

English 09: Basic Composition II Spring 2004  
CRN 20030 (4 credits)  
Tuesday/Thursday 9:45-11:50am, Room 3000

**Basic Course Information:**

**Class Dates:** January 21 – May 13, 2014

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**Office Hours:** Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday 12:00-1:00pm

**Course Description:**

Preparation for ENGL 110. The course seeks to facilitate the student's mastery of the short essay at the college level. The course follows in sequence from ENGL 008 (ENGL 098). (Nontransferable, non-degree applicable)

**Student Learning Outcomes:**

Upon course completion, the successful student will have acquired new skills, knowledge, and or attitudes as demonstrated by being able to:

1. Compose a multi-paragraph essay that responds to an essay prompt with a clear controlling idea or thesis statement. (ILO1, ILO2, ILO4)
2. Compose a multi-paragraph essay with a clear organizational structure and adequate support. (ILO1, ILO2, ILO3, ILO4)
3. Compose a multi-paragraph essay that uses correctly formed sentences with virtually no sentence-level or grammar errors. (ILO1, ILO2, ILO4)
4. Develop a research paper that effectively synthesizes ideas and information from multiple sources and utilizes correct MLA formatting of citations. (ILO1, ILO2, ILO3, ILO4, ILO5)

**Measurable Course Objectives and Minimum Standards for a Grade of "C":**

Upon satisfactory completion of the course, students will be able to:

1. Develop and apply discovery techniques for expository writing with five or more multi-paragraph essays, including a mini research paper.
2. Design an essay plan based on concrete data in pre-writing exercises that produces a controlling idea or thesis statement.
3. Organize content to support a thesis statement and subsequent supporting paragraphs while studying and applying various rhetorical modes with emphasis on comparison/contrast, definition, cause/effect, and argumentation.
4. Demonstrate the ability to recognize and identify various audiences, both general and academic, focusing on academic audiences.
5. Synthesize ideas and information from multiple sources in the development of a writing assignment that is supported by citations from the reading.
6. Practice a variety of sentence types and demonstrate principles of effective sentence construction and punctuation, including correct use of the comma, semicolon, quotation mark, apostrophe, and parentheses.
7. Demonstrate an understanding of connotative meaning and figurative language in his/her own writing after recognizing this technique in the writing of others.
8. Practice and successfully demonstrate the skills in areas designated by the instructor to be appropriate supplemental activities of improved writing technique.

**Textbooks and Other Resources:**

- *Evergreen: A Guide to Writing with Readings* 10<sup>th</sup> ed., paperback, by Susan Fawcett published by Cengage. ISBN: 9781133946687 (new, used, or electronic)
- *Aplia for Evergreen*. This may be purchased with the text, separately from the bookstore, or online. Instructions are located in Resources in the class Blackboard site.

- *Terms of Enlistment* by Marko Kloos, paperback, published by 47 North, ISBN: 978-1477809785 (new, used, or electronic)
- *Diversity of America*, National Geographic Learning Reader published by Cengage, ISBN: 978-1-285-42090, paperback (new, used, electronic)
- Any hardcopy English only dictionary. No electronic dictionaries or translators.
- A three ring binder with a supply of lined paper. Assignments handed in must be on lined binder paper, not torn out of a spiral notebook.
- A spiral notebook or other notebook of the student's choice for in class journaling.

#### **Course Requirements and Instructional Methods:**

- This class uses the Writing Workshop Method, which provides time and help to improve your writing.
  - Peer conferences.
  - Essays going through several drafts.
  - All drafts are turned in with the completed hard copy essay.
  - Essays submitted through Blackboard and hard copy submitted in class.
    - Essays must be submitted electronically and hardy copy to be eligible for grading.
- All essays use MLA format. This will be gone over in class.
- Out of Class Assignments: The Department of Education policy states that one (1) credit hour is the amount student work that reasonably approximates not less than one hour of class time and two (2) hours of out-of-class time per week over the span of a semester. WASC has adopted a similar requirement.
  - English 9 is a 4 credit class.
  - 4 hours spent in class.
  - 8 hours spent out-of-class reading, studying, and doing assignments.
- Aplia: Some Aplia assignments will be started in class time in the Writing Lab. Some Aplia assignments ill be assigned as homework. Aplia scores are entered as Homework. Students must have paid for Aplia usage by February 9, 2014 to avoid being locked out of the program. Aplia assignments cover one week. Once Aplia assignments close they are not re-opened.
- Online journals are in the class Blackboard site. Each journal assignment is related to an assigned reading. Students have one week to complete an assigned journal. Minimum length is two paragraphs, with each paragraph having a minimum of seven sentences.
- In class journals are done in class in a notebook of the student's choice.

