

# El Paso Community College

## Syllabus

### Part II

## Official Course Description

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| <b>SUBJECT AREA</b>             | <u>English as a Second Language</u>                             |
| <b>COURSE RUBRIC AND NUMBER</b> | <u>ESOL 0341</u>  |
| <b>COURSE TITLE</b>             | <u>Advanced Writing</u>   |
| <b>COURSE CREDIT HOURS</b>      | <u>3                      3                      :</u> <u>1</u> |
|                                 | Credits                      Lec                      Lab       |

### I. Catalog Description

Focuses on strategies and techniques of writing and composition. Open only to non-native speakers. Advanced level. A grade of “C” or better is required in this course. May not be counted toward graduation requirements. **Prerequisite: Assessment of English language proficiency or ESOL 0317. (3:1). Lab fee.**

### II. Course Objectives

Since this class is designed to prepare non-native speakers of English for academic courses, students are expected to use English in class at an appropriate level. Writing, reading, grammar, and listening and speaking activities will be incorporated throughout the course.

Upon satisfactory completion of this course, the student will be able to:

- A. Understand the role of purpose and audience in writing an essay.
- B. Use different types of prewriting techniques.
- C. Write four to five essays that incorporate the use of:
  - 1. an introductory paragraph with a clearly stated thesis statement.
  - 2. multiple body paragraphs that demonstrate the use of topic sentences, major and minor supporting details, and transition words.
  - 3. a well-developed concluding paragraph.
  - 4. citation of sources in standardized format styles such as MLA
- D. Use a variety of rhetorical patterns such as: description, definition, classification, comparison and contrast, cause and effect, and argumentation to appropriately address the purpose and audience of the essay.
- E. Demonstrate correct structure, spelling, punctuation, and mechanics.
- F. Incorporate feedback in the writing, editing, and revision process.

### III. THECB Learning Outcomes (ACGM)

Upon successful completion of this course, students (**at the appropriate level**) will:

1. Write a clear, well-organized, multi-paragraph essay using a logical sequence in a prescribed rhetorical mode.
2. Demonstrate ability to use the writing process by generating ideas, drafting, revising, and editing.
3. Demonstrate functional vocabulary knowledge in a variety of contexts at a level appropriate for college level courses.
4. Write coherent and cohesive sentences in a variety of common patterns.
5. Recognize and use proper English mechanics.
6. Demonstrate proficiency in basic skills related to research-based academic writing, such as paraphrasing, summarizing, quoting, and citing sources according to prescribed style guidelines.

### IV. Evaluation

#### A. Placement

Enrollment in ESOL 0341 is determined by placement test score or successful completion of ESOL 0317.

#### B. Assessment

1. Students will demonstrate successful attainment of the course objectives through instructor assigned activities which can include the development of a portfolio, reading logs, writing samples, tests, quizzes, and where appropriate, graded speaking activity.
2. Students must have a class average of 70% or higher in the course to take the Exit Exam and must pass the Exit Exam. If a student does not pass the first Exit Exam, he or she will be given a second similar exam. If a student does not pass the second attempt, the student will receive a D and must repeat the course to advance. A grade of "C" or higher is required to advance to the next level.
3. Students are required to complete all lab activities for this course.

- C. It is agreed that a minimum of 60% of the student's grade shall be derived from writing assignments consisting of 6-8 essays of 600-800 words each. The remaining 40% shall be derived from journals, portfolios, summaries, structured practices, tests, and lab work. The lab work cannot exceed 15% of the final grade.

#### Grading Scale

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|---------------|---------------------------|
| A = 90 - 100% | I = Incomplete            |
| B = 80 - 89%  | W = Withdrew or Withdrawn |
| C = 70 - 79%  |                           |
| D = 60 - 69%  |                           |
| F = 0 - 59%   |                           |

**Note:** A grade of C or better is required for advancement to the next course.

#### D. Course Support

Students who need assistance with anything related to the course should consult the instructor.

**V. Disability Statement (Americans with Disabilities Act [ADA])**

EPCC offers a variety of services to persons with documented sensory, mental, physical, or temporary disabling conditions to promote success in classes. If you have a disability and believe you may need services, you are encouraged to contact the Center for Students with Disabilities to discuss your needs with a counselor. All discussions and documentation are kept confidential. Offices located: VV Rm C-112 (831-2426); TM Rm 1400 (831-5808); RG Rm B-201 (831-4198); NWC Rm M-54 (831-8815); and MDP Rm A-125 (831-7024).

**VI. 6 Drop Rule**

Students who began attending Texas public institutions of higher education for the first time during the Fall 2007 semester or later are subject to a 6-Drop limit for all undergraduate classes. Developmental, ESL, Dual Credit and Early College High School classes are exempt from this rule. All students should consult with their instructor before dropping a class. Academic assistance is available. Students are encouraged to see Counseling Services if dropping because exemptions may apply. Refer to the EPCC catalog and website for additional information.

**VII. Title IX and Sex Discrimination**

Title 9 (20 U.S.C. 1681 & 34 C.F.R. Part 106) states the following "No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any educational program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance." The Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) prohibits stalking, date violence, sexual violence, and domestic violence for all students, employees and visitors (male and female). If you have any concerns related to discrimination, harassment, or assault (of any type) you can contact the Assistant to the Vice President for Student and Enrollment Services at 915-831-2655. Employees can call the Manager of Employee Relations at 915-831-6458. Reports of sexual assault/violence may also be reported to EPCC Police at 915-831-2200.