English, ESL, and Reading
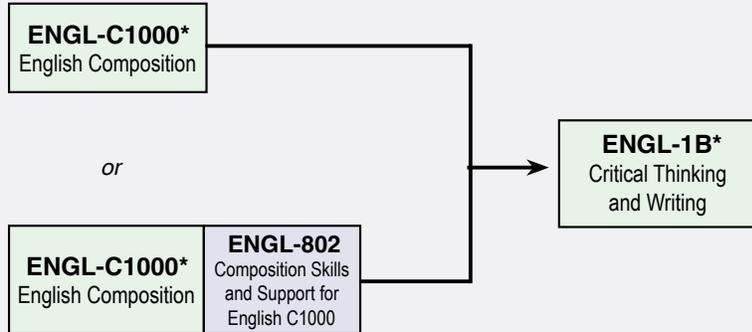
Please visit the Counseling Department if you have any questions about the appropriate course(s) for you. https://www.rcc.edu/student-support/counseling.html

Complete English in Your First Year

ENGL-C1000*
English Composition

or

ENGL-C1000*
English Composition

ENGL-802
Composition Skills and Support for English C1000
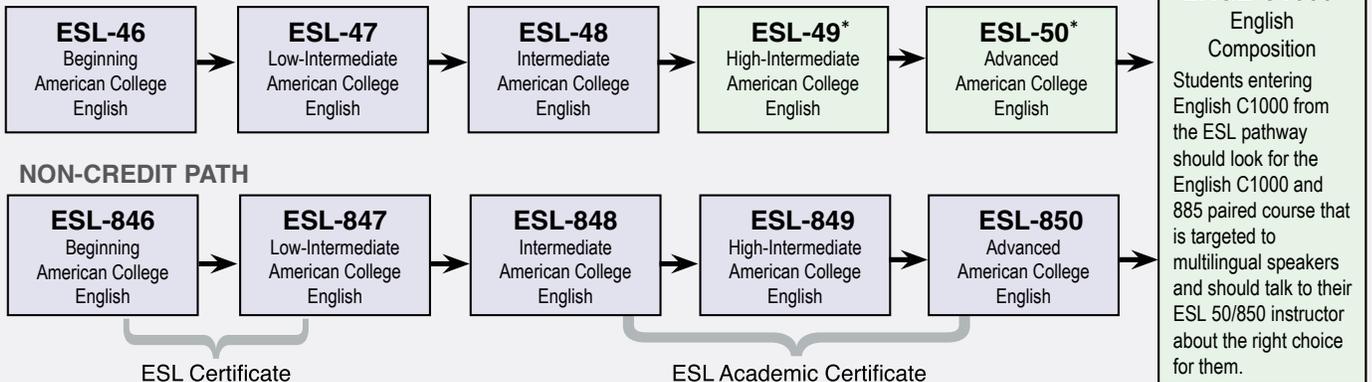
ENGL-1B*
Critical Thinking and Writing

The best path for you includes enrolling in English C1000 in your first year at RCC. All students can enroll directly into English C1000. We also offer a small number of zero—unit/ zero-cost non credit support courses for students in an English C1000 class. Students who received a placement of English C1000 with a required English 91 course should simply opt out with the **RCC English Placement Challenge Form** *so they can enroll directly into English 1A.*

English as a Second Language

CREDIT PATH

ESL-46
Beginning American College English

ESL-47
Low-Intermediate American College English

ESL-48
Intermediate American College English

ESL-49*
High-Intermediate American College English

ESL-50*
Advanced American College English

ENGL-C1000*
English Composition

Students entering English C1000 from the ESL pathway should look for the English C1000 and 885 paired course that is targeted to multilingual speakers and should talk to their ESL 50/850 instructor about the right choice for them.

NON-CREDIT PATH

ESL-846
Beginning American College English

ESL-847
Low-Intermediate American College English

ESL-848
Intermediate American College English

ESL-849
High-Intermediate American College English

ESL-850
Advanced American College English

ESL Certificate

ESL Academic Certificate

Credit and non-credit courses offer the same material, often in the same classroom. Students who want degree credit, units, or transferable courses should take the credit courses.

Academic Literacy and Reading

Transferable Reading Courses

ALR-3**
Reading for Academic and Lifelong Literacy

ALR-3 provides students with academic and reading strategies needed for success in college classes and beyond. This course meets the reading competency graduation requirement, and the Area E-Lifelong Learning requirement at CSU and RCCD.

ALR-4**
College Reading as Critical Thinking

ALR-4 provides students with argument analysis skills required for determining the validity of an author's opinion. Students learn to critically evaluate all persuasive modes of discourse. This course meets the CSU Critical Thinking requirement.

Support Course

ALR-887+
Reading Clinic

ALR-887-provides practice on individually prescribed learning plans designed to improve and develop reading skills. This non-credit clinic also gives students access to free resources such as tutoring in reading.

+*Note: This is an individual courses that is not in a sequence.*

Non Degree Applicable

Transferable and Degree Applicable

* UC/CSU Transferable
** CSU Transferable Only
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