Dakota College at Bottineau Course Syllabus

Course Prefix/Number>Title:
ASC 88: Composition I: Writing Lab
1 Credit

Course Description:
Composition 110: writing lab is a companion course to Composition I that provides additional time and help for students in drafting and revising skills.

Pre-requisite:
Placement in Composition 110 with a score of 14 or above on the ACT.

Course Objectives:
To improve skills in structuring paragraphs and essays
To use writing and revising strategies to produce short essays.
To edit all final drafts, eliminating all grammatical and typing errors.

Instructor:
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Office Hours:
Tuesday, Thursday: 9:00 to 11:00
Monday-Friday: 9:00 to 10:00

Lecture/Lab Schedule:
Thursday: 1:00 to 1:50

Textbooks:

Course Requirements:
Students will work in class to improve drafting revising and grammar skills.
Grading will be based on in class activities, worksheet scores, written work, and the pretest-posttest scores.
General Education Goals/Objectives:

Goal 4: Demonstrates effective communication
  Objective 1: Expresses ideas through effective writing
  Objective 4: Works collaboratively with others

Relationship to Campus Theme:
  Students will expand their communication skills which is an essential element of their human nature.

Classroom Policies: Grading
  Weekly check list
  Written assignments
  Worksheet scores
  Pretest/posttest improvement

Academic Integrity:
  All assignments, tests, and quizzes will meet the standards of accepted Academic Integrity.

Disabilities and Special Needs:
  Students with disabilities or special needs must inform the instructor of those needs as soon as possible.

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Syllabus:

August 29
First Week activities

  September 5
  Revise Persuasive Paragraphs
  Sentence boundary worksheet

  September 12
  Revise Descriptive paragraphs
  Pronoun case worksheet

  September 19
  Develop thesis statement for the first paper
  Verbs: Tense and mood
  Verbs: Active and passive voice
September 26
Revise first paper
Grammatical Sentences: Verbs Adjective and Adverbs

October 3
Revise first paper

October 10
Thesis statement for the second paper
Review for the midterm

October 17
Revise Classification Paragraph
Worksheet Commas: restrictive vs. Non-restrictive

October 24
Revise second paper

October 31
Revise second paper

November 7
Brainstorm topics for the final paper
Effective sentences worksheet

November 14
Thesis statement for the third paper

November 21
Draft third paper
Worksheet: Diction

December 5
Revise final paper

December 12
Review for Final