

**J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College  
Course Content Summary**

**Course Prefix and Number: ENG 1**

**Credits: 5**

**Course Title:** Preparing for College Writing I

**Course Description (including lecture hours, lab hours, total contacts)**

Helps students discover and develop writing processes needed to bring their proficiency to the level necessary for entrance into their respective curricula. Guides students through the process of starting, composing, revising, and editing. Lecture 5 hours per week.

**General Course Purpose**

ENG 1 gives students the opportunity to improve writing skills in order to begin college-level courses.

**Course Prerequisites/Corequisites** (*Entry-level competencies **required** for enrollment*)

Departmental recommendation based on either the writing placement test or successful completion of ESL composition.

**Course Objectives** Upon completing the course, students will be able to:

- a) Compose writing that maintains a focus on a unifying idea.
- b) Develop and support ideas with relevant detail drawn as needed from direct experience, reading, or reflection.
- c) Compose complete sentences, using a variety of structures.
- d) Use standard edited English consistently in their writing
- e) Identify their most frequent problems; detect and correct most of these in their own writing.

**Major Topics to be Included**

- a. Reasons for writing: Responding to memories and to the needs and ideas of others.
- b. Planning: Matching the writer's knowledge and approach to readers' knowledge, interests, and needs.
- c. The Writing Cycle: Drafting, rethinking, gathering data, peer review, and revision.
- d. Going Public: Conventional writing and stylish writing.

**Effective Date of Course Content Summary (Month, Date Year):** Feb. 13, 2009