#### **Course Grading Based on Course Objectives:**

- Grades are weighted as follows:
  - Essays – 15%
  - Quick Writes – 20%
  - Quizzes – 10%
  - Homework (covers out-of-class assignments plans, drafts, research, and journals) – 5%
  - Mid-Term – 10%
  - Common Final – 40%
- Assignments are due when collected, usually at the beginning of class.
- Late work is not accepted. If you arrive late to class and the assignment has already been collected, your work is considered late and will not be accepted.
- Students who arrive after an activity has begun will not be individually accommodated.
- Essays are only accepted for grading the day they are due.
- Essays must be submitted electronically and in hard copy to be eligible for grading.
- There is no extra credit.
- Quizzes:
  - Not all quizzes are announced.
  - Missed quizzes cannot be made up. (No exceptions)
  - Late arrivals are not eligible to take quizzes already in progress.
- Quick Writes:
  - Quick Writes – practice for the common final, are not always announced.

- One missed Quick Write may be made up within five school days of the day it was originally given. A second or third missed Quick Write may not be made up.
- It is the student's responsibility to make arrangements to make up a missed Quick Write.
- Missed Quick Writes are made up in the English Department in the Science Building.
- Grades will be available in engrade 24/7. Students will be sent instructions via Blackboard for logging in through the web link posted in the class Blackboard site.

#### **Attendance:**

- A student who fails to attend the first meeting of a class will be dropped by the instructor as of the first official meeting of that class. Should readmission be desired, the student's status will be the same of any other student who desires to add a class. It is the student's responsibility to drop or officially withdraw from the class. See General Catalogue for details.
- Regular attendance in all classes is expected of all students. A student whose continuous, unexcused absences exceed the number of hours the class is scheduled to meet per week may be dropped.
- Students are expected to arrive on time and to stay in class for the entire class period.
- If you miss class, do not depend on an email to me to find out what you missed. Two hours of class instruction cannot be reduced to an email.
- Liaison with your classmates. Exchange phone numbers. Organize a study group. Find a study buddy. Then, if absent, you have the resources to find out what class instruction you missed as well as the assignments.
- Do not schedule counseling, doctor, dentist, or mechanical appointments during class time. Missing class will count as an absence.
- Absences attributed to the representation of the college at officially approved events (conferences, contests, and field trips) will be counted as "excused" absences.
- Homework must be turned in previous to any "excused" absence.
- Quick Writes missed due to an "excused" absence, may be made up within the required five days.

#### **Classroom Etiquette:**

- Students are expected to have their own educational materials, books, paper, pens, pencils, scantrons, blue/green books. Any student choosing to attempt the course without his or her own educational materials may not expect other students to provide or share educational materials.
- Electronic Devices: Cell phone and electronic devices must be turned off and put away during class. The exception is using an ebook.
- Food and Drink are prohibited in all classrooms. Water bottles with lids/caps are the only exception.
- Disruptive Students: Students who disrupt or interfere with a class may be sent out of the room and told to meet with the Campus Disciplinary Officer before returning to continue with coursework. Disciplinary procedures will be followed as outlined in the General Catalogue.
- Children in the Classroom: Due to college rules and state laws, no one who is not enrolled in the class may attend, including children.

#### **Academic Honesty:**

- Plagiarism is to take and present as one's own the writings or ideas of others, without citing the source. You should understand the concept of plagiarism and keep it in mind when taking exams and preparing written materials. If you do not understand how to correctly "cite a source", you must ask for help.
- Cheating is defined as fraud, deceit, or dishonesty in an academic assignment or using or attempting to use materials, or assisting others in using materials, which are prohibited or inappropriate in the context of the academic assignment in question. Anyone caught cheating will receive a zero (0) on the exam, quiz, or assignment, and the instructor may report the incident to the Campus Disciplinary Officer, who may place related documentation in a file. Repeated acts of cheating may result in an F in the course and/or disciplinary action. Please refer to the General School Catalogue for more information on academic dishonest or other misconduct. Acts of cheating include, but are not limited to the following?

