



**Intensive English Program
Southwest College**

ESOL 0351 – Advanced Intermediate Writing for Foreign Speakers

CRN 37246

Fall 2017

Gulfton Campus – Room 114 | 9-11:30 TTH

3 hours lecture / 2 hours lab / 80 hours per semester/16 weeks

Class Dates: 9/11/2017- 12/17/2017

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Please come to see me if you have any questions or concerns. It is better to ask questions before you have problems with tests or homework. Contact me if you have been absent to arrange a time to hand in the homework and to discuss what you missed.

Prerequisites

A passing grade in Level 2 or, for incoming students, placement exam cut-offs

Course Description

A continuation of ESOL 0347, this course briefly reviews the paragraph and its essential elements and concentrates on developing writing skills for the production of the multi-paragraph essay.

Course Statement of Purpose

This course seeks to prepare students for continuation into ESOL 0354 and ultimately for college composition courses and academic writing in general by accomplishing the following objectives:

- Students strengthen their awareness of the basic notions of paragraph development, particularly the role of the topic sentence and the internal logical development of the paragraph.
- Students are introduced to the basic principles of the multi-paragraph composition, focusing especially on the role of the introductory and concluding paragraphs, drafting an effective thesis statement, and organizing the composition according to a clear logical pattern.
- Students improve their sentence-combination skills, especially in the area of the strategy and techniques of coordination within compound sentences and within simple complex sentences.
- Students increase their awareness of the nature of the writing process, especially in the area of effective topic construction and in the necessity and techniques of revision and editing.

Student Learning Outcomes

After completing this course, students should be able to:

1. Appropriately use mechanical conventions of written English in written assignments.
2. Demonstrate a working knowledge of all verb forms and tenses that are likely to be needed in writing a moderate-length written assignment suitable to the advanced-intermediate English learner.
3. Produce an appropriate variety of sentence types in a moderate-length written assignment suitable to the advanced-intermediate English learner.
4. Compose and revise a moderate-length composition of several paragraphs, using a clearly defined writing process.

Learning Objectives leading to the Student Learning Outcomes above

- 1.1 Correctly spell level-appropriate vocabulary used in compositions;

- 1.2 Apply rules for capitalization;
- 1.3 Apply punctuation rules.

- 2.1 Use a variety of simple, progressive, and perfect verb tenses as well as gerunds and infinitives, based on the writing assignment.

- 3.1 Produce compound sentences, using the seven coordinating conjunctions as well as conjunctive adverb sentence connectors;
- 3.2 Produce complex sentences using a variety of subordinating conjunctions based on the writing assignment;
- 3.3 Produce complex sentences using adjective (relative) clauses;
- 3.4 Produce complex sentences using noun clauses.

- 4.1 Use prewriting strategies to generate a topic;
- 4.2 Write a clear, concise thesis statement;
- 4.3 Organize a draft by preparing a well-formatted outline;
- 4.4 Write a draft of a multi-paragraph essay of 200-300 words, with a clear thesis in the introductory paragraph and a concluding paragraph;
- 4.5 Revise the composition after receiving both peer and instructor feedback.

Instructional Methods

Student writing of different kinds such as essays, summaries, timed writing for fluency, and dictations

Class or group writing of outlines and essays

Individual writing of essays

Reading and analyzing paragraphs and essays to see how they are constructed

Exercises on pre-writing skills such as generating, developing and organizing

ideas Activities on grammar and vocabulary needed for a particular kind of

essay Activities on sentence types

Activities on revising an essay for content and other errors and ways to correct them

Revising and rewriting teacher-corrected compositions

Peer editing of outlines and essays

Individual conferences for essays

Lecture and discussion (whole-class, groups, or

pairs) Activities in the textbook, on handouts, or

online

Student Assignments

Journals or other weekly writing assignments

Writing or completing work covered in class such as revising essays, writing outlines, or writing essays in whole or in part

Students will rewrite in-class essays using teacher feedback.

