**English 125-55883**

**MW 8:00-9:50am, SOC 35**

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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 your 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 Textbook:**  *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 a total of six major writing assignments. In addition to the major assignments, there will be three quizzes and several smaller assignments that will be worth points. Of the first four major assignments, I will accept them late but no later than a week after the due date; furthermore, your grade will be dropped 5% every day the assignment is late. The last two assignments, I will not collect them late. Smaller assignments will be collected at the beginning of class or after the break and if you are not present, you will not receive credit for them.

You may resubmit the two first assignments for a higher grade. However, you will not be able to resubmit the remaining essays for a higher grade. With those two first assignments, if you receive a failing grade (D or F) on one or both of them, you will be required to attend the Reading & Writing Center, Tutorial Center, and/or use the online Reading & Writing Center for a total of at least 2 hours for each assignment before you are able to resubmit the revised assignment.

In the event of plagiarism (see Schedule of Courses 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 two weeks of class during the first nine weeks, you may be dropped from the course.

**Tentative Schedule of Major Assignments**:

Essay 1—Due Wednesday, Aug. 31st

Essay 2—Due Wednesday, Sept. 21st

Essay 3—Due Wednesday, Oct. 12th

Essay 4—Due Wednesday, Nov 9th

Essay 5 and In-class Exam—Due Monday, Dec. 12th

**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. 14th.**

**Final Exam: Dec. 12th, at 8:00am.**

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