

## NOVA COLLEGE-WIDE COURSE CONTENT SUMMARY ESL 21 – WRITTEN COMMUNICATION II (5 CR.)

### **VCCS 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 and Corequisites**

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

Corequisites: ESL 22 and ESL 24; corequisites are not required to be taken in the same semester

### **Course Objectives**

**Goal 1** – Students will write a well-developed paragraph.

#### **Objectives**

Students will be able to:

- A. Compose, revise, and edit writing employing basic sentence patterns effectively

**Goal 2** – Students will apply basic writing conventions and low-intermediate language writing skills.

#### **Objectives**

Students will be able to:

- A. Apply basic mechanics to writing
- B. Use verb forms and verb tenses effectively
- C. Use nouns and articles effectively

### **Major Topics to be Included**

- Application of the writing process, including
  - pre-writing strategies, such as brainstorming and planning
  - drafting
  - revising and editing
- Basic mechanics of writing
  - margins and indenting
  - capitalization
  - punctuation

- Basic verb system
  - basic verb tenses and agreement
  - base forms
  - infinitives
  - gerunds
  - adverbs of frequency
  
- Basic noun system
  - non-count, count, plurals
  - articles
  - pronouns
  - adjectives
  
- Understanding and following oral and written directions