

Text: Axelrod & Cooper's Concise Guide to Writing

Course Goals:

1. This course aims to help develop confidence in writing abilities and improved ability in composing, not only in this course but in content area courses that focus on writing.
2. This course aims to guide students toward the creation of a research portfolio.

Course Objectives:

1. Students will demonstrate the ability to use the writing process effectively in the production of a research portfolio. Criteria of evaluation includes: level of rhetorical sophistication, quality of thought, use of sources, structural analysis, and use of language.
2. Students will demonstrate competency of mechanics and usage through essay revision and the completion of grammar activities. Criteria of evaluation includes: sentence structure, grammar, and standard English usage.

Specific Objectives:

Students will be able to:

1. write from recall; write from observation; write from reading; write from library research; generate ideas; shape a draft that uses summary skills; think critically through analysis and evaluation.
2. demonstrate a knowledge of basic grammar so as to obtain a competency grade of C on all of the mastery tests by writing grammatically correct sentences, crafting effective sentences, and using punctuation and mechanics correctly for editing purposes.
3. use the following essay conventions correctly: citing sources, quoting text, writing clear introductions and conclusions, composing a thesis statement, and organizing the body of an essay through the effective use of evidence.

Student motivation is particularly important.

*This course is open-ended. This means that **it will not necessarily be a one semester course for some students.** The object of the course is to attain a level of proficiency in writing so that students will feel comfortable and confident in the College Writing course and may realistically expect to succeed in it.

****Attendance is required!** More than 3 absences will result in automatic failure. If you miss a class, you are expected to make up missed work and assignments as soon as possible.

*****Assignments are expected to be turned in on time.** Grades will directly reflect late assignments.