



SAGINAW VALLEY

STATE UNIVERSITY®

English Department

First-Year Writing (FYW) Courses

ENGL 080 – Writing Skills

In ENGL 080, students will focus on generating short essays with an emphasis on the writing process, style, and paragraph and sentence structure. This course is designed for students who find the process of writing a challenge in their academic life. Course instructors place attention on the individual needs of the students and will offer guided instruction to help ENGL 080 students succeed as they prepare for their foundational writing course, ENGL 111.

ENGL 111 – Composition I

In ENGL 111, students learn a deeper understanding of the writing process and develop those skills by completing multiple writing assignments. In this course, instructors guide students as they learn to create strong thesis statements and to develop strong support and evidence that often relies on outside research and scholarly sources. Students will engage with the academic research process, learning how to navigate library databases, analyze sources, and integrate research into their writing.