This FAQ sheet provides some quick answers to a number of commonly asked questions about or problems experienced by students related to English 100. If your questions are not addressed here, please consult with the Director or Associate Director of English 100 (contact information below or english100@english.wisc.edu).

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General Information about the Communication A Requirement
You may find more information about the General Education requirements (including the Communication A requirement) at: http://www.ls.wisc.edu/Gened/Students/default.htm.

You may find information about courses that fulfill the Communication A requirement at: http://www.ls.wisc.edu/Gened/courselists/commacourses.htm.

Description of English 100
English 100 is an introduction to college composition that begins to prepare you for the demands of writing in the university but also provides you with the occasion to think about writing beyond the classroom and in a variety of contexts. Writing is both an act of inquiry and communication and this course offers you an opportunity to identify, develop, and express concepts, to engage in conversations with the ideas of others, and to critique and construct arguments through original research. Writing is also a process and this course emphasizes drafting, revising, and editing as critical practices in developing effective communication and arguments.

Information for First-Year Students
When should I take English 100? You should take English 100 in your first year. Whether you take English 100 in the fall or spring is a choice that may depend on your schedule, requirements for your major or other university programs, and availability of open sections. The English 100 Program strives to provide consistent high quality instruction across sections and semesters.

What do I do if I can’t get into English 100? You should continue to monitor English 100 sections on-line to see if any seats open up. You may need to register for a section that is not your ideal time. You may want to consult with the Director or Associate Director of English 100 if you have very important reasons for taking the course that semester.

Should I attend a class to see if I can get added? You may want to visit a class on the first day but it is highly unlikely that you will be added to a section if it has reached its 19-person limit. The only way to get into a section is if someone drops and you register on-line.

Can I get into a section even if it’s at the 19-person limit? Sections will not be overenrolled. English 100 is a writing-intensive course that requires smaller enrollment for the instructional benefit to the student.

Can I register for a dorm section even if I don’t live in that dorm? Dorm sections are restricted to dorm residents. However, you may consult with the Director or Associate Director if there is an important reason to take English 100 that semester and the open seats are in a dorm section.

Can I register for a FIG section (First-Year Interest Group) even if I’m not in that FIG? A FIG section is restricted to students in the FIG and no exceptions will be made.

Information for Transfer Students and/or Students with Advanced Standing
Do I have to take English 100? You may take English 100 to fulfill the Communication A requirement if your prior course work does not fulfill the requirement. However, English 100 is primarily a course for first-year students and it’s likely that you would be the only non-freshman.

Are there other ways to fulfill the Communication A requirement? There are other courses that fulfill the Communication A requirement (for example, Com Arts 100). While English 100 is generally a course for first-year students, students with advanced standing may be registered in certain circumstances. If you are a transfer student and/or student with advanced standing you should consult with the Director or Associate Director to determine a course of action best suited for your situation.

If your questions are not answered above or you have questions about English 100 in general please contact either the Director or Associate Director of English 100 (contact information above or english100@english.wisc.edu).