

Advanced Writing Course Outline

Course Description

This course will take students to a more advanced level of English writing. Students will learn how to express themselves in English in a more sophisticated and idiomatic manner.

Weekly writing exercises will help students practice and learn the new grammar forms, vocabulary, and idioms learned in both this class and the Advanced Communication class.

Learning Outcomes

- Students will learn how to write grammatically correct and sensible sentences in English.
- Students will learn how to write paragraphs and short essays in English.
- Students will learn how to edit their own writing.
- Students will learn how to answer short essay questions.

Course Content

- Auxiliary verbs, to, one, and ones to avoid repetition
- Two-part conjunctions to combine ideas
- Participle clauses to link events and add information about time or reason
- So...that, such...that, even, and only to add emphasis
- Future perfect
- Prepositions and prepositional phrases to combine ideas
- Adverbs with continuous and perfect forms of the passive
- Past models with the passive
- Relative clauses that begin with pronouns and prepositions
- Some, any, other, others, and another to refer to people and things
- Conditional sentences without if to hypothesize
- Wh-clauses as subjects and objects
- The perfect infinitive to refer to past time
- Cleft sentences beginning with It to focus on certain nouns, phrases, and clauses
- Paragraph and Essay formatting
- Thesis, supporting ideas, supporting details
- Introduction and conclusion
- Preparing the outline
- Writing the rough draft
- Writing the final draft
- Real-world topics and personal topics
- Short essay-type exam questions

Grading Criteria

Writing assignments	30%
In-class work and assignments	20%
Mid-term exam	20%
Final exam	30%