- Plagiarism
- Copying or attempting to copy from others during an examination, quiz, or on an assignment.
- Communicating test information with another person during an examination.
- Allowing others to do an assignment or portion of an assignment.
- Use of a commercial term paper service.

#### Additional Help:

- Problems with Blackboard? Use the Blackboard Support Center. Information is located under Blackboard login.
- Learning Labs: The Writing Lab has computers, printing services, and trained writing tutors.
- Use the writing lab. The senior tutors will help with keyboarding, mechanical problems in your paper, or briefly discuss your paper with you.
- Library Services: Need to improve your keyboarding? Check out the library Tutoring Center.
- Need information on a specific topic? Talk to a reference librarian.
- Need to improve your study skills? Check out the library Tutoring Center.
- If an emotional problem is interfering with your academic success, (death in the family, divorce, civil difficulty, or emotional distress), and you would appreciate some help, please contact the School Psychologist, Emily Bill at 355-6196.

#### Disabled Student Programs and Services (DSPS):

Any student with a documented disability who may need educational accommodations should notify the instructor or the Disabled Student Programs and Services (DSP&S) office as soon as possible. The DSPS&S office is located in Building 2100, telephone 760-355-6310.

#### Student Counseling and Health Services:

Students have counseling and health services available, provided by the pre-paid Student Health Fee. We now also have a fulltime mental health counselor. For information see <http://www.imperial.edu/student-health-center/>. The IVC Student Health Center is located in the Health Science building in Room 2109, telephone 760-355-6310.

#### Student Rights and Responsibilities:

Students have the right to experience a positive learning environment and due process. For further information regarding students' rights and responsibilities please refer to the IVC General Catalogue available online at [http://www.imperial.edu/index.php?option=com\\_docman&task=doc\\_download&gid=4516&Itemid=762](http://www.imperial.edu/index.php?option=com_docman&task=doc_download&gid=4516&Itemid=762)

#### Information Literacy:

- Imperial Valley College is dedicated to helping students skillfully discover, evaluate, and use information from all sources. Students can access tutorials at <http://www.imperial.edu/courses-and-programs/divisions/arts-and-letters/library-department/infor-lit-tutorials/>

#### Anticipated Class Schedule/Calendar:

Assignments and due dates may change during the semester.  
College classes require assignments be read prior to the class in which the information will be utilized.

Week	Activity/Assignment	Aplia	Journal	Due Dates
Jan/ Wk 1	Syllabus and Introduction Evergreen: Unit 1 & Description National Geographic: Take in the State Fair			
2	EG: Unit 2 & Comparison and Contrast. NatGeo: Hip Hop Planet			
Feb/Wk 3	EG: Unit 4 NatGeo: Once Upon a Time in Laredo		#1	Comp & Cont Essay

4	EG: Unit 4 con't., Cause and Effect NatGeo: ZipUSA: Oklahoma /city; OK 73106; Lemongrass on the Praire TE: Ch. 1 & 2			
5	NatGeo: ZipUSA; New York City, NY 10013; After the Fall TE: Ch. 3 & 4		#2	
6	EG: Persuasion/Argumentation NatGeo: New Orleans: A Perilous Future TE: Ch. 5 & 6			Cause & Effect Essay
March/Wk 7	NatGeo: Silicon Valley: Inside the Dream Incubator TE: Ch. 7,8, 9		#3	
8	EG: Unit 4 con't. NatGeo: Changing America TE: Ch. 10 & 11			
	An actual calendar will be provided with specific due dates for various portions of the research process.			
9	TE: Ch. 12, 13, 14			Argumentative Essay
10	TE: Ch. 15 & 16		#4	
April/Wk 11	TE: Ch. 17, 19, 20			
12			#5	
13	EG: Definition TE: Ch. 21 & 22			Research Paper
April 21- 25	Spring Break			
14	TE: Ch. 23 & 24		#6	
May/Wk 15	Review Final Quiz on <i>Terms of Enlistment</i> Common Final			
Exams				