

The purpose of English 101 is to increase the student's skills both as a writer and as a critical thinker. The course combines several teaching techniques: lecture, seminar, verbal communication, research, student collaboration, and testing. It will incorporate reading and discussing texts and writing papers based on class discussions and exercises. Readings and written assignments will demonstrate specific rhetorical strategies, but all will require application of critical thought. Several approaches to the writing process will be discussed. The student should find the writing strategies that serve him or her best and apply them in a cross-curricular manner. Students must also understand that, as required by Burlington County College and the Liberal Arts Department, passing this course involves student performance on two prongs: successful completion of general coursework and essays, and successful completion of the culminating research paper. If the student is unsuccessful in completing either prong with a passing grade, the student will not receive a passing grade for this course.