



## English 56 - Fall 1998

**Instructor:** Debby Ibbetson  
Schedule #1460  
MF  
10:00 a.m. - 11:50 a.m.  
Room: HUM 59 and INC 1

**Required Text:** Writing and Editing: The Comp-Lab Exercises, Level 2 by Mary Epes and Carolyn Kirkpatrick

English 56 is designed to give you practice writing English sentences, paragraphs, and short papers, including work with spelling, vocabulary, punctuation, usage, and sentence structure skills needed by writers. Emphasis will be placed on the communication of the writer's ideas.

You will be required to submit approximately 14 writing assignments and to complete numerous spelling/vocabulary and sentence structure homework assignments. You will also take several quizzes and tests. You must earn a C or better to receive credit for this course.

**Required Materials:** You will need a textbook, a good collegiate dictionary, and, of course, pencil and paper. Always bring your textbook to class.

### We will cover the following topics:

1. Sentence Structure
  - a. Basic sentence patterns
  - b. Sentence building and combining
  - c. Sentence problems (run-ons, fragments, misplaced modification)
2. The parts of the sentence
  - a. Subjects
  - b. Verbs
  - c. Complements
  - d. Modifiers
3. Usage
  - a. Subject-verb agreement
  - b. Pronoun use (case, reference)
4. Spelling and vocabulary, including appropriate diction and using words correctly in sentences



5. Writing conventions
6. The writing process
  - a. Considering purpose and reader
  - b. Discovering and exploring topics
  - c. Selecting and organizing
  - d. Making a point and supporting it
  - e. Drafting
  - f. Editing and revising
7. Introduction to word processing on a personal computer



**Attendance and Grading:**

If you are going to be absent, contact me at 638-3641 x3254

If you miss more than 4 class periods, you may be dropped from the class. Repeated tardiness will accumulate into absences.

I give out many handouts during the semester. You should establish some system for keeping and organizing these papers (perhaps keeping them in a *large* 3-ring binder).

<b>BASIS FOR GRADING:</b> Writing Assignments	=	25%
Quizzes, Tests, & Textbook ✓	=	25%
Homework	=	25%
Final Exam	=	25%

In order to receive credit in this course, you must average 70% on all work and receive a passing score on the essay portion of the Final Exam. English 56 is graded on a Credit/No Credit basis only.

**Dates to Remember:**

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| Monday, September 7       | Holiday - Labor Day              |
| <b>Friday, October 16</b> | <b>Final Drop Date</b>           |
| November 26, 27           | Thanksgiving Holiday - yyyes!!!! |
| Monday, December 14       | Final Exam (10:30 - 12:30 p.m.)  |



Please feel free to contact me whenever you need help. We will arrange office hours as needed. You may reach me during the day at 638-3641 x3254.

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Topical Outline

WEEK	DATE	GRAMMAR/CONVENTIONS	VOCABULARY/SPELLING	WRITING	TEXT	OTHER
1	Aug. 17-21	Noun Identification	Discover the Dictionary	Coat of Arms	pp.40-41,44,48; Module 1	
2	Aug. 24-28	Paragraph Unity; Capitalization		Observation / Description (Epistemic); Revising & Editing	Module 2	Introduction to Computers
3	Aug. 31-Sept. 4	Noun Quantities; Topic Sentences; Tense Overview	Stress Vowel Length; C-V-C Rule	Brainstorming; Audience; Personal Narrative	Module 4, Part 1	End Text ✓ #1
4	Sept. 7-11	English Auxiliary Verb Identification	Consonant Doubling	Writing Process Practice / Narrowing Topic; 5¶ Essay / Special Person	Module 3	E-Mail Assignment
5	Sept. 14-18		There/They're/Their	Continue WA#4 Work	Module 5, Part 1	
6	Sept. 21-25	Subject-Verb Identification Prepositional Phrases		In-Class Essay; WA#6 (E-Mailed)	Module 5, Part 2	
7	Sept. 28-Oct. 2	Run-Ons/C-S; Coordination; Sentence Combining	Silent E	WA#7: Self & Class Evaluation Letters	Module 6, Part 1	Practice Exam for Midterm #1
8	Oct. 5-8	Subject-Verb Agreement; Adjectives & Adverbs;		WA#8: Begin Work on Computer Topics	Module 6, Part 2	End Text ✓ #2 MIDTERM #1
9	Oct. 12-16	Sentence Combining; Complements	-S	In-Class Essay	Module 8, Part 1	
10	Oct. 19-23	Adverb Clauses; Sentence Combining		WA#9: Holiday Then & Now Comparison/Contrast Paper	Module 8, Part 2	
11	Oct. 26-30	Coherence; Adjective Clauses	Review for Spelling Exam	WA#10: Describe Family Holiday Celebration/Recipe Process Paper	Module 7, Part 1	
12	Nov. 2-6	Restrictives vs. Non Restrictives; Passive Voice		Writing a Summary	Module 7, Part 2	End Text ✓ #3 SPELLING EXAM
13	Nov. 9-13	Fragments; Parallel Constructions; Sent. Comb.		WA#11: Summary and Response	Module 9, Part 1	Practice Exam for Midterm #2
14	Nov. 16-20	Present Perfect Tense			Module 9, Part 2	MIDTERM #2
15	Nov. 23-25	Past Perfect Tense/Irregular Verbs; Modification Errors		WA#12: Learning	Module 4, Part 1	End Text ✓ #4
16	Nov. 30-Dec. 4	Pronouns		In-Class Essay		
17	Dec. 7-11			REVIEW & CATCH UP!!		
18	Monday, 12/14	FINAL EXAM	10:30 - 12:30 p.m.			HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!!!