

## English Directed Self-Placement

To the newest member of our HCCC family,

Welcome! This is an exciting time as you begin your college journey. The faculty and staff at Hudson County Community College are looking forward to supporting you as you work to fulfill your educational and career goals.

The first step on your journey is an important one. Your courses in this first semester should be inspiring, educational, and yes, a bit challenging as well. To help you select the course that is the best fit for you and enables you to be successful, we have designed a Directed Self-Placement (DSP) process. The DSP process will help you to figure out which of HCCC's English courses is the best match for you based on your current reading and writing skills and abilities.

The DSP process consists of three easy steps:

1. **Review** English Course Expectations and Course Descriptions;
2. **Take** the Directed Self-Placement Questionnaire;
3. **Select** your preferred English course placement.

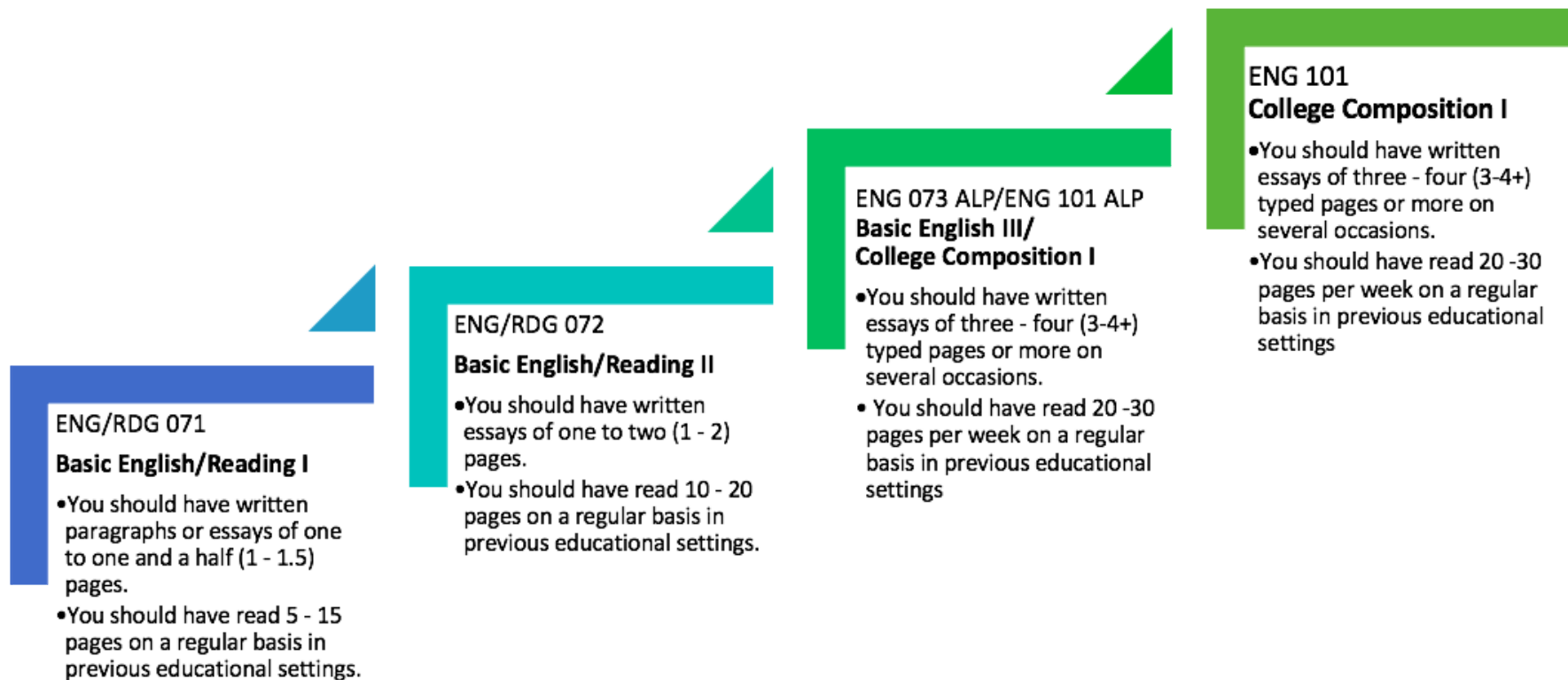
The questionnaire will ask you to reflect on your prior academic experiences and your future goals as well as review brief sample assignments.

See you in September (or sooner!),

The HCCC English Faculty

## STEP 1: Review English Course Expectations and Course Descriptions

# English Course Expectations: Which is the best fit for you?



## English Course Descriptions: What will you learn in a specific course?

<b>Course</b>	<b>Basic English/Reading I ENG/RDG 071</b>	<b>Basic English/Reading II ENG/RDG 072</b>	<b>Basic English III/ College Composition I ENG073ALP/ENG101 ALP</b>	<b>College Composition I ENG101 (3 cr.) ENG101 + ENG096 (4 cr.)</b>
<b>Credits</b>	6 credits	6 credits	6 credits	3-4 credits
<b>Description</b>	<p><b>In this course you will:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop your reading and writing skills</li> <li>• Prepare for college-level coursework</li> <li>• Develop your skills in comprehension, summary, and analysis</li> <li>• Review grammatical skills</li> </ul>	<p><b>In this course you will:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Further develop your reading and writing skills to prepare you for college-level coursework</li> <li>• Build your reading comprehension skills</li> <li>• Learn how to write academic essays using the writing process</li> <li>• Review grammatical skills</li> </ul>	<p><b>In this course you will:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop and organize essays in a response to a series of readings</li> <li>• Be engaged as critical thinkers and writers</li> <li>• Complete your developmental requirements and college-level English in one semester</li> </ul>	<p><b>In this course you will:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be introduced to the challenges and demands of college-level expository writing</li> <li>• Be engaged as critical thinkers and writers</li> <li>• Be provided with extra support with the writing process if you take ENG 101 + 096</li> </ul>
<b>Reading Length</b>	9-40 pages per week	15-40 pages per week	30-50 pages per week	30-50 pages per week
<b>Essays</b>	4-5 essays per semester	4-5 essays per semester	4-5 essays per semester	4-5 per semester
<b>Research</b>	None	None	Sometimes	Sometimes

**STEP 2: Take the Directed Self-Placement Questionnaire**

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**STEP 3: Select your preferred English course placement.**

**[Early College English Directed Self-Placement Questionnaire](#)**