



English (ENGL) 353

Intermediate Composition (Revision 6)

Status:	Replaced with new revision, see the course listing ↗ for the current revision ✕
Delivery mode:	Individualized study online ↗
Credits:	3
Areas of study:	Arts or Humanities
Prerequisites:	ENGL 255 or ENGL 211
Precluded:	None
Challenge:	ENGL 353 has a challenge for credit option.
Faculty:	Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences ↗

Overview



ENGL 353 takes a practical approach to the art of essay writing by having students apply the major principles of composition in five essay assignments. Students learn these principles in the abstract by studying online handbooks on composition and in practice by studying samples of good writing and applying the principles in their own work. The course emphasizes some common essay types: exposition, comparison/contrast, persuasion, and research.

Outline

ENGL 353 is composed of six units:

- Unit 1—The Writing Process: A Review
- Unit 2—The Expository Essay
- Unit 3—The Critical Review
- Unit 4—The Comparison/Contrast Essay
- Unit 5—The Persuasive Essay
- Unit 6—The Research Essay

Evaluation

To **receive credit**  for ENGL 353, you must achieve a minimum grade of 50 percent on each assignment and a composite grade of at least **D (50 percent)**  on the course. The weighting of the course assignments is as follows:

Activity	Weight
Expository Essay	15%
Critical Review	15%
Comparison/Contrast Essay	20%

Activity	Weight
Persuasive Essay	20%
Research Essay Proposal	5%
Research Essay	25%
Total	100%

To learn more about assignments and examinations, please refer to Athabasca University's **online Calendar** [↗](#).

Materials

This course either does not have a course package or the textbooks are open-source material and available to students at no cost. This course has a **Course Administration and Technology Fee** [↗](#), but students are not charged the Course Materials Fee.

The materials for this course are available entirely online through the ENGL 353 main course page and Digital Reading Room (DRR).

Challenge for credit

Overview

The challenge for credit process allows you to demonstrate that you have acquired a command of the general subject matter, knowledge, intellectual and/or other skills that would normally be found in a university-level course.

Full information about **challenge for credit** [↗](#) can be found in the Undergraduate Calendar.

Evaluation

To **receive credit** [↗](#) for the ENGL 353 challenge registration, you must achieve a grade of at least **D (50 percent)** [📄](#) on the examination.

Activity	Weight
Online Examination	100%
Total	100%



[Challenge for credit course registration form](#)

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