English 109

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Required Texts:
(2) Hookey, McArthur, Pilz, *Contest: Essays by Canadian Students* (2nd edition)

Course Description:
(1) All students in English 109 should be writing at a university level. English 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 contents 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. 10% per day will be subtracted for a maximum of two days. No assignments will be accepted after two days without a medical certificate or appropriate documentation.

Lecture Schedule:

Jan.  
6    Introduction
   8    Sentence (parts and functions): *Handbook (sections) 15, 16, 22*
        *Tutorial 1: workshop on writing problems*
   13   Sentence (phrases, clauses, types): *Hand 17, 18*
   15    Punctuation: *Hand 33-39*
        *Tutorial 2: exercises in parts, functions, phrases, clauses*
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   22    Sentence (errors): *Hand 29-32*
        *Tutorial 3: readings in expressive writing: Dorey, pp. 27-30; Laurence pp. 30-33 Contest*
   27    Style: *Hand 8-14*
   29    "
        *Tutorial 4: exercises in sentence types, punctuation*

Feb.  
3    Revising and paragraphs: *Hand 5-7*
   5    ": *first essay due*
        *Tutorial 5: exercises in style and revising*
Feb.
10 “
12 Grammar midterm
Tutorial 6: readings in expository writing: Smathers pp. 78-81; Quindlen pp. 130--34 Contest

17 Winter Study Period

24 Essay (discovering, structuring, outlining): Hand 1-7
26 Essay (introductions, thesis statement, conclusions)
Tutorial 7: workshop in writing paragraphs

Mar.
3 “
5 Argumentation (persuasion, rhetoric, logic): Hand 51: second essay due
Tutorial 8: workshop on persuasive writing

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12 Discovering and structuring an argument
Tutorial 9: readings in persuasive writing: Bissoondath pp. 99-102; Riley pp. 106-09 Contest

17 “
19 Research and format: Hand 47-50
Tutorial 10: readings in persuasive writing: Dryden pp 168-74; Popradi pp. 180-83 Contest

24 Research and format (quotation and citation)
26 “
Tutorial 11: exercises in quotation and citation

31 CONSULTATION PERIOD

Apr.
2 “
8 Third essay due

Assignments:
(a) Essays:
(1) Expressive: 750 words (three typed pages); worth 10%; due Feb. 5
(2) Expository: 1000 words (four typed pages); 20%; due Mar. 8
(3) Persuasive (limited research): 1500 words (six typed pages); 35%; due Apr. 8
(b) Tutorials: 15% (determined by attendance and participation)
(c) Examination: Grammar test; fifty minutes; 20%; Feb. 12