**English 125-59415**

**M 8:00-9:50am, SOC 35; W 8:00-9:50, HUM 62**

**Fall 2014**

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**Course Description**

This course will help you develop your reading and writing skills and prepare you for the kinds of writing you will do in future academic courses. You will learn how to read material and understand its purpose and how it functions. You will also learn how to respond to reading material in your writing by using the techniques of accomplished writers. You will learn how to formulate a thesis, provide examples and supporting research, organize your ideas, and review and revise your writing and the writing of others so that it is both clear and persuasive.

**Required Textbooks**: *The Least You Should Know about English: Writing Skills Form A* (12th edition) by Paige Wilson and Teresa Ferster Glazier.

**Assignments and Late Work Policy:** We will have approximately a total of **six** major assignments. In addition to the major assignments, there will be several smaller assignments that will be worth points. Of the **six** major assignments, I will accept them late but no later than a week after the due date; furthermore, your grade will be dropped 5% everyday that it is late. The last two assignments, however, have to be turned in during the final class day, no exceptions. Of the smaller assignments, I will not collect them late. 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.

**Tentative Schedule of Major Assignments:**

Essay 1—Due Wednesday, Aug. 27th

Essay 2—Due Wednesday, Sept. 10th

Essay 3—Due Wednesday, Oct. 1st

Essay 4—Due Wednesday, Nov. 5th

Essay 5—Due Monday, Dec. 8th

In-Class Exam—Due Monday, Dec. 8th

**Grading:** Your final grade will be determined by the number of points you have accumulated by the end of the semester. The grading scale will be as follows: A 90-100%, B 80-89%, C 70-79%, D 60-69%, F 59% and below.

**Last Day to Drop with a W: Oct. 10th.**

**Final Exam: Dec. 8th, 2014, at 8am.**

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