



Nanchang University ENG 10: Academic Essay Writing

Credit: 4

Contact Hours

This course is composed of 24 lecture sessions, 3 tutorial sessions and 9 office contact hours. Each lecture session takes 2 contact hours in length; each tutorial session takes 3 contact hours in length; There will be a Q-A review session(3 contact hours) and Final Exam (3 contact hours)at the end of this term. This course has 72 contact hours in total.

Course Description

This course focuses on writing in academic setting. The goal of this course is to help students develop critical perspectives, write well developed and organized essays that synthesize, document, and involve research and the integration of multiple sources on a given topic.

Required Textbook

Writing About Writing: A College Reader, Elizabeth Wardle & Doug Downs. Bedford St. Martins, 2011. 978-0-312-53493-6

Porter, P. & van Dommelen, D. (2005). *Read, Write, Edit: Grammar for College Writers*. New York: Houghton Mifflin Company

Grading

- Attendance and Class discussion 15%
- 2 Major writing assignments 20%
- One research essay 15%
- Grammar assignment 10%
- Midterm 15%
- Final Exam 25%

A+ 96-100	A 90-95	A- 85-89
B+ 82-84	B 78-81	B- 75-77
C+ 71-74	C 66-70	C- 62-65
D 60-61	F < 60	

Assignment



Format: Your writing should be written in a 12 point font and double spaced.
Late assignment would NOT be accepted.

Course Schedule

The course has 24 class sessions in total. All sessions are 2 contact hours in length. At the end of this term, there will be a Q-A review session(3 contact hours) and Final Exam (3 contact hours).

Note: the course outline and required readings are subject to change.

Class 1:

Review syllabus/readings

Class 2:

Basic grammar

Class 3:

Elements of the academic essay

Class 4:

Summarizing, paraphrasing and quoting

Class 5:

Summarizing, paraphrasing and quoting

Class 6:

Developing ideas

Class 7:

Developing effective arguments

Class 8:

Developing effective arguments

Class 9:

Drafting and revising

Class 10:

Drafting workshop

Class 11:

Peer to peer editing

Class 12:



Midterm exam

Class 13:

Revising for conciseness

Class 14:

Revising for conciseness

Class 15:

Drafting workshop

Class 16:

Peer to peer editing

Class 17:

Revising for clarity

Class 18:

Academic essay writing workshop (1)

Class 19:

Academic essay writing workshop (2)

Class 20:

Academic essay writing workshop (3)

Class 21:

Academic essay writing workshop (4)

Class 22:

Peer to peer editing

Class 23:

Review

Class 24:

Paper: Topic given

Attending Policy

Regular and prompt attendance is required. Under ordinary circumstances, you may miss two times without penalty. Each absence over this number will lower your course grade by a third of a letter and missing more than five classes may lead to a failing grade in the course. Arriving late and/or leaving before the end of the class period are equivalent to absences.



Policy on “Late Withdrawals”

In accordance with university policy, appeals for late withdrawal will be approved **ONLY** in case of medical emergency and similar crises.

Academic Honesty

Nanchang University expects all students to do their own work. Instructors will fail assignments that show evidence of plagiarism or other forms of cheating, and will also report the student's name to the University administration. A student reported to the University for cheating is placed on disciplinary probation; a student reported twice is suspended or expelled.

General Expectations:

Students are expected to:

- Attend all classes and be responsible for all materials covered in class and otherwise assigned;
- Complete the day's required reading and assignments before class;
- Review the previous day's notes before class and make notes about questions you have about the previous class or the day's reading;
- Participate in class discussions and complete required written work on time;
- Refrain from texting, phoning or engaging in computer activities unrelated to class during the class period;
- While class participation is welcome, even required, you are expected to refrain from private conversations during the class period.

Special Needs or Assistance

Please contact the Administrative Office immediately if you have a learning disability, a medical issue, or any other type of problem that prevents professors from seeing you have learned the course material. Our goal is to help you learn, not to penalize you for issues which mask your learning.