

Syllabus Information

The English 11 Portfolio Assessment Project

As a member of this class, you will participate in the English 11 Portfolio Assessment Project. You will benefit by being in a small class and by knowing that in order to pass this course your writing will demonstrate a level of skill that is consistent with that of students taking this course with other instructors at BCC.

You will need to submit two copies of the final drafts of all of your writings for this course. I will keep the second copies on file and at the end of the semester will return them to you so that you can compile a portfolio of your four best pieces of writing (One of these pieces must be an essay that uses research incorporating MLA notation. Two English faculty other than the instructor for this course will assess this portfolio.

Portfolios will be scored “pass” or “fail.” If your portfolio passes, the grade you have earned for your coursework will be issued. If your portfolio fails, but you have earned a passing grade for your coursework, an “I” grade will issued. If you receive an “I,” the Coordinator of the Portfolio Assessment Project will contact you, and he or she will help you develop and carry out a plan for working on the aspects of your writing that need strengthening. Then you will rework and resubmit your portfolio. When your portfolio passes, the grade you earned for your coursework will be issued. This “I” grade will not prevent you from moving on to English 12, but you will not receive credit for English 11 until your portfolio passes and your course grade is released. It is important that you follow this procedure, as a passing grade in English 11 is a graduation requirement.

If you do not attempt to revise your portfolio within one semester of receiving a “fail,” the Incomplete (“I”) may turn into a Fail (“F”) for the course. In this case, you will need to take the entire course over in order to receive credit.