

# English 1301: Composition I (CRN 40219)

## Smith's Axioms

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An axiom is a declaration—or premise—that can easily be accepted as a truth. Generally, these statements are easily seen as self-evident and based on common sense, helping to promote a clearer understanding of society or philosophy.

Below are five axioms to carry with you on a daily basis throughout this course.

### ***Axiom One***

1. Writing is easy; well-crafted writing, however, is hard.

### ***Axiom Two***

2. All paragraphs must have five sentences or more to prove a point.

### ***Axiom Three***

3. Students *must* avoid contractions in order to increase their academic, formal tones.

### ***Axiom Four***

4. Students must follow the MLA guidelines outlined by the *Bedford Guide for College Writers* or lose a full grade point for incorrect presentation of their papers.

### ***Axiom Five***

5. All forms of writing are a focal point of any society. In particular, poetry itself acts as an agent of witness, promoting social change and reformation within a society.