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# Academic Advising

## ENGLISH COURSES

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How many English courses do I have to take?

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All students attending an English-language college must pass 4 English courses in order to graduate: Introduction to College English (603-101), Literary Genres (603-102), Literary Themes (603-103), and English Adapted to Programs (603-LPE).

Who takes *English for Academic Purposes* (603-002)?

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Depending on your high school English grades and the language of instruction in your high school, you may be required to write an English placement once you have been admitted to the college. Your performance on the test does not affect your admission. Based on your placement test results, you may be registered for the non-credit course *English for Academic Purposes*, which provides support to students who would benefit from extra help in grammar, reading and writing. Students take this course in their first semester in addition to their Introduction to College English course. Students who take this course will put off one of their first-semester courses to another semester or to the summer.

Are there different levels of English courses?

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No. Unlike French courses, English courses are not divided into levels. Because Marianopolis is an English-language college, students take all four of their English courses as mother tongue courses. Although the texts you will be reading will differ depending on the teacher and the course title, the objectives across sections are the same for each 603-101 class, each 603-102 class, each 603-103 class, and each 603-LPE class.

What is the difference between *Intro to Literature* and *Intro to Composition and Literature*?

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As with the other three English courses, the course Introduction to College English (603-101) is offered under different section names. It can be taken either as a class called *Introduction to Literature* or as a class called *Introduction to Composition and Literature*. As a general rule, students take *Introduction to Literature*. However, students whose English placement test results indicate that they require practice in English composition skills may be placed in *Introduction to Composition and Literature*. All students who take *English for Academic Purposes* (see preceding text) will take *Introduction to Composition and Literature* (though not all students in *Intro to Composition and Literature* will take *English for Academic Purposes*).

What can I do if I'm experiencing difficulties with the English language?

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There are several resources available at the college to help students who are struggling with the English language (including students whose mother tongue is English). See the Writing Professional, Suzanne Daningburg (A-322; drop-in hours are posted) to discuss strategies for improvement. See an English monitor during drop-in hours (F-315; hours are posted) for help with grammar and writing. Attend one of the workshops on topics such as essay writing and grammar given during the semester (see workshop schedule outside A-322). If you're having trouble with the course work in your English class, speak to your English teacher and apply for a peer tutor on the college website (under Current Students → Learning Resources).

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