

Third Year Written Expression Syllabus and Course Outline

Course Description

In this course, students practice the skills needed to write integrated and well-organized essays. Students learn to outline, and draft essays providing opportunities to explore their opinions and communicate properly in different writing settings and for various purposes. They get involved with different genres of writing while practicing writing techniques and mechanisms necessary for their academic career.

Course Objectives

This course aims to help students:

- Develop an understanding of multiple approaches to a text.
- Observe appropriate writing mechanics, grammar, spelling, etc.
- Outline and draft a coherent, well informed, and well-structured piece of writing.
- Write clear and appropriate thesis statements.
- Use different writing tools for a proper integration of various reading materials
- Produce pieces of different writing genres taking into consideration purpose and audience while using different materials.
- Introduce students to advanced academic writing and research paper writing.

Course requirements: 1st Semester

Students are required to pick some relevant reading material, and after careful reading, write an essay (one of the essay genres). Students must use different writing techniques such as paraphrasing and summarizing, and they must draft a coherent and well-informed essay.

*If you pick an essay of literary analysis: pick one of the assigned texts in your literature course as reading material and write an essay about a theme or a concept in the novel.

** Submission: You must submit both the essay and the reading material you used for writing your piece.

***Plagiarism is not tolerated. You risk failing the course if plagiarism is detected.

Syllabus:

1st Semester: Writing tools and Genres

Revision: Essay writing, Essay Outline

Practice: Outlining an essay

Writing Techniques: Summarizing + Paraphrasing

Practice

Essay Types + Reading and Writing:

- Argumentative Essay + Exemplar
- Compare and Contrast + Exemplar
- Literary analysis + Exemplar
- Reports + Exemplar
- Letters (cover letter, business letter, motivation letter)+ Exemplars

Final Assignment: Write a well informed and well-structured essay choosing one of the following writing genres: Argumentative, compare and contrast, literary analysis, reports) and

2nd Semester: Academic writing: Tips and guidelines

- Introduction to writing research papers

Final Assignment