

MEDAILLE COLLEGE
AGASSIZ CIRCLE
BUFFALO, NEW YORK

COURSE OUTLINE

Program: Humanities
Course Number: ENG 100
Course Title: College Writing I
Number of Credits: 3
Prerequisites: This course is required for and limited to all students who place within the specified range on the placement test.

A. Catalog Description of Course:

This course introduces students to the process of writing they will need for success in college. It increases students' abilities to communicate confidently with others, to think clearly, and to organize ideas. Pre-writing, writing, revising, and editing are emphasized. Students will produce a portfolio of their writings including a self-assessment.

B. Goals:

- * To integrate students into the academic discourse community.
- * To increase confidence in the process of writing.

C. Objectives:

Students will be able to:

- * Recognize and use major formats of academic discourse.
- * Find and correctly use secondary sources for research.
- * Apply the major rules of spelling, diction, grammar, syntax, and end punctuation.
- * Revise papers by correcting mechanics and improving basic organization.
- * Assess their own progress as writers.

D. Outline of Course Content:

Paragraph organization

Outlining

Essay organization

Rhetorical modes: examples, comparison/contrast, process, description

Research: fact gathering, library use, notetaking, summaries, MLA documentation, avoidance of plagiarism

Mechanics

Manuscript format

Revising for the portfolio

Coordination processing

E. Suggested Texts:

Barnwell/Dees. The Resourceful Writer. Princeton, N.J.: Houghton Mifflin Company, 1991.

Harbrace College Handbook (most recent edition)

dictionary

thesaurus

F. Suggested Modes, Media, and Techniques of Instruction:

* Supplementary research material

* Extensive oral and written comments on student writing

* Group and private discussions

* Group and individual exercises

* Filmstrips on writing, library resources, and research methods

* Tutorials in Learning Services Center

Prerequisite to a Passing Grade

A grade of 70% on the required mechanics examination. This grade is not averaged with the other grades. This examination may be retaken, but no later than the second to last week of class instruction. Those not passing the examination must repeat the course.

G. Instructor References:

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Press, 1982.

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