First-Year Composition (FYC) satisfies your general education requirement for written communication (A2).

**Rhetorical Knowledge**
- Focus on a purpose.
- Respond to the needs of different audiences.
- Respond appropriately to different kinds of rhetorical situations.
- Adopt appropriate voice, tone, and level of formality.
- Understand how genres shape reading and writing.
- Write in several genres.

**Critical Thinking, Reading, Writing**
- Use writing and reading for inquiry, learning, thinking, and communicating.
- Integrate your own ideas with those of others without losing your voice in the text.
- Understand the relationships among language, knowledge, and power.
- Understand a writing assignment as a series of tasks, including finding, evaluating, analyzing, and synthesizing appropriate primary and secondary sources.

**Processes**
- Be aware that it usually takes multiple drafts to create and complete a successful text.
- Develop flexible strategies for generating, revising, editing, and proofreading.
- Understand the social aspects of the writing processes.
- Learn to critique your own and others’ works.

**Knowledge of Conventions**
- Develop knowledge of genre conventions ranging from structure to tone and mechanics.
- Practice appropriate means of documenting your work.
- Control such surface features as syntax, grammar, punctuation, and spelling.

**Self-Assessment**
- Critically reflect on your writing and your overall performance in the course.
- Project goals for your future development as a writer.