To succeed in Composition courses, I should

- Go to class.
- Get to know my instructor.
- Read the course documents.
- Do all my work and turn it in when it’s due.
- Do my own work, honestly and ethically.

Each of the four major papers assigned in Comp will teach me specific writing skills.

1. The Summary-Critique will teach me how to
   - Report sources faithfully, accurately, and briefly
   - Evaluate sources

2. The Explanatory Synthesis will teach me how to
   - Explain what sources have to say in relation to a particular topic
   - Combine and explain information from different sources related to a topic

3. The Argumentative Synthesis will teach me how to
   - Use summarizing, synthesizing, and critiquing skills from earlier papers
   - Take a position on a topic

4. The Argumentative Analysis will teach me how to
   - Take a more in-depth look at a topic
   - Propose a new idea that doesn’t come from sources

The stages of the writing process include

- Prewriting, which involves
  - Reading the assignment
  - Reading and understanding my sources
  - Beginning to figure out my paper’s overall argument and main points

- Drafting, which involves
  - Giving myself plenty of time
  - Avoiding fluff and filler information
  - Remembering to include a thesis statement and essay map in the paper’s introduction
  - Writing a conclusion that explains what my paper has shown and what my reader can now understand that he or she couldn’t before

- Revision, which involves
  - Focusing on clarifying the major issues and points of my paper

- Editing, which involves
  - Checking and correcting problems with my paper’s formatting, spelling, and grammar

I can get help with Comp I by working with

- My classmates
- My Comp I Instructor
- The library
- The Quality Writing Center