

Transitional Studies Program Reading & Writing Courses

Frequently Asked Questions

What is integrated reading and writing?

Integrated reading and writing is an approach to learning that helps you think about your role as a reader, your role as a writer, and how those roles are connected.

Integrated reading and writing courses focus on the learning and thinking processes that will help you become a better reader, writer, thinker, and communicator.

See the course descriptions for **TRS 100 Integrated Reading and Writing I** and **TRS 200 Integrated Reading and Writing II** for more information.

Which TRS reading/writing course do I take next?

If you are taking TRS 100 and pass with a C or better, you will move on to TRS 200.

If you are taking TRS 200 or TRS 105 and pass with a C or better, you are finished with TRS reading/writing.

What is the difference between TRS 105 and TRS 200?

TRS 105 is an academic **writing** course that focuses on improving essay writing.

TRS 200 is an integrated **reading and writing** course that supports students in both reading and writing.

Students place into TRS 105 and TRS 200 based on how they score on the Accuplacer placement test. Both TRS 105 and TRS 200 prepare students for ENG 101, and students who pass either TRS 105 or TRS 200 with a C or better move directly on to ENG 101.

Why all this emphasis on reading?

Reading is the foundation of college success. Faculty from all areas stress the importance of reading for their subject areas. Academic reading is challenging and different from the reading you do for pleasure. That's why MCC offers a variety of reading classes: so students can succeed and persist in their studies and achieve their personal and academic goals. The graphic that follows will show you which reading course to take.

Which reading course should I take?

*See Accuplacer chart for Sentence Skills scores

