

IU Bloomington General Education Curriculum: English Composition Student Learning Outcomes

Students proficient in English composition will demonstrate the ability to

1. employ strategies of pre-writing, drafting, and revising, taking into consideration rhetorical purpose, the knowledge and needs of different audiences, and the feedback of instructors and peers;
2. produce substantial revisions of drafts, as distinguished from editing and proofreading;
3. read critically, summarize, apply, analyze, and synthesize information and concepts in written and visual sources as the basis for developing their own ideas and claims;
4. conduct inquiry-driven research, using appropriate data repositories and properly attributing and citing the language and ideas of others to avoid plagiarism;
5. develop a focused thesis and link it to appropriate reasons and adequate evidence;
6. use genre conventions and structure (e.g., introductions, paragraphing, transitions) in ways that serve the development and communication of information and ideas;
7. edit such that choices in style, grammar, spelling, and punctuation contribute to the clear communication of information and ideas.

A minimum grade of C– in an approved course is required to show proficiency in English composition.