

Syllabus of Intermediate Writing

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Course title: 中級寫作訓練 Intermediate Writing

Student number: 20

Meeting Day (Classroom): Tue., 5, 6, 7 (語視六室)

Credit: 3

Course Description:

The class intends to lead students to become proficient writers by following the step-by-step developmental path. Students will learn how to write three-to-four-paragraph essays to express ideas in a systematic and organized way. In addition, students will also learn to distinguish formal written language use between colloquial spoken language use, and to use language concisely and precisely. Moreover, to develop autonomous learning, students will form collaborative groups to help each other during the writing process.

Course Objectives:

Students should be able to use different rhetorical writing modes, manipulate vivid and figurative language to describe events or objects, to make convincing arguments with increased reasoning and analytical abilities, and to write three-to-four-paragraph essays.

Textbook:

Effective Academic Writing 2: The Short Essay 實用學術性寫作:短文. Oxford Univ. Press.
(ISBN: 0-19-430923-1) Available at the campus bookstore.

Course Website:

Evaluation:

Assignment & Essays 60%

Writer's portfolio (Reflection paper) 20%

Class participation 20%

Requirement:

Only absence with valid excuses and advanced notices would be allowed to make up for your presentation duty. More than 3 absences would cause your failure in this class.

Learning Resources:

1. Free online dictionary:

One Look Dictionary Search <http://www.onelook.com>

Thesaurus (synonyms & antonyms) <http://thesaurus.reference.com>

2. Collocations (online):

NTNU Web Concordancer <http://llrc.eng.ntnu.edu.tw/English/search/default.htm>

Web-based English Collocations <http://140.122.83.196/~hjchen/colocation2/default.htm>

3. Collocations (printed): 英語搭配大辭典(中央出版社)

4. Useful Tools for Writing (Compiled by Dr. Chin-chi Chao, NCCU)

<http://www3.nccu.edu.tw/~cchao/cpbae/writetools.htm>

5. NCCU Writing Center <http://flc.nccu.edu.tw/writingcenter>

Schedule (tentative): 11/16~11/20 Midterm exam week. 1/8~1/14 Final exam week.

Week	Date	Schedule	Note
1	9/15	Orientation	
2	9/22	Simulated language proficiency test	
3	9/29	Unit 1. Paragraph to Short Essay	
4	10/6	Unit 1. Paragraph to Short Essay	Assignment due
5	10/13	Unit 2. Descriptive Essays	
6	10/20	Unit 2. Descriptive Essays	Essay 1 due
7	10/27	Unit 3. Narrative Essays	
8	11/3	Unit 3. Narrative Essays	Essay 2 due
9	11/10	Unit 2 & 3. Metaphor	
10	11/17	Unit 4. Opinion Essays	
11	11/24	Unit 4. Opinion Essays	Essay 3 due
12	12/1	Unit 5. Comparative Essays	
13	12/8	Unit 5. Comparative Essays	Essay 4 due
14	12/15	Unit 6. Cause and Effect Essays	
15	12/22	Unit 6. Cause and Effect Essays	Essay 5 due
16	12/29	Plagiarism & Reflection paper writing	
17	1/5	Overall review and reflection	Reflection paper due
18	1/12	<i>Final exam week (No class)</i>	Writer's portfolio submission due