

EN 110 Effective Writing (3) Fall 2004

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or by appointment

Course Description

This course serves to develop the student's ability to write university level essays. All aspects of essay writing will be covered, especially basic grammar, sentence and paragraph construction, as well as citation conventions.

Course Objectives

English 110 aims to help students

- achieve competence with the sentence
- achieve competence with the paragraph
- achieve competence with the academic essay
- view writing competence as a lifelong achievement.

Required Texts

Hacker, Diane. A Canadian Writer's Reference. 3rd ed. Boston: Bedford/St. Martin's, 2004.

On Reserve

Several copies of Hacker's text (updated second edition) are on reserve in the library.

Course Schedule

- 9 September Introduction
- 14 September In-class essay and diagnostic review
- 16 September the sentence: foundational grammar
- 21 September the sentence: foundational grammar
- 23 September the sentence: subject-verb agreement
- 28 September Class cancelled for Community Day
- 30 September the sentence: pronoun agreement: **Quiz 1**
- 5 October library, research, manuscript form, first drafts [essay 1 due]
- 7 October thesis statements, topic sentences

- 12 October the effective sentence: parallelism, modifiers
- 14 October the effective sentence: diction: [research exercise due]
- 19 October **Midterm exam**
- 21 October the paragraph: introduction, the thesis, topic sentences
- 26 October the paragraph: essay bodies
- 28 October Class cancelled for Community Days
- 2 November the paragraph: transitions [essay 2 due]
- 4 November the paragraph: conclusions: **Quiz 2**
- 9 November the paragraph: comparing and contrasting
- 11 November Class cancelled for mid-semester break
- 16 November the essay
- 18 November student essay review
- 23 November the essay
- 25 November documentation [essay 3 due]
- 30 November the essay: persistent problems
- 2 December the essay: persistent problems
- 7 December Last class--review
- ?? December Final exam

Course Requirements

- 1. Students should do all the prescribed readings before class and be prepared to participate in class discussion. I look forward to lively discussions.
- 2. Assignments are due on the dates specified. Late assignments will not be accepted, unless extenuating circumstances can be shown. Missed exams can only be made up if supported by the appropriate documentation (for example, a doctor's note).
- 3. To receive a passing grade in the course, all assignments, quizzes, and exams must be submitted to the instructor.
- 4. Plagiarism in any of its forms will not be tolerated. All instances of plagiarism will be forwarded to the Academic Affairs Committee.
- 5. Students may not submit work done for another class.
- 6. The student is responsible for all the information given in class, and also for any changes to the syllabus that are announced in class.

Grading

Essay 1	5%
Essay 2	10%
Essay 3	20%
Quiz 1	5%
Quiz 2	5%
Research assignment	5%
Midterm exam	10%
Final exam	30%
Participation	<u>10%</u>
	100

Important Notes

- Last day to enter course without permission: 17 September 2004
- Last day to withdraw voluntarily from course without academic penalty: 10 November 2004
- It is the responsibility of all students to become familiar with and adhere to AUC-NUC academic policies, such as the one on academic dishonesty, which are stated in the current catalogue.