Late homework: Late homework will not be accepted.

Assessments

Five in-class compositions (and revisions) and the final composition

Homework/Practice compositions, homework exercises, other writing assignments

Quizzes and tests on work covered in class. There will be regular quizzes (some unannounced) over homework or topics we have been studying. **Electronic devices are not allowed in writing tests and quizzes.**

Automatic failure on final exam: Fewer than 150 words, off topic, no thesis statement or topic sentences, or all simple sentences

Make up policies: If you miss ONE in-class composition, see me to arrange a time to make it up. This will be a great inconvenience for you as essays take a long time to write and you will miss some other class activities. **DO NOT MISS COMPOSITIONS.** These are major TESTS and they are very important parts of the grade. They are also important for writing development.

Instructional Materials

Ready to Write: From Paragraph to Essay, 3rd edition, Blanchard and Root (Pearson Longman Publishers)

Longman Dictionary of American English or *Oxford Advanced Learner's Dictionary*

A folder to keep papers in

A 3-ring binder, dividers, and lined

A computer flash drive

EGLS3: Evaluation for Greater Learning Student Survey System

At Houston Community College, professors believe that thoughtful student feedback is necessary to improve teaching and learning. During a designated time, you will be asked to answer a short online

survey of research-based questions related to instruction. The anonymous results of the survey will be made available to your professors and division chairs for continual improvement of instruction. Look for the survey as part of the Houston Community College Student System online near the end of the term.

HCC Policy Statement: Academic Honesty (Dishonesty = Cheating)

Any form of cheating or copying will result in a grade of 0 for that assignment and possibly recommendation for probation or dismissal from the college system. Cheating includes copying from another student during a test or giving another student answers on a test. Another form of cheating (called plagiarism) is copying from the Internet or another text and presenting it as your work. An additional form of cheating is memorizing text from the Internet or a book and presenting those words as your own on a test or in homework. ALL work has to be written by the student and not copied from another source. **As the instructor, I reserve the right to submit your assignments and writing to an online plagiarism checking website.**

HCC Policy Statement: Attendance

All students who have not attended by the Official Day of Record (**February 2**) will be dropped or withdrawn from the class for non-attendance. According to the HCC Student Handbook, you can be dropped from a course after accumulating absences in excess of 12.5 percent of the total hours of instruction (lab as well as lecture). For Intensive English if you exceed a total of 10 hours (12.5%) of absence in any class (= 4 full days of any class, including labs and Eagle Online instruction), you can be dropped from that class. If you are an F1 student, this can make you out of status and will cause you visa problems, possibly requiring you to petition for reinstatement. If you are absent, it is your responsibility to contact your instructor to find out what you have missed and whether it is possible to make up the work. If you do not take this responsibility, you risk receiving grades of zero and not being allowed to make up the work. No absences are excused.

Tardiness, Absences, and Attendance

Classes and tests begin on time. Lateness of ten (10) minutes or more counts as a class or lab absence. You can enter the classroom, but you will be counted absent. Lateness after break times, leaving early or disappearing for more than five minutes during class or lab are also counted as absences. Texting, using social networking sites, or other improper use of electronic devices during class time or lab time is also counted toward your absences. After the first warning, you will be required to leave the classroom and be counted absent.

As stated in the HCC Catalog, all students are expected to attend classes regularly. Your regular participation is required. Although it is the responsibility of the student to withdraw officially from a course, the professor also has the authority to block a student from accessing Eagle Online, and/or to withdraw a student for excessive absences or failure to participate regularly. Class attendance leads to class success.

