Course Description

Provides instruction in writing at the low-intermediate level. Improves students’ competence in grammatical patterns of written English. Requires practice in writing sentences and longer pieces of writing. Credits are not applicable toward graduation. Lecture 5 hours per week.

General Course Purpose

To give low-intermediate ESL students in Level 2 of the College ESL Program practice in writing to build fluency and accuracy.

Course Prerequisites/Corequisites

Prerequisite: Requires an ESL Placement Test recommendation for ESL Level 2.

Course Objectives

Upon completing the course, the student will be able to:

- Compose, revise, and edit writing employing simple sentence patterns effectively
- Apply basic mechanics to writing
- Use verb forms and verb tenses effectively
- Use nouns and articles effectively

Major Topics to be Included

- Application of the writing process, including
  - pre-writing activities
  - Drafting
  - Reviewing, revising, and editing
- Basic mechanics of writing
  - margins and indenting
  - capitalization
  - punctuation
- Basic verb system
  - basic verb tenses and agreement
  - base forms
  - infinitives
  - gerunds
- Basic noun system
  - non-count, count, plurals
  - articles
  - pronouns