

First Year Writing Course Outline

Course Description

In this writing course students will learn how to structure and write effective sentences and paragraphs in English.

This course will help students develop the skills required to write effective paragraphs that will serve as a foundation for writing essays in the second year.

Learning Outcomes

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

Course Content

- Paragraph and Essay formatting
- Transitions
- Coordinating conjunctions
- The four types of determiners
- Parallel structure
- Tenses and times shifts
- Adding variety to your writing
- Thesis, supporting ideas, supporting details
- Introduction and conclusion
- Preparing the outline
- Writing the rough draft
- Writing the final draft
- Personal topic paragraphs
- Short essay-type exam questions

Grading Criteria

Paragraph writing assignments	30%
Peer editing	10%
In-class work and assignments	10%
Mid-term paragraph	20%
Final project	30%