Who Takes Stretch and Why?

ANYONE CAN. SHOULD YOU?
Anyone can choose to take Stretch English.

Since Fall 2014, entering freshmen have studied their options to choose the course that is best for them.
Stretch English accomplishes the same learning goals as English 1A.
Two versions of English 1A use different teaching and learning strategies.

**English 1A**
- 6 to 8 essays in 15 weeks
- Curriculum varies by instructor
- Pace requires independent learning-management and study skills
- Collaboration through class discussion and peer review
- Writing support through faculty office hours, Peer Educators, and Writing Center tutors

**English 1AF and English 1AS (Stretch English)**
- 9 integrated reading and writing assignments over 30 weeks
- Program curriculum paces language development within a sustained inquiry over the yearlong course
- Cohorted learning community supports individual learning efforts
- Collaborative workshop encourage active learning and peer to peer support.
- Writing support through faculty office hours, Peer Educators, and Writing Center tutors
The two courses reach the same ends with a few adjustments in our policies.

- Both courses earn college units.
- Both courses require this Reflection on College Writing.
- Both courses are graded A to F.
- Stretch is graded as credit/no credit in the fall term.
- Both courses, when completed with a C- or better, earn GE graduation credit in Area A2.

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<td>ENGL 1A</td>
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<td>a yearlong course, offered in two 3-unit courses. One course in fall: English 1AF. One course in spring: English 1AS.</td>
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<td>ENGL 1A</td>
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<td>Meets Area A2 for GE graduation credit</td>
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What is my timeline for meeting the A2 requirement?

- All students are expected to complete their A2 course within their first year of study at SJSU.

- Both of the A2 courses are designed to meet the timeline for A2 completion within a year.

- You can repeat English 1A in Spring if you do not earn Credit in 1AF or at least a C- in 1A in Fall. But it is more difficult to enroll in a course when you are repeating the course.

- For more on progress to degree expectations, visit the Supported Instruction website, and speak with your General Education advisor.
What happens if I am not successful in the course I choose?

- **If you do not earn a C- in English 1A.**
  - You will need to repeat English 1A, and try again to earn the C- you need.
  - You need to sign up to take the course for grade forgiveness.
  - You will not have priority registration for the course the second time.

- **If you do not earn a C- in English 1AS.**
  - You cannot repeat Stretch English.
  - You will need to repeat English 1A, and try again to earn the C- you need.
  - You need to sign up to take the course for grade forgiveness.
  - You will not have priority registration for the course the second time.
Along the way, there are plenty of people willing to help. Here are three contacts:

- Professor Richard McNabb
  - Writing Program Administrator
  - richard.mc Nab b@sjsu.edu

- Professor Cynthia Baer
  - Assistant WPA, Stretch English
  - cindy.baer@sjsu.edu

- Supported Instruction Advisors
  - supportedinstruction@sjsu.edu
We have the courses you need to succeed.