

Course Syllabus: ENG 101 - Introduction to English Composition

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Course Description

ENG 101 is an introductory course in English composition that focuses on the fundamentals of writing. Students will learn to develop and structure essays, use effective writing techniques, and refine their grammar and style. The course emphasizes critical thinking, reading comprehension, and the writing process from brainstorming to final revision.

Course Objectives

By the end of this course, students will be able to:

1. Compose clear, coherent, and well-organized essays.
2. Analyze and respond to a variety of texts.
3. Apply rhetorical strategies in writing.
4. Develop a thesis and support it with evidence.
5. Revise and edit written work for clarity and correctness.
6. Understand and apply the rules of grammar, punctuation, and syntax.

Required Texts and Materials

- The Norton Field Guide to Writing by Richard Bullock, et al.
- They Say/I Say: The Moves That Matter in Academic Writing by Gerald Graff and Cathy Birkenstein
- Notebook and pens for in-class writing
- Access to a computer with internet for online assignments and research

Course Schedule

Week 1: Introduction to the Course & Diagnostic Essay

Week 2: Understanding the Writing Process

Week 3: Narrative Essays

Week 4: Descriptive Writing

Week 5: Writing with Sources

Week 6: Argumentative Essays

Week 7: Midterm Review & Exam

Week 8: Analytical Essays

Week 9: Research Papers

Week 10: Writing Workshops

Week 11: Peer Reviews & Revisions

Week 12: Advanced Grammar and Style

Week 13: Final Essay Drafting

Week 14: Final Essay Submission & Presentations

Week 15: Course Review & Final Exam

Grading Criteria

- Participation & Attendance: 10%
- Weekly Assignments: 20%
- Essays (3 total): 30%
- Midterm Exam: 15%
- Final Essay & Presentation: 25%

Course Policies

- Attendance: Attendance is mandatory. More than three unexcused absences may result in a lower grade.
- Late Work: Late assignments will be penalized one letter grade per day unless prior arrangements

have been made.

- Academic Integrity: Plagiarism will not be tolerated and may result in a failing grade for the assignment or course.
- Communication: Please check your college email regularly for updates and announcements.