

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 formal English grammar and the mechanics of good writing and editing. There will be discussions 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. The need to create a clear and concise thesis statement will be stressed. Students will also be assisted in developing a writing style appropriate to the context and audience.

Required Text: Essay Essentials with Readings

English & Grammar Punctuation Guide

Essays & Term Papers Academic Outline

Term work value:

Class Participation (in class essays, exercises and quizzes).....	10%
Out-of-class essays:	
First essay: May 7 th800 word essay.....	10%
Second essay: May 14 th800 word essay.....	15%
Third essay: May 21 th800 word essay.....	30%
Mid term examination: May 10 th	15%
Final examination: May 22 nd	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/grade is determined by evaluating a student's contribution to the classroom learning environment.

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

- 1) **respond** to questions
- 2) **ask** questions
- 3) **participate** in discussion
- 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.