

College of the Siskiyous
English 1A: College Composition
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Required Textbooks and Materials

- *Rereading America* 6th Colombo, Cullen, Lisle
- A good college dictionary

You must buy books immediately since reading and work will be assigned the first week of class.

Weekly Modules will open every Monday morning at 8:00 AM and close the following Sunday evening at 11:00 PM. There will be mid week due dates from the day the class starts until it ends. It is essential to complete the work assigned by the due date because everything covered in this class builds the knowledge foundation needed to write college level papers and beyond.

English 1A is a demanding class, but it is especially demanding during this six week condensed summer course. I strongly suggest that you do not enroll in too many classes because the work load for this class will be quite heavy.

If for some reason you have the idea that a summer class is easier, I must dispel that myth. For this class, you must be focused and disciplined.

Instructions for Accessing the Online Class: Logging In

To learn how to login to the class, go the **College of the Siskiyous Etudes - Student Help** webpage, and read the Login Instructions.

There are also several helpful videos on this page to help you get acquainted with this software.

I recommend visiting the

<https://etudes-ng.fhda.edu/portal>

and doing the following:

- 1) Click on System Requirements at the far left of the page.
- 2) Confirm you have all the necessary computer hardware and software outlined there.
- 3) Follow the instructions for reconfiguring your browser with care.

Almost all the technical difficulties people have using ETUDES NG come from incorrect browser settings. Follow each of the steps outlined for you on this page, and then walk through them again to be sure you've set everything exactly as specified.

This class uses the ETUDES-NG system. If you are unfamiliar with ETUDES-NG, I recommend you work through the free online orientation to the system. If you go to the

College of the Siskiyous Etudes - Student Help webpage, you will find links to several ETUDES-NG demonstrations. ETUDES-NG is different than ETUDES-Classic. Even if you have used ETUDES-Classic, I strongly recommend you watch all the ETUDES-NG demos.

If you are a disabled student and need special accommodations, please let me know. Also, please contact the Disabled Students Resource Center
<http://www.siskiyous.edu/dsps/>

If this is your first online class, I suggest you read over this helpful COS webpage:
Online Survival Guide

Technology Required

The following software are minimum specifications to work with the ETUDES-NG application:
Platform: Windows 95, 98, 2000, NT, ME, XP, or Vista; MacOS 9 or MacOSX.

Hardware: 64 MB of Ram, 1G of free space

Software: Preferred Microsoft Word

Browser: Students must have access to Internet Explorer 6.0 or higher, which can be downloaded free via Microsoft. Java and cookies must be enabled.

Modem: 56 K, but DSL or cable modem prefer.

If this is your first online course, I want to dispel first thing any notion you might have that this class will be easier than if you took an on-campus course. You will be earning the same number of units as an on-campus course and you will therefore be required to complete the same amount of work. Specifically, this class will require from 8 to 10 hours of your time each week, including the reading, writing and online activities required. If you are not prepared to spend the proper amount of time on the course, you might want to rethink taking this course. I am not trying to scare you away, only to prepare you for what lies ahead. You will need to be very disciplined and keep up on the work because the modules will become available on a certain date and unavailable after a certain date and if you get behind, you will be in trouble.

Course Description

English 1A is a rigorous, transfer-level composition course designed to enable you to read and understand sophisticated texts, develop effective writing skills, and produce thoughtful critical responses to the writings and ideas of others. For these goals to be achieved, you must actively engage in the texts. Expect homework 5-6 days a week, which will include reading, writing, and grammar exercises.

To ensure success in this course, especially a summer course, you must plan to log on to our class at least 5 or 6 days a week, be fully prepared with reading and homework complete, participate fully. Contact me as soon as you have a question or problem.

In order to be successful participants in this course, and in college in general, I believe that high standards for work, self-discipline, and responsibility for your own education are essential.