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Composition II

ANTHOLOGY

**UNIVERSIDAD DEL ISTMO**

**SCHOOL OF ENGLISH**

**Course Syllabus**

**2011**

**CourseTitle**: COMPOSITION II

**Code:** 723

**Day/Time**: Mondays 6:00-8:00p.m

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**Cmap Site:**

[**http://cmapspublic.ihmc.us/rid=1J2GZ6YPT-L2LP5D-13X6/COMPOSITION%20II.cmap**](http://cmapspublic.ihmc.us/rid=1J2GZ6YPT-L2LP5D-13X6/COMPOSITION%20II.cmap)

**Office hours:**

After class

**Course Description:**

English writing requires knowledge and application of the rules of grammar, spelling and punctuation. To write well in English requires practice. You will learn all the steps to a good composition from initial brainstorming to final draft.

**Course Objective:**

* To Know and understand the whole process of writing from the initial assignment of a topic to the final draft.
* To review and apply all grammar, spelling and punctuation rules learned in Composition I as well as writing paragraphs with coherence and unity.

At the end of Composition II, the student will be able to write simple and complex paragraphs.

**Material Required:**

Material from cmap site:

**Suggested Text:**

Purchase an adequate Spanish/English, English/Spanish bilingual dictionary.

**Grade Evaluation Method:**

Evaluation will be based on class work & participation, partials, assignments, quizzes, investigations, projects and a final exam.

**40% Midterm and Final Exam**

**10% Attendance and Journal.**

**25% In and out of class Activities**

**25% Final Drafts**

**100%**

**Attendance:**

The student will gain the most from this course by complete attendance. Therefore, attendance is required. If you miss a class, it is YOUR RESPONSIBILITY to find out what material was covered during the class period and complete the homework assigned.

**Course Content:** You will find the content to be develop in this course by visiting the Cmap site. You are required to visit the site weekly and print the information. At the Cmap site, you will find all the information required for this course. It will be updated every week.

**Homework Assignments:**

Homework will be assigned on a regular basis. Late assignments will not be accepted unless the student was absent and excused. Any assignment that is to be handed in must be legible and clean.

**Exams and quizzes**:

There will be a midterm and a final exam.

**Journal:** The first 15 minutes of class will be spent on freewriting. A topic will be announced at the beginning of each class. At the end of the semester, you will turn in your journal for evaluation.

**Class Participation:**

Class participation reflects your preparation for each class period. Participation in class activities is essential.

**Professor’s Expectations**:

Students are to arrive on time.

Students are expected to bring to class their anthology and assigned assignments.

Students are expected to have read the material assigned before class.

Students are expected to respect each other.

**Other information:**

Please feel free to speak with me on office hours, contact me by phone or e-mail. I am available by appointment for discussion of any aspect of the course and any issues or concerns you may have.

**WRITING PROMPTS FOR YOUR JOURNAL**

1. Learning about the past has no value for those of us living in the present. Do you agree or disagree? Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer.
2. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? With the help of

technology, students nowadays can learn more information and learn it

more quickly. Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer.

1. The expression “Never, never give up” means to keep trying and

never stop working for your goals. Do you agree or disagree with this

statement? Use specific reasons and examples to support your

answer.

1. If you could change one important thing about your hometown, what would you change? Use reasons and specific examples to support your answer.
2. How do movies or television influence people’s behavior? Use reasons and specific examples to support your answer.
3. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Television has destroyed communication among friends and family. Use specific reasons and examples to support your opinion.
4. Some people prefer to live in a small town. Others prefer to live in a big city. Which place would you prefer to live in? Use specific reasons and details to support your answer.
5. “When people succeed, it is because of hard work. Luck has nothing to do with success.” Do you agree or disagree with the quotation above? Use specific reasons and examples to explain your position.
6. Some people believe that university students should be required to attend classes. Others believe that going to classes should be optional for students. Which point of view do you agree with? Use specific reasons and details to explain your answer.
7. A person you know is planning to move to your town or city. What do you think this person would like and dislike about living in your town or city? Why? Use specific reasons and details.
8. Some people believe that the Earth is being harmed (damaged) by human activity. Others feel that human activity makes the Earth a better place to live. What is your opinion? Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer.
9. Some people believe that success in life comes from taking risks or chances. Others believe that success results from careful planning. In your opinion, what does success come from? Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer.
10. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? The most important aspect of a job is the money a person earns. Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer.
11. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? One should never judge a person by external appearances. Use specific reasons and details to support your answer.