

**Northwest Arkansas Community College**  
(Communication and Arts Division)

**Discipline Code**

ENGA

**Course Number**

0063

**Course Title**

Intermediate Writing

**Catalog Description**

The study and practice of sentence structure conventions, critical thinking skills, writing as a recursive process, Standard American English grammar, source citation, and document formatting. Students will learn to express ideas and opinions in clear, organized paragraphs and/or essays.

**Prerequisites**

Placement score on English ACT 1-18 or equivalent

**Credit Hours**

3 credit hours, not counting toward any degree requirements

**Contact Hours**

45 contact hours

**Load Hours**

3 load hours

**Semester Offered**

Fall, Spring and On Demand

**ACTS Equivalent**

N/A

**Grade Mode**

A-F

**Learning Outcomes**

Upon successful completion of the course, students will be able to:

- Apply grammar conventions to proofreading techniques.
- Apply Standard American English conventions in writing assignments.
- Apply techniques for writing structured and unified paragraphs.

- Apply techniques for writing focused and identifiable thesis statements.
- Integrate and cite relevant sources.
- Compose focused, varied, and coherent sentences.

## **General Education Outcomes Supported**

- Students develop higher order thinking skills.
- Students gain greater awareness of cultural perspectives.
- Students can write a clear, coherent, well-organized documents, which are substantially free of errors.
- Students can read selections at the college level.
- Students develop effective oral communication skills.
- Students demonstrate information literacy.

## **Standard Practices**

### **Topics List**

- Paragraph and essay organization, structure, development, formatting
- Sentence structure, grammar, mechanics
- Citation conventions
- Research incorporation
- Success in college

### **Learning Activities**

- Reading/writing activities,
- Class discussions,
- Small group activities,
- Learning games,
- Guest speakers,
- Quizzes, and/or
- Presentations

### **Assessments**

- Quizzes
- Writing assignments
- Exams

### **Grading guidelines**

- Regularly updated Canvas gradebook
- Rubrics & timely, substantive written (with optional audio/video) feedback

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