ENGLISH 109

Introduction to Essay Writing 1

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Required Texts:
(2) Hookey, Pilz, Contest Essays by Canadian Students.

Course Description:

(1) All students in Engl 109 should be writing at a university level. Essay writing 109 is not a course in remedial writing or in English as a second language.

(2) The purpose of 109 is to instruct students in the principles of good writing and to acquaint them with the requirements of the university essay. We will, therefore, examine the fundamentals of grammar, style, structure, and rhetoric under nine basic headings: (1) Sentence; (2) Punctuation; (3) Writing Process; (4) Essay; (5) Paragraph; (6) Revision; (7) Argumentation; (8) Research and Format; (9) Diction.

(3) Students must attend all lectures. The grammar midterm test and the final examination will be based on the content of the lectures.

(4) Students must attend all tutorials. The tutorial leaders mark the assignments of all students registered in their sections.

(5) Essays are due on the due date. If assignments are late, five marks a day will be subtracted for a maximum of two days. No assignment will be accepted after two days without a medical certificate or other appropriate documentation.
Lecture Schedule:

Sept. 9: Introduction
  11: Sentence (parts and functions): chap. 6-9, 3 WHCR.

Tutorial: workshop on writing problems

16: Sentence (phrases, clauses, types): chap. 1, 2
18: Punctuation: chap. 10-15

Tutorial: parts, functions, punctuations

23: " "
25: Sentence (errors): chap. 4, 5


30: " "
Oct. 2: Writing process: chap. 18-21 (first essay due)

Tutorial: phrases, clauses

7: Writing process
9: Grammar review

Tutorials: sentence types and errors

14: Thanksgiving (no class)
16: Grammar test

No tutorials

21: Essay
23: " "


28: Paragraph: Chap. 23, 24
30: " " (second essay due)

Tutorial: writing paragraphs
Nov. 4: Revising: Chap. 25, 26, 30
6: "

Tutorial: revising

11: Argumentation (rhetoric and logic)
13: "


18: Research and Format: Chapt. 31
20: "

Tutorial: style

25: Diction: Chap. 27-9
26: "

Tutorial: grammar review

Dec. 2: Review (third essay due)

Assignments:

(A) Essays:
   (1) Expressive: 750 words (three typed pages); worth 10%; due Oct 2.
   (2) Expository: 1000 words (four typed pages); worth 15%; due Oct. 30.
   (3) Persuasive (limited research): 1500 words (six typed pages); worth 30%; due Dec. 2.

(B) Tutorials: 15% (determined by attendance and participation).

(C) Examinations:
   (1) Grammar test: fifty minutes; worth 10%; Oct. 16
   (2) Final: two hours; worth 20%.

For the grammar test, you will be responsible for the following: (1) parts; (2) functions; (3) sentence types; (4) punctuation; (5) sentence errors.

For the final, you will be responsible for (1) to (5) above plus all the other terms defined during the course of the term. Your lecture notes, drawn from the overheads and my discussions, will be the basis for the examination. The textbooks are for supplemental information and explanation (you will find them most helpful in this respect).