

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: February 2019 - 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 (12/18).

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

1. Use parts of speech effectively
2. Construct effective sentences
3. Develop effective paragraphs
4. Write in the informative and descriptive modes
5. Describe and engage in the writing process
6. Structure essays effectively
7. Write in the argumentative mode
8. Apply proofreading, editing, and revising skills

OUTLINE OF MAJOR CONTENT AREAS

- Parts of Speech
- Verb Tense
- Subjects and Verbs
- Apostrophes with Nouns, Verbs, and Pronouns
- Pronoun Choice and Reference
- Pronoun-Antecedent Agreement

- Independent and Dependent Clauses
- Sentence Fragments
- Run-On Sentences
- Modifiers
- Parallelism
- Paragraph Organization and Development
- Topic Sentences
- TEE Paragraphs
- Transitions
- Narrative and Descriptive Paragraphs
- Dialogue
- Writing in Context
- Modes
- Purpose, Audience, and Language
- Tone
- The Writing Process
- Reflection
- Basic Essay Structure
- Defining your Essay Topic
- Introductions and Thesis Statements
- Body Paragraphs and Transitions
- Conclusions
- Argumentative Essays
- Rhetorical Appeals
- Applying and Analyzing Evidence
- Revising, Editing and Proofreading Skills
- Giving and Receiving Feedback

GRADING: This is a pass/fail course. Students are required to complete all 8 formative and 4 summative assessments with an overall course average of 70% or better.