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## **Annual Report on the First-year Composition Program, 2005-06**

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The First-year Composition Committee (FYCC) met twice during the 2005-06 academic year. During this time, its members were Christy Desmet, Director of First-year Composition (Chair), Don McCreary, Elizabeth Kraft, Michelle Ballif, Mike Moran, all faculty), Mike Hendrick (assistant to the Head), Bob Cummings, Anita DeRouen (both graduate students), and David Payne (Director of the Writing Center), and Deborah Miller (Associate Director of FYC, ex officio).

During the 2005-06 academic year, the First-year Composition Program taught the following number of sections and students (broken down into Total, ESOL, ON-LINE, and Learning Community sections of English 1101, 1102, and 1102M.

### **Total Sections (sections/students)**

	<b>ENGL 1101</b>	<b>ENGL 1102</b>	<b>ENGL 1102M</b>
Summer 2005	3/30	2/36	1/17
Fall 2005	101/2008	47/1034	20/415
Spring 2006	14/295	83/1615	33/670
<b>TOTAL</b>	118/2333	132/2685	54/1102

From the above totals, the following sections are broken down as follows:

### **ESOL Sections (sections/students)**

	<b>ENGL 1101</b>	<b>ENGL 1102</b>	<b>ENGL 1102M</b>
Summer 2005	0/0	0/0	0/0
Fall 2005	2/27	0/0	2/24
Spring 2006	1/15	0/0	3/39
<b>TOTAL</b>	3/42	0/0	5/63

ESOL sections are limited to 15 students. ESOL sections for First-year Composition were taught as follows: During the **fall semester**, ESOL sections were taught by Lizz Bernstein (2 ENGL1101); Signe Wegener (2 ENGL1102M). During **spring semester**, sections were taught by Lizz Bernstein (1 ENGL1101); Signe Wegener (2 ENGL1102M); and Stacy Wright (1 ENGL1102M).

**ON-LINE Sections (sections/students)**

	<b>ENGL 1101</b>	<b>ENGL 1102</b>	<b>ENGL 1102M</b>
Summer 2005	0/0	0/0	0/0
Fall 2005	2/27	2/26	0/0
Spring 2006	0/0	4/57	0/0
<b>TOTAL</b>	2/27	6/83	0/0

**Learning Communities, Fall 2004 (sections/students)**

	<b>ENGL 1101/1102</b>	<b>Taught by</b>	<b>ENGL 1102M</b>
Life Sciences	1/ 11 + 7 = 18	Sharon McCoy	0/0
Global	1/5 + 7 = 12	Stephanie Hummer	0/0
Stage	1/6 + 7 = 13	Misty Reynolds	0/0

Social Science	$1/5 + 8 = 13$	June Griffin	0/0
Music	$1/12 + 7 = 19$	Matt Adkins	0/0
<b>TOTAL</b>	$5/39 + 36 = 75$		0/0

Learning Communities sections of FYC have a maximum of 22 students taught during fall semester, although most sections are smaller because a few students in each LC place out of English Composition altogether.

### Honors First-year Composition (sections/students)

	ENGL 1050H	ENGL 1060H
Summer 2006	0/0	0/0
Fall 2005	7/78	4/52
Spring 2006	2/29	2/28
<b>TOTAL</b>	9/107	6/80

Honors First-year Composition classes are also limited to 15 students.

### Totals

- The total number of sections for First-year Composition in 2005-06 (all varieties, excluding Honors sections) was 304; the total number of students was 6120 (a little higher than last year).
- The total number of ESOL sections of First-year Composition was 8; the total number of students was 105.
- The total number of sections of ON-LINE First-year Composition was 8; the total number of students was 110.
- The total number of sections of Learning Communities combined sections was 5; the total number of students was 75.
- The total number of sections of Honors First-year Composition was 15; the total number of students was 187.
- The total number of sections in First-year Composition (including Honors sections) was 319; the total number of students was 6307.
- The total number of first-semester composition students (ENGL 1101) was 2333; the total number of second-semester students (ENGL 1102, 1102M, 1050H, 1060H) was 3974. The total was 6307.

The average number of students per section of FYC during the year was:

- 21.13/22 in regular sections (96% occupancy rate in classes limited to 22

- students);
- 13.12/15 in ESOL sections (87.47% occupancy rate in classes limited to 15 students);
  - 13.8/75 in ON-LINE sections (91.6% occupancy rate in classes limited to 15).
  - 12.47/15 students in Honors First-year Composition (83% occupancy rate in classes limited to 15 students).

Our “occupancy rates” remain strong, which is a good thing for a program whose funding is now based on performance-based budgeting. We still have some difficulty filling classes at periods 08 and 09 and even late in the day on T/TH.

### **Student Awards**

The Donald E. Barnett Awards for 2005-2006 are as follows:

**ENGL1101** – Nicole Parker (Teacher: Anne Fievet)

“Death With Dignity”

**ENGL1101** – Adam Rea (Teacher: Sharon McCoy)

“California Proposition 69 and the DNA Fingerprint Act: Considerable Expansions in Criminal DNA Databases”

**ENGL 1102** – Mason Savage (Teacher: Anita DeRouen)

“Landscape With the Fall of Icarus: *Musée des Beaux Arts*”

**ENGL 1102M** – Cecilia Schoenbaum (Teacher: Liz Vasconcelos)

“Silence as Beauty, Silence as Self: The Asian American Identity”