

2020 Second Year Writing Techniques Course Outline

Course Description

This course highlights the importance of both English writing fluency through frequent free writing tasks and learning to write with grammatical accuracy. In the free writing assignments, students participate in timed writing on a topic of their choice. They will be encouraged to write without worrying about grammar, spelling or punctuation. Students will practice thinking and writing directly in English in order to decrease the subconscious practice of grammar translation.

This course will also give students further knowledge of the forms, meanings, and usage of grammatical structures of English. Students will write passages which reinforce the grammatical structures studied in the class and will practice self-correction to become aware of the nature of their errors.

Learning Outcomes

Students will increase writing fluency and confidence through free writing.

Students will rely less on the grammar translation method when writing.

Students will develop a stronger understanding of grammatical structures.

Students will understand comparatives of adjectives and adverbs, conjunctives, prepositions, and phrasal verbs.

Students will improve their English writing skills by applying grammatical knowledge to writing assignments.

Students will be able to practice self-correction and identify grammatical errors in their writing.

Course Content

Grammar Review (Quizzes)

Benefits of Free Writing

Grammar Study (Textbook)

Grammar Exercises (Textbook)

Grammar Focused Writing Assignments

Grading Criteria

Grammar Review Quizzes – 25%

Free Writing Assignment (Word Count) – 25%

Grammar Focused Writing Assignments – 50%

Instructor

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