Syllabus

COURSE NAME **COMPOSITION and Modern English I**

CODE **ENG 1101**

CLASS MEETING TIME

WORTH 3 credits

PREREQUISITE None

INSTRUCTOR

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

English 1101 provides students with the rhetorical foundations that prepare them for the demands of academic and professional writing. The course focuses on intensive instruction in writing process which will concentrate on organization of ideas in well-developed expository and argumentative essays with stress on grammar, punctuation and vocabulary development.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

Upon completing English 1101, students should be able to:

1) Demonstrate effectively usage of standard English grammar and syntax.
2) Effectively use and analyze forms and conventions of academic writing; these forms include expository, argumentative, and analytical writing
3) Generate good writing using specific methods for inventing and elaborating ideas, for arranging these ideas to achieve a specific rhetorical purpose, for producing good style, for revising, and for editing
4) Write well in a variety of rhetorical contexts
5) Use Edited English appropriately

STUDENT EVALUATION

Quiz 1	**10%**
Mid term exam	**20%**
Essay 1	**15%**
Essay 2	**15%**
Final exam	**30%**
Attendance	**10%**
Total	**100%**

GRADING SCALE

Grade	Description	Credit	Grade points per hour of credit
A	Excellent	Yes	4
B	Above Average	Yes	3
C	Average	Yes	2
D	Below Average	Yes	1
F	Failure	No	0
FA	Failure due to excessive absences	No	0
INC	Incomplete	No	0

REQUIRED TEXTS

Diana Hacker, *A Writer's Reference, 7th edition.*
X, J Kenendy, Dorothy. *The Bedford Guide for College Writers, 9th edition*.

Supplementary readings: In addition to the readings from *The Bedford Guide for College Writer,* there will be assignments from other sources, such as newspapers, magazines, and other textbooks.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

WR = A Writer's Reference
BGCW = Student's Book of College Writer

Week 1: Introduction
Review of syllabus
Diagnostic check
Common mistake correction

Week 2: WR, Grammatical Sentences
Supplementary exercises

Week 3: WR, Sentence Style
Supplementary exercises
Quiz 1

Week 4: BGCW, Chapter 1 & Chapter 2: Writing Process and Reading Process, pp 7-26
Supplementary reading assignment

Week 5: BGCW, Chapter 3: Critical thinking Process, pp 32-41
Supplementary reading assignment

Week 6: BGCW, Chapter 30: Integrating sources, pp 606-617
Supplementary reading assignment & Practice

Week 7: **Mid term Exam**

Week 8: BGCW, Chapter 15, 16, pp253- 287
Supplementary reading assignment

Week 9: BGCW, Chapter 17, 18 pp. 289-322
Supplementary reading assignment
Essay 1 (Writing Assignment)

Week 10: BGCW, Chapter 19, pp 324-340
Supplementary reading assignment

Week 11: Essay correction and essay model
Supplementary reading assignment

Week 12: **In class Essay 2**

Week 13: BGCW, chapter 35: word choice and wordiness
Supplementary reading assignment

Week 14: BGCW pp. 355-364
Supplementary reading assignment

Week 15: **Exam 3**

ABSENCES: The following is the official policy of Troy University as written in the Undergraduate *Bulletin*.

"In registering for classes at the University, undergraduate students accept responsibility for attending scheduled class meetings, completing assignments on time, and contributing to class discussions and the exploration of ideas.

"A student will be excused if he/she has been absent from a class by reason of circumstances beyond his/her control or if the student has been required to attend an activity sponsored by the University. Faculty members who sponsor activities that require class absences must send a list of student names to each faculty member concerned at least three days before the scheduled absence.

"Faculty members may levy academic penalties upon unexcused absences; however, such penalties for unexcused absences will be a part of each course syllabus and will be distributed to each class at the beginning of each term, a copy filed in the departmental office."

For all sections, each student is to be in class and prepared for class each scheduled class day. A student whose absence is not warranted by an official excuse or by a doctor's written statement will receive a grade of zero for work due in class and for all work done in class on the day of the absence.

Your attendance and participation in class are essential for a complete learning experience. The type of learning that takes place between you, your instructor, and your classmates cannot be acquired on an individual basis. This class meets only one day per week, and much information must be covered to help you maximize your potential for success at Troy University and in life after the University. **THEREFORE, IF YOU MISS MORE THAN THREE CLASSES--EXCUSED OR UNEXCUSED—YOU WILL RECEIVE A FAILING GRADE FOR THE COURSE.**

INCOMPLETE WORK: A student who has not prepared the entire class assignment for a given day will receive a grade of zero for class work on that day.

LATE WORK: Only those students who have been excused from class may hand in work late, and they must hand in all assigned work within one week from the last day of the excused absence.

ACADEMIC DISHONESTY: Academic dishonesty is not accepted in this course. Cheating on an exam or handing in plagiarized materials will result in an automatic failing grade for the course.

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT: Any student whose disabilities fall within ADA must inform the instructor at the beginning of the term of any special needs or equipment necessary to accomplish the requirements for this course.

THIS SYLLABUS IS TENTATIVE AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE. The instructor may make changes if deemed necessary. Changes will be announced in class.