

English Advanced Credit Exam

The Advance Credit Exam in English is an opportunity to receive automatic credit for English 102. In English 102, students are required to write at least 20-25 pages of revised and polished prose, including research-based argument-centered essays. To correspond with the expectations and outcomes of English 102, the First-Year Writing Program requires a portfolio of writing samples rather than a timed exam.

To be eligible to submit a portfolio for English 102 credit through the Advance Credit Exam portfolio process, students must have a minimum ACT English subscore of 32. The portfolio must contain the following to be considered for English 102 credit:

1. At least 20-25 pages of writing overall.
2. A letter (2-3 pages) prefacing the portfolio that explains your choices in the portfolio: where each writing sample originated and why you selected it for inclusion in the portfolio. The letter must also provide an explanation of why you believe, based on the criteria in our writing program's list of outcomes and rubric (cite criteria directly and specifically), that you qualify for English 102 credit. You can find the outcomes and rubric on this webpage: <https://english.louisiana.edu/node/160>.
3. A 7-10 page research paper using MLA citation style. The paper can be on any subject but must have a clear position (argument) on the topic, supported by adequate evidence from scholarly sources (minimum of 4 sources).
4. Pieces of nonfiction prose of your choice: shorter analysis/response papers, a senior thesis project, papers for classes other than English, writing for publications such as student newspapers, etc.

You may send the portfolio by mail to:

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