Course: Writing 2, 122 LANE

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**Introduction**

The purpose of this course is to help students produce well-written essays on a wide range of topics. Together, we will explore various types of writing styles: descriptive, informational, narrative and analytical. Among other goals of the course is to enhance the students’ overall mastery of key writing-related principles such as diction, style, coherence and cohesion. It is also important for students at this level to expand their practical knowledge of various lexical items. Each time we meet, there is a list of new vocabulary items that the students should become familiar with and ready to use in productive ways.

**Required textbook**

*Mosaic 1: Paragraph Review & essay development by Meredith Pike-Baky and Laurie Blass. (2008)*

**Topics**

Chapter 1 1 week

Chapter 2 1 week

Chapter 3 1 week

Chapter 4 1 week

**1st Midterm exam 04/01/1436**

Chapter 5 1 week

Chapter 6 1 week

Chapter 7 1 week

Chapter 8 1 week

**2nd Midterm exam 10/02/1436**

Chapter 9 1 week

Chapter 10 1 week

Chapter 11 1 week

Chapter 12 1 week

**Final exam TBD**

**Evaluation**

1st Midterm 20

2nd Midterm 20

Final exam 50

Participation, homework assignment & attendance 10

Total

**General guidelines**

1. Your participation in class is essential for your success. You are expected to come to class prepared to participate and contribute. Preparation involves reading the materials carefully, looking up unfamiliar words in a dictionary and reporting areas of difficulties to the instructor.
2. Coming to class late or leaving early disrupts everyone and should be avoided.
3. Turn in an assignment on its due date. If turned in late, your grade will be affected regardless of the content.
4. All assignments are meant to be completed by each individual student. No collaborative work is expected unless otherwise mentioned.
5. Turn off your mobile phone. It should not be on your table while in class, either.
6. Be respectful to other students.
7. Bring all materials with you.

**Useful Resources**

Beside the textbook, there are several web resources that may be useful.

**Free online dictionaries**

1. <http://www.thefreedictionary.com/>
2. <http://dictionary.reference.com/>
3. <http://www.oxforddictionaries.com/>
4. <https://translate.google.com/>

**Writers’ resources**

1. <http://www2.actden.com/writ_den/tips/sentence/index.htm>
2. <http://www.eslgold.com/>
3. <http://www.englishclub.com/writing/>
4. <http://essayinfo.com/>

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