

1 Why Do College Students Should Take English Composition?

2 From elementary school to high school you were gradually taken step by step on
3 how to read and write. Whether it was your "ABCs" or learning to write a complete sentence,
4 the goal was to make progress for one thing. In elementary school you were taught how to
5 write paragraphs and in junior high it came down to preliminary essays on different topics.
6 Once high school came along, students learned how to structure their writing and be more
7 descriptive in essays. Most importantly high school is supposed to prepare you for college
8 level writing.

9 Students go through all of those years of learning the basics of reading and writing. In
10 college you will the opportunity to enhance your skills. Every college student takes freshman
11 and sophomore English composition classes (101, 102, 103, etc.). But most college students
12 ask, why do we have to take these courses after high school? They ask this question at junior
13 colleges and universities as well. These classes will imply lessons to help you organize ideas,
14 expands use of vocabulary, and enhances your writing skills for future references.

15 Everyone has ideas when brainstorming about a topic to create an essay for. There can
16 be a lot of things floating through your mind about certain topics. During these various
17 courses, you will learn what, where, how, and when to write it. As Thea Theresa stated on
18 answerbag.com, "English courses are important. Students who take classes in English
19 Composition will be adequately prepared to complete future writing assignments". Depending
20 on the topic, your professor/instructor will guide you on how to structure your paper. From

1 beginning to end students learn about coordinating the subject matters of their essay. Also the
2 instructor will guide students on research and how to show evidence on the topic. The various
3 types of essays that teachers will demand scholars to write will make them well-rounded and
4 versatile writers. At the college level, the basic grammar and sentence formation skills are
5 needed vitally to survive these courses. After these classes are taken college students will
6 know how to organize papers and essays affectively.

7 As you were taught during your childhood, the way you speak and communicate with
8 someone can determine their opinion on what type of human being you are. That person will
9 have a premature assumption on how you act and carry yourself. That is why it is important
10 that college level students are able to expand their vocabulary to a whole other level. To add,
11 having a broad vocabulary increases your communication skills tremendously. Writing helps
12 with this need straight forward. Once the skills of developing the essay smoothly becomes a
13 routine, the communication with your audience becomes key. According to Sean Trotman
14 ofbrighthub.com, "A broad vocabulary is an essential component of writing fluently and as a
15 student learns college writing, he or she inevitably will expand his or her vocabulary".
16 Confidence will be developed in your essays and papers because of the expansion of your
17 vocabulary. Professors that grade your work will have greater respect for what your viewpoints
18 are in your writing. Vocabulary is so important because certain words describe things a lot
19 better than most of those basic or simple words. Instructors show students how to create a
20 vision with the words used because they should be able to successfully render a descriptive
21 visual of what the subject matter happens to be. Having a wide vocabulary creates an
22 advantage for composition students to compose a well written college paper.

23 There are students that understand the importance of English composition but

1 there are people that just simply do not. Some students ask why is it necessary for me to
2 take English Composition, even though it is not needed for my major? The thing that
3 people do not know is, that writing is the building block for what they need to fulfill for
4 whatever class they take. As stated by Thea Theresa of answerbag.com, "One reason why
5 English is required in college is because it provides a foundation for the rest of your
6 college years. Even if you're majoring in a different subject--such as biology, mathematics
7 or business management--you'll need strong writing and research skills. That's why most
8 colleges require English courses". Like a lot of students if it is not involved with their
9 major they do not want any part of it but some others are just lazy and do not feel like
10 writing. At points and times during the semester, there will be a monster essay or paper
11 that will take up all of your energy and time but as long as the student implies what the
12 teacher taught they will be fine.

13 What is the main reason why we go to school? It is to supply knowledge and
14 create better opportunities for ourselves. When learning to write, you learn how it will
15 help in the long run. This means for getting a job or into another school, the person that
16 reads your writing will need to know what type of writer you are. That is why it is
17 important to understand how to write effectively. It goes for resumes, reports on the job,
18 and even business letters are required to be written clearly in a professional manner.
19 Writing is a skill that will come in handy when it comes to public speech among others.
20 Having a well written, well prepared speech will give much needed confidence to the
21 speaker. Without this mandatory skill it will be hard for anyone that is expecting great
22 things for their future.

23 In conclusion, college level writing composition classes are important because it
24 supplies structure for communication with vocabulary, teaches research skills, and

1 provides promise for your future. This is important to me because I am interested in
2 Journalism and I want to be a sports writer someday. That all will not happen if I do not
3 take English Composition to sharpen my skills.

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Work Sample Evaluation

Subject Area: Composition 2

Task Title: I Already Know How to Write! Do I Really Need a Course in Composition?

Student Work Sample Title: Why Do College Students Should Take English Composition?

The document was scored using the *CCR Task Bank Rubric*. The final scores are indicated in the following chart.

Scoring Criteria	Insufficient Evidence	Developing	Progressing	Accomplished	Exceeds
Research and Investigation		X			
Ideas and Content	X				
Reading and Analysis			X		
Communication		X			
Organization			X		
Accuracy		X			

Annotations: The following evidence from the work sample and the reviewer’s comments support the scores above. Page and line numbers refer to the original work sample.

Scoring Criteria	Page #	Line #	Commentary about the work sample
Research and Investigation: <i>Locating resources independently and/or identifying information within provided texts</i>	2	14	While the student did provide references, the sources used may not be credible.
	3	4	Same as above.
Ideas and Content: <i>Presenting a thesis and understanding concepts</i>			There is no clear thesis in regards to the topic.
Reading and Analysis: <i>Evaluating sources and selecting evidence to support the central idea</i>			Quotes seem random and not especially important to the argument.
Communication: <i>Using subject-appropriate language and considering audience</i>	2	7	The student uses “you” too much, making this essay too informal.
Organization: <i>Structuring main ideas and supporting information</i>			Overall, the paper’s organization is good. However, the paper could benefit from better paragraph structure and more content.
Accuracy: <i>Attending to detail, grammar, spelling, conventions, citations, and formatting</i>	1	9-10	There is a missing verb in this sentence.
	1	13	The word “imply” is a typo of some sort, perhaps for “simplify.” I suspect that the student didn’t proofread this piece of writing.
	2	16	The use of the passive voice implies that “your essays and papers” can build confidence.
	3	10	The phrase, “at points and times,” is redundant.
	3	23	There is a problem with pronoun/antecedent agreement.