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Course overview

This course covers the tools needed, i.e. grammar and punctuation, to avoid the common mistakes that writers make. However, writing without style is more harmful than an omission of a comma, and the course covers that as well.

The first chapter ‘The Basics’ covers the grammatical terms. It defines the eight parts of speech in detail: Noun, Verb, Adjective, Adverb, Conjunction, Preposition, Pronoun, and Interjection. It also describes the structural Elements of a Sentence.

Chapter two ‘Tools of Writing’ covers Grammatical Guidelines, such as agreement of subject and verb. The next part of this chapter helps you understand Copyediting Considerations, such as capitalization, italics, and treatment of numbers. After which comes the part that defines Flab and helps you to avoid it. While the last part explains how Punctuation works and how to do it right.

The third chapter ‘The Craft of Writing’ covers the definition and the proper use of Words. The next part covers a crucial component to writing, which is the Style. A grammatically correct and properly punctuated sentence can be boring and incomprehensible. As such, you want develop your own style of writing.

The last chapter covers ‘The different Types in Writing’, as in the style needed when writing each of the following: Emails, Letters, Essays, Articles, Reports and Summary.

The final section in this course ‘Resources’ includes references used when writing this course, list of frequently misspelled words, and the addresses of some interesting Web sites and Youtube channels.

Course Promises

The main objective of this course is to help you develop your own style of writing. To achieve that, you have to fulfil the course expectations cited below. In order to develop your style, you should acquire the following skills:

1. To differentiate the parts of speech and the structure of sentences, this in turn will help avoid making many grammatical mistakes.
2. To develop the skills of writing, such as punctuation and how to paraphrase texts.
3. To identify voice and flab in writing, that will help develop a writing voice and to avoid adding flab to your texts.
4. To identify the different types of writing, such as letters, essays, articles, etc...

Course Expectations

This course relies heavily on writing; you are expected to write words, sentences and text on a regular basis. You are also expected:

1. To be present in class. To fulfil this course's promises you must attend class. We will be practicing what we learn throughout the course on a weekly basis. Also, we will be having one test throughout this course; the test's scores will be included in the final grade.
2. To participate in class. This course's format relies on participation. We will have weekly inclass writing in order to ensure that you are progressing in terms of writing and to help stimulate class discussion.
3. To finish the required assignments on time. Time extensions for assignments require you to ask permission from me one full day in advance.

Assignments and Evaluations

We will have frequent writing exercises throughout this course, these will ensure that you are practicing and improving the skills necessary for developing your own style of writing, and it will also stimulates discussion.

Other from the final exam, you will be having a small test/exam to judge your level of comprehension of the course's content, this test will be graded on a 5-point scale. Furthermore, you will write one brief summary of a research article, which will be graded on a 5-point scale. Finally, attendance and participation will be graded on 10-point scale. The accumulation of these points represents the final grade for the practical sessions of the course (Travaux dirigés).

Weekly Schedule

Week 1

Wednesday 12/10: Introduction to Course

Week 2

Wednesday 19/10: Chapter 1 – Parts of Speech

Week 3

Wednesday 26/10: Chapter 1 – Elements of sentence

Week 4

Wednesday 2/11: Chapter 2 – Grammatical Guidelines; Copyediting Considerations

Week 5

Wednesday 9/11: Chapter 2 – Punctuation

Week 6

Wednesday 16/11: Chapter 3 – Words; Flab

Week 7

Wednesday 23/11: Chapter 3 – Style; Voice

Week 8

Wednesday 30/11: Chapter 4 – Emails; Letters

Week 9

Wednesday 7/12: Chapter 4 – Essays

Week 10

Wednesday 14/12: Chapter 4 – Articles

Week 11

Wednesday 21/12: Chapter 4 – Reports; Précis and Summary

Week 12

Wednesday 11/1/2023: Final Questions; Course Evaluation