**Centralia College, English 101 course objectives**

**Course Objectives:**

Upon successful completion of this course the student should be able to:

* Actively read and demonstrate a comprehension of college-level texts.
* Demonstrate an understanding of expository writing.
* Demonstrate objective analytical thinking.
* Write expository essays using methods such as description, narration, exemplification, process analysis, comparison-contrast, definition, cause and effect, classification, and analogy.
* Identify, explain, and select focused essay topics.
* Identify, formulate and refine thesis statements to communicate clearly to a specific audience.
* Identify, develop, and structure evidence to support thesis statements with college-level complexity, depth, and detail.
* Recognize and apply effective and varied sentence structure.
* Recognize and apply the principles of effective paragraph construction.
* Demonstrate the effective use of the principles of grammar and usage, spelling, punctuation and capitalization.
* Develop a voice in writing that reflects an awareness of the power of words and diction appropriate to a specific audience.
* Conduct basic research while evaluating the reliability of library and Internet sources.
* Appropriately incorporate and cite library and Internet research as evidence in an essay.