

English 002

Important information for students who are enrolled in English 002/104 (or English 002/IGE 120) for fall 2008:

What is English 002?—English 002 consists of weekly group tutorials organized by the University Writing Center. Students should go to the Writing Center, located in Room 15-2919 (Library, second floor), to sign up for a group at a convenient time.

Each group meeting will provide opportunities for students to share and discuss their writing projects in addition to covering topics and materials designed to enhance success in English 104. Progress in 002 will be tracked through short quizzes on the Blackboard site for the course. Instructors in the English 104 course will not know which students are also in the 002 course.

Why is English 002 a good thing?—Students with English Placement Test (EPT) scores from 147-150 must register for both English 002 and English 104 (or English 002 and IGE 120 if the student is in the Integrated General Education program). In the past, students with these scores would be placed in English 096, “Basic Communication Skills.” However, starting in fall 2008, students with these scores will be allowed to register for English 104, “Freshman English I,” provided that they also register for English 002, “College Composition Lab.” This means that students will complete their Freshman English requirement one quarter faster.

Students in the English 002/104 combination (or English 002/IGE 120) are subject to E.O. 665, which means that they have to take the combination in their first quarter of attendance (they will be dropped from all courses if they do not) and they must pass the course in the first year.

What do you do?—First, go to the University Writing Center to sign up for a group. Every week, your tutor/facilitator will help you discuss the writing projects you are working on, and go over the handout of the week. After the session, go to the <blackboard.csupomona.edu> web site, login with your Cal Poly username and password, and click on the English 2 course in your list of courses you are taking. Review the material for the week in “Course Documents” if you need to, and then click on “Quizzes” to take the quiz for the week. That’s all there is to it.

Outline of weekly sessions:

Week	
1	Introduction / freewriting / acknowledging the opposition when making a point
2	Reading to understand: annotating and note-taking strategies
3	Reading strategies: reading with and against the grain
4	Audience: focusing on appropriate tone and language in your writing
5	Modes of Persuasion: 3 ways to persuade: Pathos, Ethos and Logos
6	Fallacies: recognizing errors in logic in ads and written claims
7	Writing your own argument: stating a claim and backing it up, writing a clear thesis
8	Rewriting your Week 1 freewrite using your new tools
9	Conducting Research: In the library and on the internet
10	Documenting sources: MLA and APA and other forms