

**Course Name : ASC 087 College Writing Preparation
Online**

Course Description: The writing skills mastered in this course will give students confidence in writing for other college courses and for the workplace. Emphasis is placed on writing that is clearly and simply stated. Students will learn to use correct grammar to write error-free sentences, solid paragraphs, and well-organized essays.

Credits: 3 semester credits

Prerequisite(s): None

Delivery Method: Online

Course Objectives/Student Outcomes:

It is expected that students will be able to

Demonstrate an understanding of the rules of grammar, punctuation, mechanics, and usage.

Write clear, error-free sentences.

Write topic sentences for paragraphs.

Use details and examples to support topic sentences.

Write solid paragraphs

Write a paraphrase

Instructor: Faye Bernstein

Office: Online

Office Hours: Use the e-mail tool within the online course to communicate with the instructor. Course e-mail message will be checked daily. If you have a technical problem, contact the Distance Education office (1-888-918-5623, toll free)

Class Schedule: Online

Textbook:

Sentence Skills, Form A, John Langan, McGraw Hill, 8th Edition, 978-0-07-312374-5

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Course Requirements:

Independent Practice:

Read the assigned pages in the textbook and do the chapter activities. Starting with Chapter 4, you can check your answers from the answers given in the back of the book, pages 568-586.

Watch the PowerPoint Presentations for each chapter. They can help you understand the material in each chapter. You need to make sure your pop-up blocker is turned off if you have one. You will also need to have JavaScript enabled on your computer. Here is a link to download "Sun Java Runtime:"
<http://www.minotstateu.edu/online/software.shtml> It is free.

A timed Pre-Test is given at the beginning of the course. The points you get on this test won't count in your total points for the course. Your score shows you and the instructor what you knew about writing skills at the beginning of the course.

A timed Post-Test is given at the end of the course. Again, these points do not count in your total score. You and the instructor will compare your score at the beginning of the semester to the score you get at the end.

Graded Quizzes: The Chapter Quizzes are not timed and show if you have learned the material well enough to get a good grade on the Chapter Test. You can retake the quizzes, and your highest retake score is the one that will count toward total points. If you get a low score the first time you do a Chapter Quiz, you probably need to study more before you take the weekly graded Test.

Tests: A timed test is given at the end of every chapter. At the end of the course a 150 point Final Test is given.

Graded Assignments: You are required to write 4 paragraphs worth 50 points each.

Tentative Course Outline: Consult the Course Content for the Chapter Instructions and Due Dates. Learn to write correctly written sentences, paragraphs, paraphrases, and essays. (**Gen. ed. goals 1 & 2**)
Read and write about an environmental concern. (**Gen. ed. goal 5**)
Read and write about an aspect of cultural diversity. (**Gen. ed. goal 6**)

Relationship to Campus Theme:

This course teaches good written communication skills that are a vital requirement for careers in science, technology, business, and social sciences. Students will be required to read about an environmental concern and write a paraphrase, using writing practices learned in this class.

Classroom Policies:

- Regular Participation is expected.
- Quizzes, tests, and writing assignments can be done on any computer with Internet access.
- For taking tests, students need to have a distraction-free area at home, in a computer lab, at a library, etc.
- The tests can be taken at any time between the given dates and times.

- Each quiz/test is timed

Evaluation:

Grades are based on total points earned and include the points from the retake quizzes. Grades are calculated by dividing total points earned by total points possible.

290 points for Chapter Quizzes
 480 points for Chapter Tests
 50 points for Paragraph #1
 50 points for Paragraph #2
 50 Points for Paragraph #3
 50 Points for Paragraph #4
 150 points for the Final Exam
 1120 total points

A--90-100% (1008-1120 points)
 B--80-89% (896-1007 points)
 C--70-79% (784-895 points)
 D--60-69% (672-783 points)
 F--59% or lower (below 672 points)

Academic Integrity: The academic community is operated on the basis of honesty, integrity, and fair play. It is the expectation that all students, as members of the college community, adhere to the highest levels of academic integrity. This means that:

- Students are responsible for submitting their own work. Student work must not be plagiarized.
- Students must not cooperate on oral or written examinations or work together on evaluated assignments without authorization.

To learn how to avoid plagiarism in your work, review the website from Purdue University, "Is It Plagiarism Yet?"

Violations of academic principles such as cheating, plagiarism, or other academic improprieties will be handled using the guidelines outlined in the Student Handbook, pages 18, 19, and 37.

Disabilities and Special Needs:

If you have a disability for which you need accommodation, contact the Learning Center to request disability support services: phone: 701-228-5477 or toll free 1-888-918-5623
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