SOUTH SEATTLE COMMUNITYCOLLEGE

Basic & Transitional Studies

COURSE OUTLINE

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DEPARTMENT: Basic and Transitional Studies Division

CURRICULUM: Transitional English as a Second Language

COURSE TITLE: College Preparatory English for Non-Native

Speakers: Writing I

COURSE NUMBER: ESL 095

TYPE OF COURSE: Pre-College English as a Second Language

COURSE LENGTH: One Quarter

CREDIT HOURS: 3 – 5 (Variable Credit)

LECTURE HOURS: 33 - 55

LAB HOURS: 0

CLASS SIZE: 25

PREREQUISITES: ESL COMPASS Grammar 74 to 82

ESL COMPASS Reading 74 to 82 Combined ESL COMPASS 226 to 240

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course is designed for non-native speakers of English who need to master their control of the English sentence while developing clear and coherent paragraphs. Concurrent enrollment in ESL 085 and ESL 094 required.

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STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES ADDRESSED:

1. Communication

- Read and listen actively to learn and communicate
- Speak and write effectively for personal, academic, and career purposes

2. Computation

- Use arithmetic and other basic mathematical operations as required by program of study
- Apply quantitative skills for personal, academic, and career purposes
- Identify, interpret, and utilize higher level mathematical and cognitive skills (for those students who choose to move beyond the minimum requirements as stated above)

3. Human Relations

- Use social interactive skills to work in groups effectively
- Recognize the diversity of cultural influences and values

4. Critical Thinking and Problem-Solving

 Think critically in evaluating information, solving problems, and making decisions.

5. Technology

 Select and use appropriate technological tools for personal, academic, and career tasks.

6. Personal Responsibility

- o Be motivated and able to continue learning and adapt to change
- Value one's own skills, abilities, ideas, and art
- Take pride in one's work
- Manage personal health and safety
- Be aware of civic and environmental issues

7. Information Literacy

- Access and evaluate information from a variety of sources and contexts, including technology
- Use information to achieve personal, academic, and career goals, as well as to participate in a democratic society.

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GENERAL COURSE OBJECTIVES:

At the end of the course the student will be able to:

- 1. write sentences and paragraphs in response to reading;
- 2. analyze and summarize the main ideas of a reading;
- identify and edit common ESL writing errors (verb tense/ verb forms, fragments, run-on/ comma splice, parallelism, agreement, word form/ word order);
- 4. write process paragraphs;
- 5. demonstrate appropriate test taking skills for multiple choice, short answer and essay responses;
- 6. use a variety of sentence types in paragraphs;
- 7. demonstrate an improved usage of English writing mechanics, such as capitalization and punctuation.

TOPICAL OUTLINE:

- I. General Introduction and Overview
- II. Introduce Critical Thinking in Writing
- III. Principles of Sentence-Level Editing, including Attention to the Mechanics of Writing
- IV. Process Writing, including Brainstorming and Mind-maps
- V. Grammar Structures Related to Selected Paragraph Types
- VI. Writing with a Variety of Expository Types

BATS Writing Objectivers for Transitional ESL I

- W-T1.1 a Uses the writing process to convey complex ideas using appropriate vocabulary with few mistakes and some difficulty.
- W-T1.2 a Composes, punctuates and uses compound, complex, and compound complex sentences in original compositions independently with few mistakes and some difficulty.
- W-T1.3 a Writes a multi-paragraph composition on one topic correctly formatted (e.g. indents, double-spacing, margins) with difficulty.

W-T1.4 a Demonstrates ability to edit one's own and other's writing for paragraph level errors including presence of a topic sentence, a concluding sentence, and relevant support with difficulty.

W-T1.5 a Paraphrases and summarizes information with little instructor guidance and demonstrates an awareness of and ability to avoid plagiarism.

W-T1.6.a Takes adequate notes from texts and lectures with little guidance.

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