ENGLISH CLASSES AT SFSU

SF State has two programs of English Composition and Oral Communication:

- English Composition Program for native English speakers
- Composition for Multilingual Students (CMS) program for multilingual students: [http://cmls.sfsu.edu/](http://cmls.sfsu.edu/)

*CMS Program requires placement test to enter

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What is CMS?

- CMS is an English Composition and oral communications program for multilingual students
- CMS classes fulfill the SAME requirements as the English Composition Program
- CMS classes fulfill SF State’s bachelor’s degree graduation requirements for written and oral communication

Why should I enroll in CMS Program classes?

- CMS instructors have training and experience in designing and teaching academic writing, grammar, and speech classes for non-native speakers of English
- All students whose first language is not English may enroll in CMS classes
- Experience shows that international students are more successful in CMS program classes than the English Composition Program for native speakers.

How do I enroll in CMS Program classes?

- All students who wish to take CMS classes must take the CMSPT (Composition for Multilingual Students Placement TEST) to determine their English proficiency level
- Students will be advised and placed in the CMS courses most appropriate for their English proficiency level, and the written and oral communications requirements they need to fulfill

When is the CMSPT and how do I register for the test?

- The test is held one week before the start of the semester (August in Fall, January in Spring)
- To learn more and register online: [http://english.sfsu.edu/cms-placement-test](http://english.sfsu.edu/cms-placement-test)
- Fee: $40
CMS COURSES

English 201/202 Intensive Academic English I & II (for freshmen coming directly from high school)

**English 201:** For multilingual freshmen. English skills and proficiency for university course work: reading comprehension, critical reading, critical thinking, composing skills for academic writing, grammar editing. 3 units; laboratory 1 unit.  **English 202:** English reading, writing, and critical thinking. 3 units; laboratory 1 unit

English 204 Effective Literacy Skills for College (for transfer students)
Development of university-level reading, writing, and information literacy skills. 3 units

English 208 Grammar for Writing I
Grammatical accuracy in written work. Structures typically reviewed and practiced include articles, verb forms and tenses, and sentence structure. 3 units

English 209 First Year Composition *(fulfills GE A2 Written Communication Requirement)*
Qualifying score on CMSPT or recommendation from instructor of a previously-completed CMS course. Practice in writing and critical reading; an introduction to expository/argumentative writing and the composing process. Fulfills undergraduate first year written English requirement for graduation. 3 units

English 210 Oral Communication *(fulfills GE A1 Oral Communication Requirement)*
Development of skills in listening, speech delivery, and preparation and presentation of informative and persuasive speeches. 3 units

English 212 Advanced Grammar for Composition
Qualifying score on CMSPT or recommendation from an instructor of a previously-completed CMS course. Grammatical accuracy and variety at the sentence and discourse levels. Readings, grammatical analysis, and compositions with emphasis on editing. 3 units

English 215 Second Year Composition *(fulfills GE A4 Written Communication Requirement)*
Qualifying score on CMSPT and grade of CR or C- or above in ENG 209 or equivalent or grade of CR or C- or above in ENG 209. Expository argumentative composition and critical reading of nonfiction: supporting arguments with outside sources, developing revising strategies and research skills. 3 units

English 415 Grammar/Editing (for all students)
Must be taken concurrently with GWAR class, or other up-division or graduate level writing intensive class: Revision, editing, and proofreading strategies for upper-division academic writing. Emphasis on error identification and individualized editing plans. 3 unit. No CMPST Required.