

SOPHIA Learning

ENG0050: Foundations of English Composition (3 semester credits)

COURSE DESCRIPTION

The course teaches foundational writing skills that will enable students to be successful in a college level English Composition course. Students will learn how to construct sound sentences, craft effective paragraphs, and write cohesive compositions, developing their writing skills through all stages of the writing process. Students will learn how to avoid common grammatical errors as well as how to identify these errors in their writing. Upon completion of this course, students will understand the importance of audience, purpose, and tone. They will be able to write in a variety of modes, including descriptive, informative, and argumentative.

Course Effective Dates: April 2016 – Present

Prerequisite(s): Lower-division baccalaureate/associate degree course – no prerequisites

Length of course: This is a self-paced course. Students have 60 days with an additional 30-day extension (if needed) to complete the course.

ACE CREDIT® Recommendation: In the lower-division baccalaureate/associate degree category, 3 semester hours in English composition (3/16).

LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon completion of the course, the student will be able to:

1. Write effective sentences and paragraphs
2. Write effective essays

OUTLINE OF MAJOR CONTENT AREAS

- Writing in Context
- Parts of Speech
- Verb Tense
- Subjects and Verbs
- Sentence Structure
- Parallelism
- Modifiers
- Commonly Confused Words
- Pronoun errors
- Commas
- Apostrophes
- Pre-Writing
- Paragraph Development and Organization
- Developing an Effective Topic Sentence
- TEE Paragraphs
- Dialogue
- Narrative and Descriptive Paragraphs
- Transitions
- Modes
- Purpose and Audience

- Tone
- The Writing Process
- Reflection
- Outlining and Essay Structure
- Defining your Essay Topic
- Introductions and Thesis Statements
- Body Paragraphs and Transitions
- Conclusions
- Argumentative Essays
- Rhetorical Appeals
- Revising, Editing and Proofreading
- Giving and Receiving Feedback

GRADING

This is a pass/fail course. Students are required to complete all 6 formative and 4 summative assessments with an overall course average of 70% or better.