



English 56 (Formerly English 50), Spring 1998

My name is Margaret Miller and I want to welcome you to English 56. This course will give you extensive practice in the process of writing: inventing, drafting, revising, editing, and proofreading. You can improve your writing strengths and strengthen your writing weaknesses--we all have them--with practice, practice, practice. It's up to you. It's up to me to show you how to recognize what works and what doesn't work in your and your classmates' essays, which we will share in class. Writing is sometimes difficult, especially if English is your second language. Be patient with yourself, learning to write takes time and dedication. Ask questions when you don't understand. We're all here to learn.

Attendance

If you are registered for the 9-950 (#1333) class, we'll meet in SS35 on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. (On Tuesdays, we'll meet in CA1--bring your disk).

If you are registered for the 10-1050 (#1334) class, we'll meet in SS35 on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. (On Mondays, we'll meet in CA1--bring your disk).

Attendance matters. I understand emergencies arise, so use your 8 allowable absences wisely, otherwise you will be dropped from English 56. When absent, please leave a message at 888-2123. Also, make your best effort to attend class on time (I know I will); if you are late, please talk with me after class

Grading

English 56 is graded **Credit or No Credit**. You can earn credit by meeting these requirements: 1) completing all required essays and revisions; 2) participating in peer response workshops; 3) completing at least 70% of all homework, including the journal; 4) passing quizzes with an average score of 70%; 5) writing a passing final in-class essay, one which shows you are ready to enter English 25; 6) passing the final exam; 7) meeting the attendance requirement--no more than 8 absences.

Required Books and Supplies(available at the KRCC Bookstore)

College Writing Basics (Fourth Edition), by Thomas E. Tyner

A Summer Life, by Gary Soto

A notebook for journal writing **only**

A computer disk for using WordPerfect 5.1 in the CA 1 Lab

**Please sign-up for a writing tutor who can help you with essays and homework. The Tutorial Center is in HE 58 (x358) and is open Mon & Thurs 8-5; TU & Wed 8-8; Fri 8-4.*

(Remember--If you need to drop a class for any reason, **Friday, March 13th**--Mid-term report period-- is the last day you can do this.)

I look forward to working with you this semester!