

English Composition Courses at Lower Columbia College

LCC offers students a directed self-placement (DSP), which is an online, multimedia survey that is designed to guide you as you *choose your own starting point* for English Composition courses at LCC based on prior learning experiences, comfort with reading and writing tasks, and other important factors.

If you plan to earn a Professional/Technical Certificate/Degree, the DSP will guide you to enroll in **English 110: Industrial Communications** to complete your composition requirements.

If you plan to earn an Associate's Degree with the option to pursue a Bachelor's Degree, the DSP will guide you to choose from 4 different "starting points" (also highlighted in the chart on the next page). Read below for a brief description of who might benefit from each course!

1. **English 101, College-Level English I**

- Good option for?
 - Students who feel ready for the challenges of a 5 credit college-level course, working somewhat independently and at a quick pace

2. **English 101+, College-Level English I plus Critical Reading & Writing Skills for College English**
(an additional 3 credits)

- Good option for?
 - Students who would like to start with English 101, but with the extra support of English 105 (and the benefits of working in-person with a smaller cohort of peers)
 - Students who have taken English 98/99 and are advised by their instructors to seek extra support moving into English 101; and/or, students who earned less than a C in English 101 during a previous quarter.

3. **English 98, College-Ready English**

- Good option for?
 - Students who would like extra support for an entire quarter (or more) in order to prepare for English 101 in a future quarter, especially students who are seeking support with reading or want to build confidence for college-level reading and writing expectations

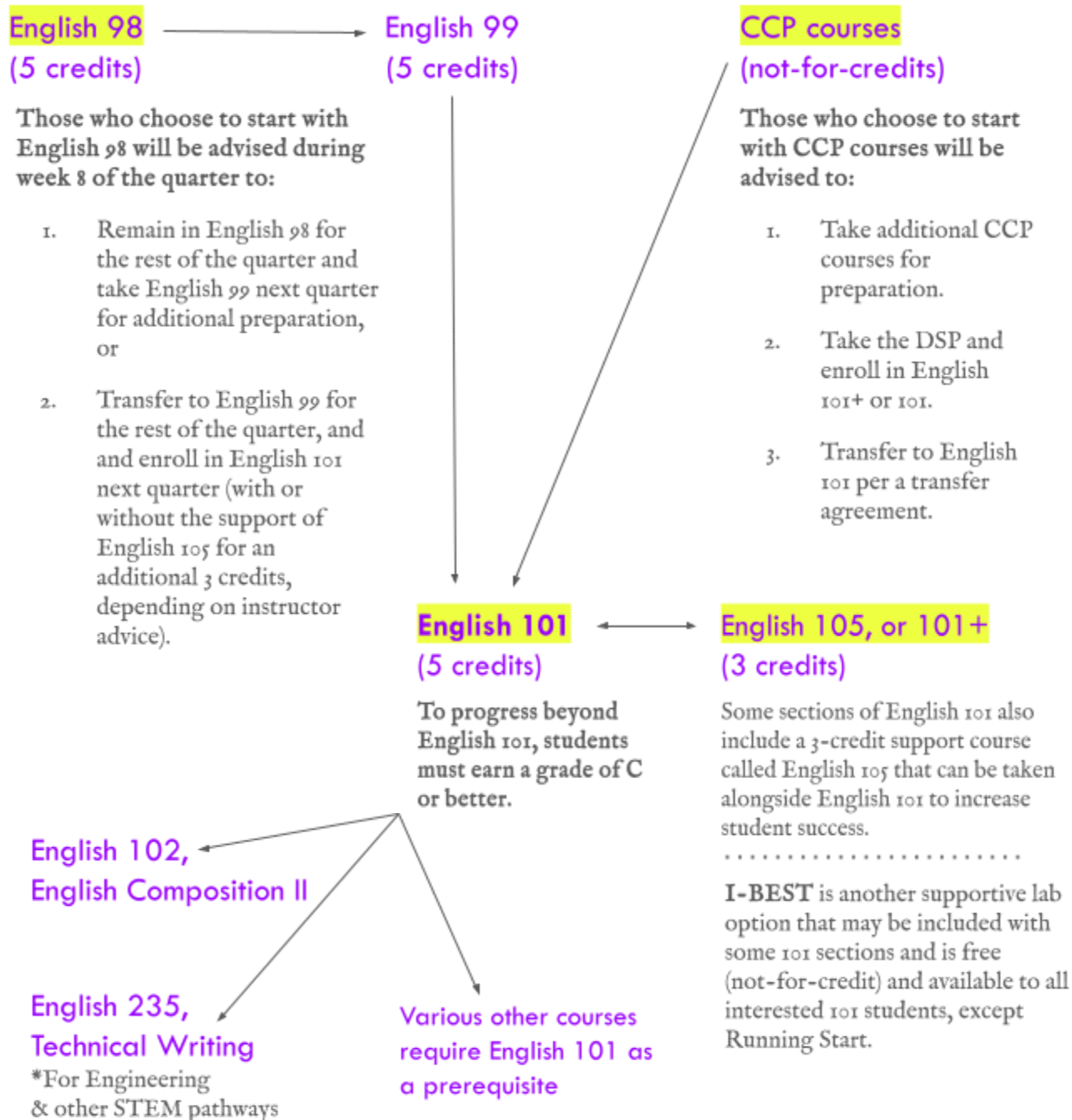
4. **Career & College Preparation Courses**

- Good option for?
 - The students described above for English 98, especially students who do not need the college credits for financial aid purposes, and who may benefit from the cost, schedule, and other structural features of these CCP offerings

*[Click here to access and complete the DSP](#). In order to modify an original DSP decision on the path to English 101, students may utilize the [English 101 opt-in form](#) (with support and guidance from their English instructor and advisor).

English Composition Course Sequence

If you plan to earn an Associate's Degree with the option to pursue a Bachelor's Degree, follow the arrows next to each **starting point** (highlighted below) to see how students move through a sequence of composition courses to successfully complete requirements for their pathways:



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