Prerequisites
Satisfactory English and reading scores on placement.
Co-Requisite: ENGL 0010 if English and reading scores are below college level.

NOTE: Students who need to take the ENGL 0010 co-requisite lab are not permitted to take ENGL 1010 as an online course. Instead, they must take ENGL 1010 as a normal, “ground” course on campus.

Course Description
English 1010 is a course designed to emphasize the development of writing skills applied to different purposes with emphasis on logic, organization, levels of usage, information gathering, and audience awareness. Familiarity with basic essay form and outlining techniques is assumed.

Course Goals
To complete the course successfully, the student must be able to:
A. Plan and organize content of essays effectively;
B. Write clear sentences in standard English;
C. Compose clear thesis statements;
D. Compose clear topic sentences related directly to the thesis;
E. Develop supporting paragraphs using specific details;
F. Compose effective introductions;
G. Compose effective conclusions;
H. Provide appropriate transitions;
I. Proofread to improve sentences;
J. Edit to increase sentence variety;
K. Revise to improve paragraphs and essays;
L. Incorporate material from secondary sources into original compositions;
M. Document secondary material appropriately;
N. Use language appropriate to assignment and audience;
O. Demonstrate comprehension of assigned readings.

Required Textbook

Required Course Materials
- Either a USB thumb drive or an account with a cloud-storage service like Dropbox.com, MS OneDrive, or Google Drive. Use one of these options to save copies of your drafts. “My computer crashed” and similar excuses will not be accepted when assignments are late or missing, so you should back up your files frequently.
- A JSCC email address and password. You will need these to access your JSCC e-mail account, JWeb, and elearn.jscc.edu.
**Required Time Commitment**
This course is writing-intensive, and producing polished, college-level essays takes time. As such, passing this course will require students to commit a minimum of 9 hours per week to completing assigned course work (reading, drafting essays, making revisions, and so on). In weeks when major writing assignments are due, the time commitment may be even greater. **By taking this course, you agree to commit a minimum of 9 hours per week to it.**

**Course Schedule and Assignments**
Our schedule of reading and writing assignments (i.e., “homework”) will be posted to our class Elearn site. For our major papers, extensive assignment descriptions and deadlines will be made available in Elearn far in advance of the due date, giving you plenty of time to write.

Although many of our assignments will be due at 11:59pm on Sunday nights, **not all of them will be.** In particular, drafts of major essays and comments on your classmates’ drafts may be due at a different time, on a different day of the week.

**Policy on Late Work**
Due dates for assigned work are clearly noted on the course schedule. It is expected that you will comply with those due dates. Should there be circumstances that prevent you from submitting an assignment by its due date, it is your responsibility to notify the instructor immediately to discuss a mutually acceptable alternative. Otherwise, a late major assignment will only be accepted within 48 hours after the posted due date and will be marked down one full letter grade. No minor assignments will be accepted late for credit.

**Policy on Virtual Classroom Behavior**
Although this course does not hold “in person” class meetings, you will be interacting with your instructor and your classmates online. Treat them with respect. Any student who disrupts our online learning environment may be subject to disciplinary action.

The rules and regulations outlined in the JSCC Student Handbook apply to this online course just as they apply to any other course. **Please see the Student Handbook section in the Jackson State Community College Catalog and Student Handbook, particularly the section titled “Academic and Classroom Misconduct.”**

**Policy on Academic Honesty**
Integrity is expected in all academic work. The guiding principle of academic integrity is that submitted work must be the student’s own. Any sources used must be properly cited. Failure to carefully adhere to this principle will likely lead you to commit plagiarism.

Plagiarism is the theft of someone else’s intellectual property and the subsequent attempt to represent it as your own. If you buy, borrow, or steal another person’s ideas and present them as yours, **you will receive no credit for the assignment, as a minimum penalty.** Depending on the circumstances, further consequences may follow, per JSCC policy.

For more information on academic misconduct and disciplinary procedures, refer to the Jackson State Community College Catalog and Student Handbook.
Students with Disabilities
Students with diagnosed disabilities will be provided reasonable and necessary academic accommodations if they are determined eligible by the college’s Disability Resource Center (DRC) staff. The instructor must receive a “Special Accommodations Agreement Form” signed by the DRC staff before granting disability related accommodations in this course.

It is the student’s responsibility to initiate contact with the DRC and follow established procedures to be allowed accommodations by the instructor. All information about a student’s actual disability(ies) is kept confidential.

The DRC is located in the Counseling and Career Services Office in the Student Center. Please contact the Dean of Students, Linda Nickell, at 731-424-3520 x50354 or at lnickell@jscc.edu. Information also is available on the Disability Resource Center website.

Guidelines for Communications
Please feel free to communicate with your instructor via e-mail. However, you should always remember your audience and address your instructor in a professional manner. Also, please avoid the use of “text message” abbreviations and language in any written correspondence. Students should regularly check their JSCC e-mail account for information and updates regarding class.

Written Assignments
All written assignments must follow standard MLA format. You will be required to submit electronic copies of your major assignments to the appropriate dropbox on our Elearn course page. The dropboxes automatically check your essays for plagiarism using Turnitin.com. All assignments must be submitted in a Microsoft Word compatible format (.doc or .docx). Assignments submitted in other formats cannot be processed by Turnitin.com, and, for that reason, they will not be accepted. Additionally, you should always make sure that you have uploaded the correct document file to the dropbox. The instructor will grade only what you have turned in. If you submit a blank document, an incomplete paper, or an assignment intended for another course, the instructor will grade it accordingly. It is your responsibility to make sure that you have turned in the correct assignment in the correct format.

Use of Turnitin.com
Your written work may be submitted to Turnitin.com, or a similar electronic detection method, for an evaluation of the originality of your ideas and proper use and attribution of sources. As part of this process, you will be required to submit electronic copies of your written work, or be given other instructions to follow. By taking this course, you agree that all assignments may undergo this review process and that the assignment may be included as a source document in Turnitin.com’s restricted access database solely for the purpose of detecting plagiarism in such documents. Any assignment not submitted according to the procedures given by the instructor may be penalized or may not be accepted at all.
**Coursework and Grading Policies**

Your semester grade will be determined as follows:

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**Final Grade Scale**

- 90-100 A
- 80-89 B
- 70-79 C
- 60-69 D
- 59 and under F