English 109

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Required Texts:
(1) Hacker, A Canadian Writer's Reference
(2) Hookey, McArthur, Pilz, Contest: Essays by Canadian Students
(second edition: the green cover)

Course Description:
(1) All students in Engl 109 should be writing at a university level. Engl 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 writing and to acquaint them with the requirements of the university essay.
(3) Students must attend all lectures. The grammar midterm test will be based on the content of the lectures, and the essays will be graded according to the guidelines offered in 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: in the lecture period. If assignments are late, 10% per day will be subtracted for a maximum of two days. No assignment will be accepted after two days without a medical certificate or appropriate documentation.

Lecture Schedule:

Sep. 11:  Introduction
13:  Sentence (parts and functions): Reference R1-4

Tutorial 1:  workshop on writing problems

18:  Sentence (phrases, clauses, types): Reference R1-4
20:  Punctuation: Reference P1-8

Tutorial 2:  exercises in parts, functions, phrases, clauses

25:  "
27:  Sentence (errors): Reference G5-6, E3

27-30; Laurence pp. 30-33 Contest

Oct. 02:  Style: Reference E1-7
04:  "

Tutorial 4:  exercises in sentence types, punctuation
09: THANKSGIVING
11: Revising: first essay due

Tutorial 5: exercises in style and revising

16: Revising and paragraphs: Reference C2-4
18: " "

Tutorial 6: workshop on writing paragraphs

23: Grammar midterm
25: Essay (discovering, structuring, outlining): Reference Cl-4

Tutorial 7: readings in expository writing: Ritter pp. 74-77; Smathers pp. 78-81 Contest

30: Essay (thesis statement)
Nov. 01: Essay (introductions and conclusions)

Tutorial 8: readings in expository writing: Kowalski pp. 126-129; Quindlen pp. 130-134 Contest

06: Argumentation: persuasion, rhetoric, logic
08: " " second essay due

Tutorial 9: workshop on persuasive writing

13: Discovering and structuring an argument
15: " "


20: Research and format: Reference D1-5
22: " "

Tutorial 11: readings in persuasive writing: Dryden pp. 168-174; Popradi pp. 180-183 Contest

Nov. 27-Dec. 1: CONSULTATION PERIOD

04: Third essay due

Assignments:
(a) Essays:
   (1) Expressive: 750 words (three typed pages); worth 10%; due Oct. 11.
   (2) Expository: 1000 words (four typed pages); 20%; due Nov. 8.
   (3) Persuasive (limited research): 1500 words (six typed pages); 35%; due Dec. 4.
   (b) Tutorials: 15% (determined by attendance and participation)
   (c) Examination: Grammar test; fifty minutes; 20%; Oct. 23.