English 109
Introduction to Academic Writing

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The course will be an examination of academic writing, beginning with basic grammar and progressing to essay structure, research techniques, and citation style. Final grades will be based on in-class tests, papers, take-home assignments, and class participation.

Tentative Schedule

May 3  Introduction
      5  Parts of Speech
      10 Grammatical Functions
      12 Punctuation
      17 The Sentence
      19 Sentence Types
      24 Common Sentence Errors
      26 Readings in narrative writing
      31 Grammar Test
June 2  The Paragraph
       7  Style
       9 "
      14 Text Revision  First paper due
      16 Essay Structure
      21 Argumentation
      23 Logic
July 5  Diction
      7 Readings in argumentative writing
      12 Second paper due
      14 Researching a topic
      17 "
      19 Common structural & stylistic flaws
      21 "
      26 Grammar review
      28 In-class test  Final paper due

Required readings:

Assignments:
Expressive essay  700-750 words  10%
Expository essay  750-1000 words  15%
Persuasive essay  1250-1500 words  25%  Total 50%
Tests            2 worth           15% each  Total 30%
Take-home assignments  10%
Class participation  10%