**English 105--53173**

**TTH 8:00am-9:15am**

**Agriculture Rm 2**

**Fall 2012**

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**Course Description**

This course focuses on the elements of basic sentence structure including appropriate punctuation. The purpose of this course is to train students to analyze sentence structure in their own writing. After learning the underlying principles of grammar and punctuation, students must demonstrate written proficiency. The assignments and class participation, therefore, will be in problem-solving format requiring synthesis and comparison.

**Required Textbooks**: Burch, Beth. *A Writer’s Grammar.* New York: Longman, 2003.

**Assignments and Late Work Policy:** Each week, we will have in-class discussion on a lesson, in-class writing, and homework. Approximately, every two weeks, there will be a quiz on the lessons. In addition, there will be a midterm quiz and a final. Of the in-class writing and homework, I will not accept those assignments late. If you are going to be absent, you need to email me the homework before the start of class (8am). At the end of the semester, I will drop your three lowest homework assignment grades. In the event of plagiarism (see Schedule of Course for more information) the student will fail the assignment or the class (depending on the nature and severity of the offense).

**Attendance Policy:** If you miss more than 2 weeks of class (4 class days), you may be dropped from the course. Two tardies will equal an absence.

**Grading:** Your final grade will be determined by the number of points you have accumulated by the end of the semester. This is the breakdown of the coursework:

Homework and in-class work: 20%

Quizzes: 25%

Midterm: 25%

Final: 30%

The grading scale will be as follows: A 90-100%, B 80-89%, C 70-79%, D 60-69%, F 59% and below.

**Midterm Exam: Oct. 11th, 2012, at 8am.**

**Final Exam: Dec. 11th, 2012, at 8am.**

**Please Note:** Instructor reserves the right to make changes in this syllabus as deemed necessary or appropriate.