

Hagerstown Community College
OFFICIAL MASTER SYLLABUS

COURSE: ESL-100, ESL Beginning Composition, 3 credits

SEMESTER/YEAR: FA16

LEAD INSTRUCTOR: Sonjurae Cross

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course is designed for students whose native language is not English. This course is a survey of fundamental writing and reading skills with an emphasis on sentence structure, organization, diction and paragraph development as components of the essay, as well as emphasis on particular comprehension skills essential for reading college texts. Emphasis is placed on the application of these skills in effective study of American college-level materials. By completing the course content objectives, students will develop their reading, writing, listening and thinking skills and will improve their ability to express ideas orally and in writing in ELL 101 and other college-level courses. Students placed into this course are required to utilize online learning tools and/or skills lab for additional instruction, homework, and skill-building exercises and may be required to meet with instructors or tutors outside of normally scheduled class times. Prerequisite: Successful completion of ENG/ESL-099 and/or appropriate score on placement test and/or writing sample. Semesters offered: Fall, Spring, Summer. 3 Credits

TEXTBOOK/Resources

- Internet Access (at home, the library, HCC's Learning Support Center, or elsewhere outside of class)
- Boardman, Cynthia A., and Jia Frydenberg Writing to Communicate 2: Paragraphs and Essays. 3rd ed. White Plains: Pearson Education, 2008. Print.
- Software (packaged with textbook): My Writing Lab Stand Alone Student Access Card (12-month access)

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to

1. increase reading fluency and comprehension,
2. demonstrate awareness of process writing and develop academic writing ability,
3. improve and advance sentence-level skills, and
4. employ critical thinking and an awareness of academic research skills to thoroughly develop and support ideas.

CREDIT HOUR REQUIREMENT: Minimum of 112.5 hours

To earn one academic credit at HCC, students are required to complete a minimum of 37.5 clock hours (45 fifty-minute “academic” hours) of coursework per semester. Those hours of coursework may be completed through a combination of hours within the classroom and hours outside the classroom. Certain courses may require more than the 37.5 minimum hours of

coursework per credit. For most classes, students should expect to do at least 2 hours of coursework outside of class for each hour of in-class coursework.

Hourly Breakdown

Tests & Associated Content	25 hours
Homework	30 hours
Writing Assignments	18 hours
Lecture	37.5 hours
Final Assessments	2 hours

COURSE POLICIES:

Honor Code: Upon admission to HCC all students sign a pledge to uphold an honor system which holds the qualities of honesty and integrity in highest regard for the duration of their educational experience.

Services for Students with Disabilities: Students who have a disability are encouraged to identify themselves to the Disability Support Services (DSS) office as early as possible. Reasonable accommodations based on current documentation are provided to qualified students. Contact the Disability Support Services office at 240-500-2628 or at dss@hagerstowncc.edu to request accommodations.