

COURSE OUTLINE
ENGL-084
Academic Intermediate Writing and Grammar for ESL Students
3 Credits

HOWARD COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Description

In this course, students will acquire the English language skills needed to produce paragraphs at an intermediate proficiency level. A variety of reading selections and discussion activities will serve to prepare students to compose narrative, descriptive and expository paragraphs that reflect critical analysis. Writing themes will help students to develop a global awareness. Paragraph development will progress to the production of an organized essay by the end of the semester. Grammatical skills will be developed through formal instruction, group editing and computer-assisted instruction. Prerequisite: Appropriate score on English placement tests.

Overall Course Objectives

In ENGL-084, students will develop the ability to compose paragraphs that reflect an appropriate degree of mastery of the English language. Upon successfully completing this course, students will be able to:

1. Develop from paragraph to essay composition using a variety of styles, such as narrative, descriptive and expository.
2. Utilize the writing process to generate, organize, and develop ideas.
3. Write summaries that capture the main ideas of a reading selection.
4. Write compositions that reflect critical analysis, and are focused on a main idea that is developed with supporting information.
3. Write topic sentences that express the main idea of a composition.
4. Write support sentences that develop the main idea stated in the topic sentence.
5. Write conclusions that bring a composition to an end.
6. Use the rules of English grammar and mechanics to write correctly structured sentences.
7. Use a variety of basic verb forms.
8. Edit and revise their own writing and that of their classmates.

Major Topics

- I. Paragraph structure
- II. Types of sentences
- III. Coordination and subordination
- IV. Basic verb forms
- V. Articles and prepositions
- VI. Pronoun and verb agreement
- VII. Mechanics
- VIII. Information literacy

Course Requirements

While individual faculty members will announce specific writing assignments, **at least 40% of the student's final grade will be based on in-class writing**. Other components of the grade may include grammar and editing quizzes, homework, other writing assignments, lab activities, and exams.

Other Course Information

This course is non-transferable. Students, however, receive college credit upon successful completion.