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Chonbuk National University

Department of English Language and Literature

Academic Writing

Term: Spring 2020

Time: Mon. 9:00-11:00 a.m. Wed. 9:00-10:00 a.m.

Location: Building 14-1, Room 404

Instructor: Alistair Calder

Curse Description: This course explores academic writing, specifically the essay, and the fundamentals required to write a successful essay, including logical thinking and appropriate language use. The idea of writing an essay may seem particularly daunting, so the approach of this course is to deal with what may seem a particularly difficult task by examining it piece by piece and attempting it step by step. In the first half of the semester, we will examine the definition of an academic essay and its structure and mechanics—including how language and logic are used in effective essay writing—by looking at example essays and demystifying the writing skills that create them. In the second half of the semester we will refocus our attention to gain practical experience and knowledge on the writing of essays in the form of a term essay and an essay test.

Texts: Handouts will be provided by the instructor.

Grades & Assignments:

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| Attendance & Participation..………….. | 20% |
| Midterm Exam……………..…………. | 25% |
| Term Essay…………………...……….. | 30% |
| Final Exam……………………...…….. | 25% |

Note to Students: To be successful in this course attendance and participation are necessary. I highly recommend that you take notes when you are taking lectures, reading, and discussing the course material. Also, the prospect of using English in class may seem stressful to you; however, the focus of this class is on the content and English is only a tool in expressing your ideas.

Contact: If you are having any difficulties with the course materials, concepts, assignments or would just like to speak with me, please feel free to approach me after class, see me in my office or contact me via email: [mrcalder@gmail.com](mailto:mrcalder@gmail.com). (Please include your name, student number and class number in your email.)

Office Hours: Monday 11:00-2:00 (or by email appointment) Building 14-1 Room 504

Schedule: (Subject to change)

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| Week | Content | Due Dates |
| 1 | Course intro., defining objectives and “Using Academic Language” (\*Online video/task) |  |
| 2 | Definition and the Basic Structure of the Essay (\*Online video/task) |  |
| 3 | Essential Elements of Writing |  |
| 4 | Coherence & Cohesion |  |
| 5 | Appeal |  |
| 6 | Logic |  |
| 7 | Organization |  |
| 8 | Midterm Exam |  |
| 9 | Introducing the Term Essay |  |
| 10 | Pre-writing: Brainstorming |  |
| 11 | Pre-writing: Organizing |  |
| 12 | Peer Editing Term Essay: Content | Rough Draft Due (in Class) |
| 13 | Peer Editing Term Essay: Form/Format |  |
| 14 | Final Exam Preparation | Term Essay Due (To the instructor for grading) |
| 15 | Term Essay Feedback/Final Exam |  |
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