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Your Second Composition Course AAS Core Communication Requirement

Students often describe the second composition class required to complete their Associate of Arts and Science degree at WCC as one of their most rewarding and relevant classes. Each course option will help you become a more proficient writer and give you the chance to engage in an independent research project tailored to your academic interests. Although students sometimes postpone taking their second composition course until they are near graduation, we recommend early completion of the course so you can put to good use the writing and critical thinking skills you develop in your 200-level composition course in other content courses you take at Whatcom.

English 201: Advanced Composition

In English 201, you will use various writing strategies to analyze and communicate in a number of different ways, including essays and a research project but also, in some sections, other modes and media, such as video, webpages, and photo essays. The particular focus of sections of English 201 varies by instructor. Students pursuing any degree path are welcome. See the English Department webpage for a list of section topics, updated quarterly.

English 202: Writing About Literature

In English 202, you will read literature in different genres—such as fiction, poetry, and drama—as you study the methods and conventions of writing about literature. You will do research and compose essays in which you analyze literary works. Although the course focuses specifically on literary studies, students with an interest in any of the humanities will benefit greatly. English 202 is a prerequisite at many universities for students majoring in English or Communications. All students are welcome.

ENGL&230 (3 credit)/ENGL& 235 (5 credit): Technical Writing

In Technical Writing, you will engage in a quarter-long research project on a local problem of personal interest to you, communicating your research findings throughout the quarter in professional reports, webpages and/or presentations. Students pursuing degrees in STEM, business, or the social sciences will find the class particularly relevant, and students on any degree path who have an interest in professional or technical communication are welcome.