

ENGLISH 0120

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W. 2:00-3:00

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THE COURSE is intended for adult students who require a Grade XI standing in English.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

A student who successfully completes English 120 should be able to:

- write clear, error-free sentences
- construct logical, coherent paragraphs
- master paragraph-to-essay expansion, effectively using a variety of expository techniques
- think beyond a fictional character's situation and actions to consider his motivation, moral code, strengths and weaknesses
- discuss literature in terms of universal themes
- appreciate the special world of poetry
- participate comfortably and courteously in classroom discussion
- understand basic literary terminology
- achieve control of purpose in speaking and writing, to express what he has set out to convey with economy, relevance, and clarity.

COURSE UNITS:

THE WRITING PROCESS-- no text required; this unit continues throughout the course.

THE ESSAY-- no text required; this unit continues throughout the course.

THE SHORT STORY--TEXT: New Worlds, Metcalf

DRAMA--TEXT: Much Ado About Nothing, Shakespeare

NOVEL-- Cry, the Beloved Country, Paton
POETRY-- Poetry in Focus, Cameron

Students will also need The Little Brown Essential Handbook, and a good pocket dictionary. A thesaurus may be useful, but is not essential.

ASSIGNMENTS:

Each unit will be assessed with either a test or a written assignment. In addition, there will be a number of in-class exercises and quizzes; a short research project will also be assigned. There is also an independent reading project, which can be presented in either written or oral form. A timeline indicating the various assignments and their due dates will be given to the class early in the term in order to help with time management.

SEMINARS: The class will be divided into two seminar groups, which will meet once weekly. This sixth hour is an integral part of the course, and attendance is a required element of English 0120. The purpose of these seminars is to provide more individual help with specific assignments, as well as to provide a forum for discussion, review, and problem solving.

GRADING:

Final marks will be determined on the following basis:

day-to-day assignments--	30% of term
tests and quizzes-----	35% of term
final exam-----	25% of term
participation-----	10% of term

In accordance with college policy, the final percentage for the term will be converted to the following stanine scale:

90 -- 100%	Stanine 9
80 -- 90	" 8
72 -- 79	" 7
65 -- 71	" 6
57 -- 64	" 5
50 -- 56	" 4
45 -- 49	" 3
26 -- 44	" 2
0 -- 25	" 1

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

--regular attendance is important. Students having an inordinate number of unexcused absences may be asked to withdraw from class.

--assignments must be on time. In cases of medical or family emergency, get in touch with me as soon as possible regarding arrangements for making up lost time. Do not assume that you will automatically be able to take a missed test, etc.

--in this class, as in any other, see the instructor early if troubles seem to be creeping up on you. Friendly, open discussion will often prevent small problems from becoming overwhelming.

HAVE A SUCCESSFUL SEMESTER!