

## **COURSE INFORMATION**

**Prefix and Number:** ENGL080

**Title:** English Skills Shop

**Credits:** 2

**Prerequisites:** Permission or placement; consult college testing office.

**Location:** LB3234

**Times:** Self-determined attendance during The Loft's hours of operation. See web page:

<http://www.northseattle.edu/services/loft/contact.htm>

**Electronic Resources:** Visit The Loft's Website to learn more about the writing center:

<http://www.northseattle.edu/services/loft/>

## **INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION**

**Name:** Daniel Tarker, Loft director

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**Office Hours:** 11am to 12pm, Tuesdays and Thursdays

**Office Location:** Loft Writing Center, Library 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

## **COURSE CONTENT**

**ENGL080: English Skills Shop** will help you improve your English writing, reading, and vocabulary skills. ENGL080 is also designed to help you succeed in your English classes.

## **STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES**

### **Course-Specific Learning Outcomes**

- Become familiar with how The Loft can help you while you are an NSCC student.
- Develop your skills in written communication.
- Improve your ability to revise and edit your own essays.
- Become more confident in your ability to use correct English grammar.
- Increase your ability to interpret and interact with academic reading.

### **NSCC General Education Outcomes Addressed by this Course**

- Outcome 1: Think critically in reading and writing.
- Outcome 3: Discover, develop, and communicate one's own creative and critical ideas in writing and to respond in effective writing to the spoken, written, and visual ideas of others. Apply computer competency goal.
- Outcome 5: Apply computer competency appropriate to general education and occupational goals.

## **COURSE REQUIREMENTS & GRADING PROCEDURE**

### **Grade level 2.0 (minimum course requirement)**

- 6 Tutor activities
- 24 Computer activities
- Completed ENGL080 Course Evaluation
- One visit with the Loft director

### **Grade level 3.0**

- 8 Tutor activities
- 22 Computer activities
- Completed ENGL080 Course Evaluation
- One visit with the Loft director

### **Grade level 4.0**

- 10 Tutor activities
- 20 Computer activities
- Completed ENGL080 Course Evaluation
- One visit with the Loft director

**Grading Scale:** ENGL080 is graded on a point scale. The Seattle Community College District's grading scale can be found at this web address:

<http://www.seattlecolleges.edu/ccintrogrades.aspx>

NSCC pre-college English courses require 2.0 performance for a passing grade.

**Extra Credit/ Late Work:** Must be arranged, under special circumstances, with the Loft director.

**Incomplete Grade:** Must be arranged, under special circumstances, with the Loft director.

## **CLASSROOM POLICIES**

### **What's Expected of ENGL080 Students:**

- A desire and willingness to work to improve their language skills
- A specific goal for each session
- Active participation
- Requests for help and further explanation when needed
- Notice to Loft personnel of special needs
- Respect for others
- Attention to established procedures
- An understanding that the work of learning is ultimately their responsibility
- An acceptance of learning as an ongoing, incremental process

**Cell Phone Etiquette:** Students using Loft services are asked, as a courtesy to others, to turn their cell phones off before entering the writing center. If we hear your cell phone, we may ask you to leave, or we may end your tutoring session.

**Computer Lab Use:** NSCC computers are provided for academic use only.

**Respectful Environment:** While working in The Loft, please treat others kindly, and maintain a respect for noise level. The Loft is a sociable place, but it's not a place for socializing. Also, treat all Loft equipment, books, and other resources with care and respect.

**Fragrance Policy:** NSCC is a fragrance-free campus. Please do not visit The Loft if you are wearing a fragrance.

**Student Services:** Visit this Web address to learn about all of North Seattle's on-campus student services:

<http://www.northseattle.edu/services/>