

Grande Prairie Regional College  
English 1201  
English Composition  
1997-98  
(Fall)

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Course Description:

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

Objectives:

The objectives of this course are to develop 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.

Students will be required to write two formal essays and a final exam.

Required Text:

Science and Technology Today by Nancy R. Mackenzie  
Technical Communication Essentials By Mike Markel  
A Canadian Writer's Reference By Diana Hacker  
A good dictionary

Term Works Assignment Schedule:

Class Participation and in-class essays and exercises	20%
Out-of-class essays	50%
(First Essay Oct. 3      1000 word essay      20%)	
(Second Essay Nov. 7      1000 word essay      30%)	
(Research Essay)	
Grammar examination	10%
Essay examination	20%

Class participation is determined by appraising a student's contribution to the ambiance of the class. The criteria I use to assess "contribution" are: a student's willingness and ability to respond and ask questions, participate in discussions either in small peer groups or with the class, give occasional oral presentations, and above all else to attend class regularly. These are not given separate grades, but I do keep an accumulative record of what individual students contribute.

Class Mark = 70% of Final Grade

Final Exam = 30% of Final Grade

Final Exam Covers the Entire Course

Ground Rules:

- 1) No essays will be accepted after the due date unless prior arrangements have been made with the instructor.
- 2) Essays lose substantial marks if they are less than the minimum word length.
- 3) You are responsible for any changes to this syllabus which may be announced when you are not in class.
- 4) No make-up tests without a medical certificate
- 5) Term work cannot be reconsidered after the final exam has been written.