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ENGL 0010-XQ1, XQ2, XQ3: English Non-course Based Option (NCBO) Lab

Syllabus

Required Materials:

- Computer access to MSU's D2L

0010 Course Goals:

- Acquire vocabulary skills necessary for college-level coursework
- Identify the structural elements of written college materials
- Demonstrate an ability to think critically
- Write paragraphs and thesis-based essays that provide strong support and specific details
- Engage in a writing process that includes invention, drafting, and revision
- Demonstrate proficient use of Standard Written English
- Additional information about course objectives can be found on the department webpage, <https://msutexas.edu/academics/libarts/english/index.php>.

0043 Course Requirements: Students in the NCBO are not given a grade but are given **Credit** or **No Credit** based on completion of course material. The goal is to increase student skills and assist with successful completion of ENGL 1143: Introduction to Critical Reading & Academic Writing and other courses. The lab provides feedback on assignments to allow a student to comprehend the material presented.

Learning lab: Required digital materials for this course are part of the Courseware Access and Affordability Program at MSU Texas. Students are charged for required course materials on their student account with the Business Office. Any students who wish to opt-out of the Program and purchase the required course materials on their own must do so by the date provided. Opt-out instructions are sent to students' official my.msutexas.edu email address after the first day of class. Please contact the MSU Bookstore jenny.denning@msutexas.edu if you have any questions about the opt-out process.

Dropping the Course: You are enrolled in both ENGL 0010 and 1143 (Q section), you may drop one course and remain enrolled in the other under the following condition: If you are taking a beginning or intermediate math course, you may drop ENGL 0010 from **17 October to 24 October, 2022**, but no sooner in the semester. You may drop 1143 any time before the final drop date, **24 October 2022**.

Course Progress and Credit: During the first week of classes, you should open the lab's home page and take the Path Builder tests to create your learning path. The amount of work in your learning path is determined by your skill level as determined by the tests. Then you need to work weekly to complete the tasks in your learning path. Your instructor will be watching your progress. If your progress is slow in the NCBO, your instructor will contact you through D2L email and/or your ENGL 1143 instructor. If you cease to progress in ENGL 0010, you will receive a no-credit for the NCBO

Midterm "Grades": In order to help students keep track of their progress toward course completion, I provide a Midterm Progress Report through Navigate. I will submit a report for all students, not just those in danger of not receiving credit for the NCBO. Midterm reports are not reported on the students' transcript; nor are they calculated in the cumulative GPA. They simply give you an idea of where you stand at the midpoint of the semester. Your progress will determine your midterm report.

Students with Disabilities: The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal anti-discrimination statute that provides comprehensive civil rights protection for persons with disabilities. Among other things, this legislation requires that all students with disabilities be guaranteed a learning environment that provides for reasonable accommodation of their disabilities. If you believe you have a disability requiring an accommodation, please contact the Disability Support Services in Room 168 of the Clark Student Center, 940-397-4140

Contacting Your Instructor: I can best help you face-to-face, so see me during office hours. You do not need an appointment except on Tuesdays. After hours, email is the best way to contact me. Please note that I will not always reply over the weekend.

Writing Help: Tutoring and Academic Support Programs (TASP) provides free drop-in tutoring for MSU students. Located on the first floor of Moffett Library, TASP's Learning Center provides tutoring support in a number of core courses and subject areas. Writing tutors are available Monday through Thursday from 11:00am to 6:00pm and Sunday 2:00pm to 9:00pm.

Writing Proficiency Requirement: All students seeking a Bachelor's degree from Midwestern State University must satisfy a writing proficiency requirement once they have 1) completed 6 hours of Communication Core and 2) earned 60 hours. Students may meet this requirement by passing the Writing Proficiency Exam, passing two Writing Intensive courses, or passing English 2113. If you have any questions about the exam, visit the [Writing Proficiency Office website](#) or call 397-4131.

Campus Carry Statement: Senate Bill 11 passed by the 84th Texas Legislature allows licensed handgun holders to carry concealed handguns on campus, effective August 1, 2016. Areas excluded from concealed carry are appropriately marked, in accordance with state law.

For more information regarding campus carry, please refer to the University's webpage at MSU Texas's [Campus Carry page](#).

Date	Assignment
Week 1: Aug. 22-26	Open MyLab Reading and Writing Skills. Open the Course Home. Complete the Path Builders (40 question tests). You cannot begin the learning paths until you do.
Week 2: Aug. 29-Sep. 2	Progress through the 5 learning paths at your own pace.
Week 3: Sep. 6-9	Progress through the 5 learning paths at your own pace.
Week 4: Sep. 12-16	Progress through the 5 learning paths at your own pace.
Week 5: Sep 19-23	Progress through the 5 learning paths at your own pace.
Week 6: Sep 26-30	Progress through the 5 learning paths at your own pace.
Week 7: Oct. 3-7	Progress through the 5 learning paths at your own pace.
Week 8: Oct. 10-14	Watch for Navigate Midterm Report
Week 9: Oct. 17-21 (drop week)	Progress through the 5 learning paths at your own pace.

Week 10: Oct. 24-28	Progress through the 5 learning paths at your own pace.
Week 11: Oct. 31-Nov. 4	Progress through the 5 learning paths at your own pace.
Week 12: Nov. 7-11	Progress through the 5 learning paths at your own pace.
Week 13: Nov. 14-18	Progress through the 5 learning paths at your own pace.
Week 14: Nov. 21	Progress through the 5 learning paths at your own pace.
Week 15: Nov. 28-Dec. 2	Complete the 5 learning paths if you have not already.