

ENGLISH 1010 MYTHBUSTERS

Myth 1: English 1010 is an easy introduction course and won't have much work.

BUSTED

English 1010 is a complex course requiring 4-6 hours of homework per week.

Myth 2: English 1010 is about grammar.

BUSTED

English 1010 is about writing. It focuses on rhetorical strategies, critical thinking, and composing processes, addressing grammar strategies in context.

Myth 3: I don't need to attend class everyday.

BUSTED

English 1010 is a process based writing course which depends on regular attendance and participation. You will not pass the course if you don't attend regularly.

Myth 4: English 1010 is a lecture course where I will sit and listen to the instructor every day.

BUSTED

English 1010 relies on your participation as a writer. You will be actively involved in class discussions, peer reviews, invention work, research, and other small group activities.

Myth 5: I will be able to "crank out" the writing assignments right before they are due.

BUSTED

Writing is a complex process, requiring you to think, write, and revise over a sustained period of time during the course.

Myth 6: I am not a good writer. The muse always skips over me.

BUSTED

Experienced writers will tell you that good writing comes from practice and revision--not a mythical muse. English 1010 will provide you with plenty of opportunities for practice and revision.

Myth 7: English 1010 will be just like high school English.

BUSTED

Nope. The five paragraph essay doesn't live here.

Myth 8: I should only go to the Writing Center if I'm really having trouble with an assignment.

BUSTED

The Writing Center is a free service where English instructors and peer tutors will work with you on any piece of writing at any stage of the process. Students who visit the Writing Center tend to do better on their papers.



Advice from former English 1010 students

The following statements were given as advice to incoming English 1010 students by exiting English 1010 students:

- ✦ "They [instructors] expect you to work hard and turn in papers."
- ✦ "I would say how long has it been since you've been in school? Are you used to paying attention and doing homework and stuff? Because if you're not, if you're not planning on doing home work, don't plan on getting a good grade in this class."
- ✦ "If you don't do the homework, you're gonna die."
- ✦ "You need to come to this class."
- ✦ "Go to class, every single class. Don't miss."
- ✦ "You've got to be ready to write a lot of papers."
- ✦ "Be prepared for a lot of research, studying, a lot of reading, and as long as you do those things and ask questions when you actually need the help, then you'll be fine."

Advice from English 1010 instructors

- ✦ Utilize the Writing Center (<http://www.slcc.edu/swc/index.asp>).
- ✦ Talk with your instructor either during office hours or before/after class. Talking with your instructor is a good learning strategy. Engage with your instructor regularly, not just when you have an emergency.
- ✦ If you are going to be absent, email or call your instructor as soon as you know about the absence.
- ✦ Attend class every day.
- ✦ Be prepared with all assignments.
- ✦ Speak up if you have questions.
- ✦ Writing is a process. You can't do it all at once.
- ✦ Invest in peer review.
- ✦ Don't be afraid of revision.
- ✦ You have something interesting and significant to say as a writer.