

Advanced English Writing Syllabus (Spring 2015)

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Course Description: this course will provide students with instruction in different types of essays (narrative, comparison, cause & effect, and argumentative), developing their writing skills through extensive in-class and out of class practice. Students are encouraged to write as much as possible during the course.

The focus of this class will NOT be English grammar. Instead, we will focus on things like writing clearly, supporting facts and examples, and making good thesis statements/topic sentences, etc.

It is STRONGLY recommended that students take the introduction to writing class before this one. We will spend no time on basic things like punctuation, writing good sentences, etc.

Assessment

Attendance =10%

Absence = -2% /class. You can be excused for official things like army service, a serious illness, or death in your close family. You must bring proper paperwork (I will be check it with your department). I will not accept paperwork for things that are not serious (example: dentist appointment/ stomach ache, monthly “woman” problem). If you miss 5 classes, you will get an “F.” This is official Dong-A policy.

Late= -1% / class. I will take attendance at the beginning of class. If you are in class before I’m finished doing this, you’re “on time.” If not, you’re late. If you are more than 20 minutes late, you will be considered “absent.”

In-Class Free Writing= 5% (please bring a notebook to the next class)

Diary= 10%

Reports= 20% (2 x 10%)

Midterm exam= 25% (in class essay writing: more details later)

Final Exam= 30% (in class essay writing: more details later)

90-100%=A/A+, 80-89%=B/B+, 70-79%= C/C+, 60-69%= D/D+, 59% or below =F. (Max. 30% A/A+)

Book: *Great Essays* (Great Writing 4). Keith S. Folse

Course Schedule

Week 1: Introductions

Weeks 2/3: Unit 1-Exploring the Essay

Weeks 4/5: Unit 2-Narrative Essays

Weeks 6/7: Unit 3-Comparison Essays (Report #1 due-10%, Week 6)

Week 8: Midterm Exam (25%)

Weeks 9/10/11: Unit 4-Cause and Effect Essays

Weeks 12/13/14: Unit 5- Argumentative Essays. (Report #2 due-10%- Week 12. Submit diary- Week 14)

Week 15: Finish Unit 5/ Review /Exam Practice

Week 16: Final Exam (25%)

***Important note. Cheating/Cunning/Plagiarism will not be tolerated in this class. Plagiarism is taking another person's writing, conversation, song, or even idea and passing it off as your own. This includes information from web pages, books, songs, television shows, email messages, interviews, articles, artwork, etc.

You will get a "0" on that assignment and will not be given a second chance to do it. If two students have the same essay, you will both get "0." It doesn't matter to me who actually wrote it and who copied it.

I have been teaching for many years and I will almost ALWAYS know.

YOU NEED TO DO YOUR OWN WRITING