

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 conventions of English grammar and the mechanics of good writing. There will be a discussion and analyses of readings. Students will write a minimum of ten in-class compositions. 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. Students will 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: Strategies for Successful Writing

English & Grammar Punctuation Guide

Essays & Term Papers Academic Outline

Term work value:

Class Participation (in class essays, exercises and quizzes).....	20%
Out-of-class essays:	
First essay: September 30 th800 word essay.....	10%
Second essay: October 27 th800 word essay.....	15%
Third essay: November 25 th800 word essay.....	20%
Mid term examination	15%
Final examination	20%

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The thing always happens that you really believe in; and
the belief in a thing makes it happen.

Frank Lloyd Wright

LETS MAKE ENGLISH COMPOSITION
H A P P E N

Class Participation:

Class participation is determined by appraising a student's contribution to the classroom learning environment.

The criteria to assess "participation" are a students' willingness and ability to:

- 1) respond to questions
- 2) ask questions
- 3) participate
- 4) attend classes

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

Basic Expectations & Class Rules:

- 1) 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 may not be accepted after the due date unless prior arrangements have been made with the instructor.
- 3) Essays will lose marks if they are significantly less or more than the 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.