HCC Withdrawal Deadline

To drop a class, you must speak with a counselor or an advisor. The nearest place to see one is in Gulfton Room 117. The last day students may withdraw or be dropped from a class with a grade of W is November 3rd before 4:30 p.m. Students who have excessive absences after that date will receive the grades they earn. ***Note: International students will be out of status if they drop or are dropped from their classes and may have to return to their countries. Speak with a counselor or an advisor before dropping classes to make sure you understand the procedures.***

HCC Policy on Students Repeating a Course for the Third Time

Repeating students:

Grades of IP or F are failing grades; the student will have to repeat the course. A student who fails a class for the second time must receive a grade of F for that class. Students who repeat a course for three or more times will have to pay a higher tuition fee at HCC and other Texas public colleges and universities. *If you are having trouble in class, talk to your teacher and get help from a tutor. Get other assistance from a counselor before withdrawing or for advice if your grades are not passing. Students should get help so that they will not fail.*

HCC Policy Statement -

ADA

Services to Students with Disabilities Students who require reasonable accommodations for disabilities are encouraged to report to Dr. Becky Hauri at 713-718-7910 to make necessary arrangements. Faculty is only authorized to provide accommodations by the Disability Support Service Office. Please see this website for more information: <http://hccs.edu/student-rights>

HCC Policy on Sexual Harassment

Sexual harassment in any form is not tolerated at Houston Community College. It is a violation of HCCS policy for an employee, agent, or student of the college to engage in sexual harassment as defined in the EEOC guidelines (EEO/AA Compliance Handbook 47). See HCCS Student Handbook for more information.

HCC Policy on Pregnancy: Students who are pregnant and require accommodation should contact any of the ADA counselors for assistance.

At HCC the safety of our students, staff, and faculty is our first priority. As of August 1, 2017, Houston Community College is subject to the Campus Carry Law (SB11 2015). For more information, visit the HCC Campus Carry web page at <http://www.hccs.edu/district/departments/police/campus-carry/>.”

HCC Policy Statement: Sexual Misconduct Houston Community College is committed to cultivating an environment free from inappropriate conduct of a sexual or gender-based nature including sex discrimination, sexual assault, sexual harassment, and sexual violence. Sex discrimination includes all forms of sexual and gender-based misconduct and violates an individual's fundamental rights and personal dignity. Title IX prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex-including pregnancy and parental status-in educational programs and activities. If you require an accommodation due to pregnancy please contact an Abilities Services Counselor. The Director of EEO/Compliance is designated as the Title IX Coordinator and Section 504 Coordinator. All inquiries concerning HCC policies, compliance with applicable laws, statutes, and regulations (such as Title VI, Title IX, and Section 504), and complaints may be directed to: David Cross Director EEO/Compliance Office of Institutional Equity & Diversity

3100 Main (713) 718-8271 Houston, TX 77266-7517 or Institutional.Equity@hccs.edu

Any student who faces challenges securing their food or housing and believes this may affect their performance in the course is urged to contact the Dean of Students for support. Furthermore, please notify your professor if you are comfortable doing so.

CLASSROOM BEHAVIOR

Treat your classmates and teacher with respect. Use English. Make the most of your class time by actively participating in discussions and activities. Do not use your cell phone to text during class. Turn your cell phone to vibrate and keep it in your pocket if you are expecting an emergency call.

Use of Camera and/or Recording Devices

Use of recording devices, including camera phones and tape recorders, is prohibited in classrooms, laboratories, faculty offices, and other locations where instruction, tutoring, or testing occurs. Students with disabilities who need to use a recording device as a reasonable accommodation should contact the Office for Students with Disabilities for information regarding reasonable accommodations.

Misuse of Electronic Devices in the Classroom

The use of electronic devices by students in the classroom is up to the discretion of the instructor. Any use of such devices for purposes other than student learning is strictly prohibited. If an instructor **perceives** such use as disruptive and/or inappropriate, the instructor has the right to terminate such use. If the behavior continues, the student may be subject to disciplinary action to include removal from the classroom or referral to the Dean of Student Services. (Please see the Attendance Policy for this class.) HCC instructors have the right to require students to turn in electronic devices before being allowed to take a quiz or test or to write an in-class composition or other assignment.

