

Grande Prairie Regional College

English 1201

English Composition

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Course Description

This course concentrates on the structures of sentences, paragraphs and essays. Written assignments offer reviews of the elements of English grammar and the mechanics of good writing and practice in composition. There will be a discussion and analyses of readings. Instruction in research will also be provided.

Objectives:

The objectives of this course are to increase the student's abilities to use appropriate means of development and support for a particular subject and audience. It will help students to organize sentences and paragraphs to achieve unity and coherence. Students will also be assisted to develop a writing style appropriate to the context.

Required Text: Bare Essentials

Term work value:

Class Participation (in class essays, exercises and quizzes).....	20%
Out-of-class essays:	
First essay: October 18 th1000 word essay.....	15%
Second essay: November 29 th1000 word essay.....	20%
Mid term examination	15%
Final examination	30%

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Class Participation

Class participation is determined by appraising a student's contribution to the ambiance of the class.

The criteria to assess "contribution" are:

- 1) a student's willingness and ability to **respond** to questions
- 2) to **ask** questions
- 3) to **participate** in discussions (either in small peer groups or with the whole class)
- 4) to give occasional **oral presentations**
- 5) above all else to **attend** class regularly.

These criteria are not given separate grades, but a cumulative record of individual student contributions will be kept.

Basic Expectations & Class Rules:

- 1) Students are expected to **attend all classes**. Come prepared with assignments and readings completed. Be prepared to participate actively in your learning. **Composition is NOT a spectator sport!**
- 2) Essays will **not be accepted after the due date** unless prior arrangements have been made with the instructor.
- 3) **Essays will lose marks** if they are less than the minimum **required** word length.
- 4) **You are responsible** for any changes to this syllabus, which may be announced when you are not in class.
- 5) **No make-up tests** without a medical certificate or other appropriate documentation.
- 6) **Term work cannot be reconsidered** after the final exam has been written.

Good writing is good thinking expressed clearly.