

Imperial Valley College
Syllabus: English 59 Grammar and Usage Review
Spring 2013

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*Words are things, and a small drop of ink, falling like dew upon a thought,
produces that which makes thousands, perhaps millions, think.*

~ Lord Byron

Course Description

This course provides a review of usage rules regarding punctuation, mechanics, capitalization; a review of spelling rules, and practice with summary/report writing. This course is web-enhanced and will require the use of a computer and the Internet to complete selected assignments and access class announcements and information.

Student Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the course, student will:

- Demonstrate up to four techniques for repairing a comma splice error. (ILO1)
- Demonstrate the ability to use present-tense verbs correctly. (ILO1)
- Demonstrate the ability to use past participle verb forms correctly (ILO1)

Course Objectives

1. Identify parts of speech and their grammatical functions.
2. Identify and differentiate grammar components at the phrase, clause, and discourse level.
3. Identify and write the four basic sentence types.
4. Demonstrate the ability to use various punctuation marks and sentence mechanics.
5. Demonstrate a mastery of basic spelling rules.
6. Demonstrate an ability to write and edit summaries, reports, letters, and other assignments, applying principles of #1 – 5.

Textbooks and Required Class Materials

At a Glance Sentences, 5th Edition. (Brandon) bundled with Aplia©*

Grammar for College Writing: A Sentence Composing Approach (Killgallon)

The Hobbit. (J.R.R. Tolkien)

College Dictionary (paperback or online version that can be used in class)

#2 pencils, pens (including red) and erasers, lined paper, notebook

Portfolio cover

*Aplia© is required online homework that is individualized and corresponds to the target skills in ENGL 59. Access to Aplia is bundled with *At a Glance Sentences, 5th Edition* in the college bookstore. You can purchase Aplia separately from the website at www.aplia.com for \$33.00.

Attendance and Participation

In English 59, subject matter and skills are introduced and practiced in class, so attendance and participation are mandatory. The more you are actively engaged in writing, thinking and revising, the more

your spelling, sentence structure, and punctuation are going to improve. You are allowed to miss the equivalent of one week of school. This translates to *only 1 absence for a class that meets once a week*. If you exceed this number, you may be dropped from the class. Arriving late or leaving early counts as a partial absence. Students not present for the first class will be dropped.

Evaluation: Class Preparation and Assignments

You are responsible for knowing the due dates for all assignments and for coming to class prepared, as class activities are based on your preparation, which will be evaluated. Aside from documented emergency situations, I will not grade late assignments or give make-up tests.

Plagiarism, using someone else's writings, ideas and/or words and passing them off as your own, is a form of cheating and will result in an "F" on the assignment, test, or lab activity and a visit to the dean. If it is repeated, the student will fail the course and can be expelled from the college. See student handbook for policy.

Evaluation: Grades

A final grade will be based on your weighted average in the following categories:

Quizzes	20%
Midterm & Final Exam	25%
Written Assignments	25%
Aplia©	10%
Online Journal	10%
Portfolio	10%

90-100% = A; 80-89%=B; 70-79%=C; 60-69%=D; 0-59%=F.

Successful Students

In this class, you will be given the opportunity to learn vital skills that will prepare you for future academic and life pursuits. You will make the most of this opportunity if you:

- **Read** the syllabus and the tentative semester schedule carefully and refer to them regularly
- **Write** down any instructions given orally and take notes
- **Ask** questions about assignments before due dates
- **Know** when you need help and how to get it

If you suspect you have a disability that may impact your ability to achieve the objectives of this course, please notify your instructor or contact the DSPS staff in the Health Services Building at 355-6312. All information and documentation is confidential.

Just a note...

Students in ENGL 59 are expected to focus on their learning and the learning of others. Disruptive behavior including tardiness, texting, disrespectful language or repeatedly coming unprepared to class will not be tolerated, since it interferes with the educational process. Intervention may include a verbal warning, dismissal from class, and a visit to the Dean.

How to access your Aplia© course

Instructor: Audrey A Morris

Start Date: 01/14/2013

Course Key: TRF5-RT5A-LZQX

Registration

Aplia is part of CengageBrain, which allows you to sign in to a single site to access your materials.

1. Connect to <http://login.cengagebrain.com/>
2. If you already have an account, sign in. From your Dashboard, enter your course key (TRF5-RT5A-LZQX) in the box provided, and click the *Register* button.
3. If you don't have an account, click the *Create a New Account* button, and enter your course key when prompted: TRF5-RT5A-LZQX. Continue to follow the on-screen instructions.

Payment

Bookstore: You are purchasing access to Aplia when you purchase a new text from the bookstore. They are bundled together. This is the cheapest way to get Aplia, because it also provides you with a new copy of At a Glance Sentences.

Online: You can purchase access to Aplia from the CengageBrain website for approximately \$33.00. This is what you'll need to do if you decide to purchase a new or used copy of At A Glance Sentences separately.

**You can use Aplia without purchasing the access code until February 3rd.*

ENGL 59 TENTATIVE Semester Schedule Spring 2013

Week	SENTENCES Killgallon	GRAMMAR & WRITING Brandon	APLIA©	THE HOBBIT Tolkien
1	The Sentence Composing Approach Preview, p. 1 – 4.			
2	Preview and Additions, p. 5 - 22.	Parts of Speech Ch. 1	Introduction Pre-Assessment DUE Tues 6pm.	Ch. I
3 Quiz- Parts of Speech	Noun Group: The Naming Tools p. 22-35	Subjects and Verbs Ch. 2	Subject / Verb Agreement DUE Tues 6pm.	Ch. II
4	 p. 36 - 60	Pronouns Ch. 8	Pronouns DUE Tues 6pm.	Ch. III, IV
5 Quiz- Subjects/ Verbs/ Pronouns	Verb Group: The Narrating Tools p. 61 - 72	Verbs Ch. 7	Verb Tenses DUE Tues 6pm.	Ch. V, VI
6 Quiz- Verbs	 p. 73 - 82	The Writing Process Ch. 12	Topic Sentences DUE Tues 6pm.	Ch. VII

7	Adjective Group: The Describing Tools p. 83-99		Organization & Coherence DUE Tues 6pm.	Ch. VIII, IX
8 Quiz- Adjectives & Adverbs	p. 100 - 120	Adjectives & Adverbs Ch. 9	Modifier use Aplia DUE Tues 6pm.	Ch. X, XI
9 Quiz-The Writing Process	p. 121 - 140	Patterns of Writing Ch. 13	Supporting Ideas DUE Tues 6pm.	Ch. XII, XIII
10 Quiz- Kinds of Sentences	p. 141 - 156	Kinds of Sentences Ch. 3	Subordination / Coordination DUE Tues 6pm.	Ch. XIV, XV
11	p. 157 - 171	Combining Sentences Ch. 4	Fragments DUE Tues 6pm.	Ch. XVI, XVII
12 Quiz- Combining & Correcting Sentences	p. 172 - 191	Correcting Sentences Ch. 5	Run-Ons DUE Tues 6pm.	Ch. XVIII, XIX
13 Quiz- Balancing Sentences		Balancing Sentences Ch. 6	Parallelism DUE Tues 6pm.	To be announced...
14		Punctuation & Capitalization Ch. 10	Punctuation Capitalization DUE Tues 6pm.	To be announced...
15 Quiz- Spelling and Confused Words		Spelling and Commonly Confused Words Ch. 11	Sound Alikes & Look Alikes DUE Tues 6pm.	To be announced...
16 FINAL EXAM				

*Due dates are approximate. A list of assignments can be found on Blackboard