the AP exam; simply taking an AP course does not qualify you for an exemption.

2) What is English 99T?

English 99T is an extra tutorial hour that is provided by the campus Writing Center, located on the ground floor of the Schulz Information Center. You will set your appointment time at the beginning of the semester. A passing grade is based on your consistent attendance at your tutoring sessions throughout the semester. You need to pass both English 99 and English 99T (or English 101 and 99T) to meet your composition requirement.

3) Can I appeal my placement in English 99? Can I retake the EPT exam?

Students sometimes don't do very well on the English Placement Test, and you might feel that you have been misplaced due to your score. However, students are only allowed to take the EPT once, as per CSU policy. On campus there is no way to challenge your placement; nor are individual instructors authorized to change placement

levels. Your only option would be to take an equivalent course at a junior college that can be substituted.

4) I was late taking the EPT and don't have my score yet. What English class should I take in the fall?

Without an EPT placement score, you cannot register for an English 101. If you must enroll, do so in a section of English 99. If you can wait, keep room in your schedule for a composition course.

4) What happens if I fail English 99?

If you do not pass English, you will need to repeat English 99 in the spring. It is very important that you complete this course in the Spring semester. If you do not, you will need to complete the requirement at another institution over the summer. If you send a transcript showing successful completion of such a course, you can enroll for the fall. If not, you will not be allowed to return. Contact Admissions and Records counselor for specific dates.

5) Can I enroll in English 101 for Spring semester even if I don't know if I have passed English 99?

You will be allowed to register for English 101 during first registration period. Unless you know for certain that you have failed English 99, you should enroll in a section of English 101 in order to assure yourself a place in a section. If you do not pass English 99, you will be removed from your English 101 section before second registration and a block will be placed on your registration into 101. At that point, you will need to enroll in an English 99 section.

6) Does English 99 count toward graduation? No (see # 1 above).