

COURSE OUTLINE

ENGL-094

Directed Studies in Writing

3 Semester Hours

HOWARD COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Description

Directed Studies in Writing is a three credit developmental course designed to strengthen students' writing skills. Beginning with sentences and progressing to paragraphs, students learn to construct clearly written, logically organized, grammatically correct papers. Credits awarded for the completion of ENGL 094 do not fulfill degree requirements in any degree or certificate program. ENGL 094 meets four hours weekly in a networked, computerized environment. Prerequisite: Appropriate score on the writing placement test. (4 hours weekly).

Overall Course Objectives

Upon completion of the course students will be able to:

1. Write grammatically correct sentences.
2. Organize thoughts into coherent paragraphs.
3. Write clear topic sentences.
4. Develop paragraphs with relevant details.
5. Write concluding sentences.
6. Use prewriting, outlining, drafting and revising to compose written assignments.

Major Topics:

- I. The Writing Process
 - A. Prewriting
 - B. Outlining
 - C. Drafting
 - D. Revising

- II. Grammar Skills
 - A. Writing complete sentences
 - B. Subject and verb agreement
 - C. Verb tense consistency
 - D. Pronoun and antecedent agreement
 - E. Punctuation

- III. Paragraph Structure
 - A. Topic sentences
 - B. Supporting details
 - C. Coherence

- D. Concluding sentences
- IV. The computer as a writing tool
- A. Word processing
 - B. Computer assisted writing instruction

Requirements

Attendance: Because developing reading skills is a gradual process that requires continual practice, attendance in ENGL094 is required. If you are absent more than three days, your final grade may be lowered one level.

Grading: Final grades will be based on written assignments, grammar quizzes, and in-class papers.

An F grade will be assigned when all course objectives are not mastered due to student controlled factors such as motivation, effort, attendance or commitment.

An L grade will be assigned when all course objectives are not mastered due to students' unique learning style.

Students who receive a D grade will not be eligible for the next level English course.

Other Course Information

This course is non-transferable and does not fulfill requirements for degree or certificate programs. However, students receive three credits for successful completion of this course.

Third Try Developmental Repeaters Policy: Any student who repeats a developmental education course for the third (or more) time(s) will be required to participate in free one-on-one tutoring through the Learning Assistance Center for a minimum of one hour per week. Failure to attend the weekly tutoring sessions will result in the student receiving a failing grade in the course.