

COURSE OUTLINE

ENGL-087

Academic Advanced Writing and Grammar for ESL Students

3 Credits

HOWARD COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Description

In ENGL-087, students will acquire the English language skills needed to write multi-paragraph compositions at a level of correctness and fluency appropriate for an advanced learner of English who will soon enroll in a college composition class. Readings and discussions will prepare students to write narrative, descriptive, expository and argumentative compositions that reflect critical analysis. Writing themes will help students to develop a global awareness. Relevant grammatical skills will be developed through formal instruction, group editing and computer-assisted instruction. Prerequisite: Appropriate score on English placement tests or completion of ENGL-084.

Overall Course Objectives

In ENGL-087, students will develop their ability to write successful compositions that reflect an appropriate degree of mastery of the English language. Upon successfully completing this course students will be able to:

1. Write successful narrative, descriptive, expository and argumentative compositions that reflect critical analysis.
2. Employ all aspects of the writing process to generate, organize, and develop ideas and to revise written work.
3. Employ the rules of academic essay formatting.
4. Write compositions focused on main ideas that are unified, coherent and adequately developed with supporting information.
5. Write introductions that lead to a clear thesis statement and indicate mode of development of a composition.
6. Write body paragraphs that develop the main idea stated in the thesis statement.
7. Write conclusions that bring a composition to an end.
8. Compose complex and correctly structured sentences that contain a variety of phrases and clauses.
9. Use the English verb system effectively.
10. Demonstrate correct use of the parts of speech.
11. Use the rules of grammar and the techniques of revision to organize and present ideas in written communication so that they are clearly stated and can be easily understood by a U.S. audience.

Major Topics

- I. Types of essays
- II. Essay structure
- III. Effective introductions and conclusions
- IV. Transitions
- V. Clauses and complex sentences
- VI. Complex verb forms
- VII. Editing, revision and self-correction
- VIII. Incorporation of outside source material
- IX. 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 graded 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.