

NOVA COLLEGE-WIDE COURSE CONTENT SUMMARY ESL 48 – WRITING WORKSHOP (5 CR.)

VCCS Course Description

Provides an opportunity for further practice in intermediate and advanced writing techniques taught in required ESL writing courses. Provides reinforcement in writing skills, including organizing, composing, revising and editing. Credits are not applicable toward graduation. Lecture 5 hours per week.

General Course Purpose

- To give high-intermediate ESL students an opportunity to build fluency and accuracy in writing. Students will gain more control over their writing process and language skills through responding to readings and developing self-editing strategies.

Course Prerequisites and Corequisites

Prerequisite: Requires teacher recommendation from ESL 41.

Course Objectives

Goal 1 - Students will be able to respond to readings in writing.

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Students will be able to:

- A. produce a response that demonstrates comprehension
- B. generate ideas through free writing
- C. develop a clear thesis related to the reading
- D. employ various stages of the writing process to produce a composition related to the reading

Goal 2 - Students will show growth in vocabulary and word usage.

Objectives

Students will be able to:

- A. use varied vocabulary to express complex ideas clearly and accurately
- B. show ability to differentiate between various forms of words

Goal 3 - After writing a composition, students will be able to edit errors in

Objectives

Students will be able to:

- A. sentence structure, word order, and punctuation
- B. word forms and spelling

Major Topics to be Included

- drafting
- revising
- editing
- focusing, organizing, and developing ideas
- discussing, analyzing and responding to written materials
- journal writing
- free writing