

COLLIN COLLEGE

**ENGLISH
DEPARTMENT
SOURCE
BOOK**

Lab Requirement

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The lab requirement is an integral part of first-year composition courses; it consists of additional writing-related activities and assignments that students complete outside of regularly-scheduled class time.

Over the course of the semester, students will need to complete lab assignments and activities to meet the lab requirement. This lab work is not the same as regular daily coursework that students must complete to stay on track in class; it is, instead, designed as additional critical thinking and writing-focused activities that will help students improve their writing throughout the term. Sixteen (16) lab units are required to complete the course successfully. This is a college-wide requirement specific to all English 1301 and 1302 courses.

During the semester, each student will need to track and provide evidence of completing these lab requirements outside of class. Faculty are required to maintain records of lab completion. Individual professors may design and assign lab activities and assignments. Some lab options include writing center workshops, writing center tutoring sessions, professor conferences, on-campus events, written lab assignments, out-of-class peer edits, audience analysis activities, professional letters, and grammar/writing exercises. These lab activities should be designed to help students develop and refine skills that are transferrable to both academic and professional pursuits.

For sample lab assignments, see the English Department Assignment Exchange on DigitalCommons@Collin.