ENGLISH 109
Introduction to Essay Writing

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Required Texts:
Van Nest, Connections: Effective Reading and Writing

Lecture Schedule:

Jan. 7 Introduction and Parts of Speech  WHCE, 6,7,8,9,3
14 Sentences  WHCE, 1,2,5
21 Punctuation  WHCE, 10, 11, 12, 13
28 Sentence Errors (First Essay Due)  WHCE, 4, 5, 3

Feb. 4 Writing Process (Grammar Review)  WHCE, 18, 19, 20, 21
11 Essay Structure (Grammar Test)
18 READING WEEK
25 Paragraphs  (Second Essay Due)  WHCE, 22, 23, 24

Mar.  4 Library Research  WHCE, 31
11 Argumentation Strategies  WHCE, 20, 24
18 Revision
25 Diction (Final Paper Due)  WHCE, 27,28,29
Course Description:

The purpose of English 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, punctuation, structure, style, and rhetoric.

Students must attend all lectures and tutorials. The grammar midterm and the final exam will be based on the content of the lectures. The tutorials consist of workshop assignments and readings to help illustrate and apply the lecture material. Your participation mark (15%) will be assessed on attendance and contribution at the lectures and tutorials. Be sure to bring both texts to the lectures and the tutorials.

Essays must be submitted on the due date. If assignments are late, five marks a day will be subtracted for a maximum of two days. No essay will be accepted after two late days without a medical certificate or other appropriate documentation. If at all possible, contact me before the essay is due (or on the due date) if your paper will be late. Late papers must be signed and dated by a member of the English department and left in my mailbox in HH 229.

Assignments:

Three Essays: Due Jan. 30 (10%)
Feb. 27 (15%)
Mar. 27 (30%)

Midterm Exam: Feb. 11 (10%)
Final Exam: Date and time to be set by registrar (20%)

Participation: Determined by attendance and in-class contribution (15%)

All essays are to be typed, double-spaced, on white 8.5 X 11.5" paper. Each page should be numbered and contain your ID number. When submitted, essays should be folded lengthwise and the following information clearly written on the outside:

Your Name
ID Number
English 109
My Name
Date
Essay Number (1,2,3)

No title page is required, nor is a blank page at the end of your paper. Please be sure that your typewriter or printer has a ribbon that produces clear, readable copy. Always proofread your paper before you submit it.