

Dear Student,

Thank you for taking the AWPE (Analytical Writing Placement Exam). You have placed into English Composition 1B: High-Intermediate Composition for Multilingual Students.

What is English Composition 1B?

English Composition 1B is a parallel course to English Composition 1 but is specifically for students who are multilingual. This workshop-style course emphasizes rhetorical reading and summary of academic texts. Because students enter this class with a variety of linguistic backgrounds, we practice the skill of self-editing to build varied and grammatically correct sentences.

What will I do in class?

In class, you might:

- Discuss the big ideas of the course readings and how you can use them to generate your own essays.
- Work with your instructor individually or in small groups to revise your writing.
- Discuss and practice academic English usage. For example, you might analyze grammatical or stylistic features in the course readings and then apply them to your own writing.
- Practice strategies for editing your own writing for grammar and style.

To see a sample writing assignment from Dr. Liz Galvin's course, click [here](#). To see a sample reading from Dr. Galvin's course, click [here](#).

What kinds of assignments will I have?

You will develop a solid foundation for college writing by responding to course readings through analytical summary and explanation of your own ideas. These shorter responses will lead to drafting and revising essays that synthesize ideas from multiple sources.

Does this placement mean I am a bad writer?

No! Many students who take English Composition 1B took AP courses in high school that involved writing. University-level writing is different from high school writing in many ways. English Composition 1B is meant to prepare you for the specific requirements and expectations of writing assignments at UCLA.

For example, in high school you may have written essays that analyzed or responded to only one text. In English Composition 1B, you will learn how to write essays that draw from and respond to several texts. In high school, you may not have had time to revise or receive feedback on what you wrote. In English Composition 1B, your instructor will be an active partner in your writing process. And you will have time to revise and edit your writing over time so that by the end of the course, you will have the chance to put your best writing forward.

In high school, the focus of your writing assignments may have been on just summarizing readings. In this course, you will add and develop your own voice in response to what you are reading.

What do students think about English Composition 1B?

Most students who take English Composition 1B report that they found it to be valuable preparation for writing at the university level.

Here are some comments made by students who have taken English Composition 1B at UCLA:

“It helped me write a clearly organized, thesis-driven piece[s] of writing a lot.”

“This course has definitely helped me better understand how to write in a style that's clear for readers.”