Disruptive Behavior: Students who conduct themselves in a manner that significantly interferes with college teaching, research, administration, disciplinary procedures or other authorized college activities (including its public service functions) on the college premises will be subject to disciplinary action.

Missed tests, presentations, quizzes: Please do not be absent on testing or presentation days. If you are absent, you must ask your instructor for permission to make up what you missed. Missed presentations, essays and examinations can be made up only if you can provide what your instructor considers an acceptable reason for having a second chance. If you do not speak with your instructor about this on the day when you return to class, you will not be allowed to make up the work.

Late homework: Late homework will not be accepted.

INSTRUCTOR'S REQUIREMENTS

The teacher needs to:

- Create a rich learning environment for writing and student interaction.
- Give students extra reading in class and in lab on topics connected to the course
- Make classes, projects, tests, assignments, policies, dates, and regulations clear.
- Tell students about important HCC policies such as attendance and academic honesty (no cheating).
- Make arrangements to be available to students when they need help or have questions.
- Give help when needed
- Provide grading scales and assessment.
- Make a class calendar available.

To succeed in college the students need to:

- Work hard, attend all classes, and be on time. Good attendance + hard work = SUCCESS
- If you are absent for all or part of a class, you are responsible for contacting the instructor as soon as possible to find out what you missed and to find out if the work can be made up.
- Pay attention, listen carefully and ask questions. Listen and be respectful to other students' contributions.
- Create a good learning environment. *Turn off cell phones or use vibrate mode for emergencies.* No Texting in class.
- Concentrate. Use English only in class time and sit next to someone who doesn't speak your language.
- Eat well for energy. The brain needs good food. Eat breakfast at home and lunch in break times.
- Do homework. The brain learns by seeing new words and ideas many times in different ways.
- Do your own work and learn. Copying from the Internet and other sources is not learning.
- Have fun with English.
- Read, write, listen and speak English in daily life through TV, neighbors, students and coworkers, and volunteering in the community.
- Use technology for learning on-line in English learning sites.

PROGRAM AND ESL DISCIPLINE REQUIREMENTS

Basic Requirements for ESOL 0351

Students in 0351 will fulfill the following requirements:

A minimum of 5 graded compositions done in class. A maximum of one can be a graded single paragraph (75-100 words). The rest or all will be multi-paragraph essays (200-300 words) including the final examination.

The following rhetorical organizations are to be covered, including in the final examination:

- Process
- Division and classification
- Comparison/contrast
- Causes and effects
- Problem/solution

Students are required to revise and rewrite their in-class compositions (excluding the midterm and final compositions). Students are encouraged to take the revision process seriously.

Students should do regular and frequent alternative free writing activities which will be inspected regularly by the instructor. This may take various forms such as a journal, summaries, etc.

HCC Grading Scale

90-100% = A 80 – 89% = B 70 – 79% = C Below 70% = IP or F (not passing)
 FX = Failure due to excessive absence

ESOL 0351 Grading Formula

In-Class Composition Exams and Revisions	70%
Alternative Writing Activities	5%
Homework/Lab	5%
Final Exam	<u>20%</u>
	100%

**ESOL 0351
COURSE SCHEDULE**

Week 1	
Week 2	
Week 3	Unit 1
Week 4	Units 1-2
Week 5	Units 2-3 In-Class Composition #1 (Paragraph)
Week 6	Unit 4
Week 7	Unit 4 In-Class Composition #2 (Descriptive Essay)
Week 8	Unit 5
Week 9	Unit 5
Week 10	In-Class Composition #3 (Comparison Essay)
Week 11	Unit 6
Week 12	Unit 6
Week 13	Unit 6 In-Class Composition #4 (Cause/Effect Essay)
Week 14	Unit 7
Week 15	Unit 7 In-Class Composition #5 (Classification Essay)
Week 16	Final Exams

(The instructor may change this calendar as needed)