Advising FAQ’s for transition to ENG 100j

If you have further questions after reading this document, please don’t hesitate to contact Lynda Walsh, Director of Core Writing (2-6364; lwalsh@unr.edu)

Starting Spring 2014, only 100j will be offered to students who score in the ACT 18-20/SAT 540-600 range. ENG 100i will no longer be offered. ENG 105 and 106 will stay on the books as optional skills courses.

Why did you make this change?
According to initial data, the 100i-series appeared to be preparing students very well for 102. However, the lack of coordination between the three courses in the series created satisfaction issues for students and faculty, and confusion for advisers. Linking the series together addresses those issues.

Why are you getting rid of 100i starting spring 2014?
ENG 100i was never designed to be a stand-alone course. Taking it as preparation for 101, as a few majors currently encourage their students to do, makes 100i a de facto remedial course; this creates a conflict with the Board of Regents restrictions on UNR offering remedial courses for college credit.

What happens to students who enroll in the 100i series in the fall but fail part of it? If they fail 100i, they can take 100j in the spring and go on to 102 the following fall. If they fail 105 and/or 106, they can take those in the spring and go on to 102 the following fall.

Can students who take and pass 100i in Fall 2013 take and pass 100j the next semester and get credit for both courses? No. There is too much duplication of curriculum.

Can students fail part of 100j but not the whole course? No. It’s a single five-hour course.

What about students whose test scores place them in 100j but whose programs advise them not to take five hours of English their first semester? We estimate that 25-40 students fall into this category each fall. Those students can either opt to take 098 in fall and 101 in spring (or do Credit-by-Exam for 101 in November); or, they can submit a placement portfolio to attempt placement in 101 instead.