**In the Name of God**

**Semnan University**

**Department of English Language and Literature**

**Essay Writing (BA)**

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**Course Description and Objectives:**

This course is designed for a 13-week term, meeting two hours per week. The course is intended to provide students with opportunities to be familiar and practice writing essays in English. Paragraph structure, text structure and different types of essays will be introduced and practiced. Furthermore, the class will benefit from peer as well as instructor's corrective feedback on their writing.

By the end of this course, students will be able to:

* recognize and write well-formed paragraph and text structure;
* recognize and practice writing different types of essays
* revise and improve their writing based on the corrective feedback they receive.

**Assignments:**

1. **Active class participation and preparation:**

Each student must be well-prepared every session. Students are required to study the assigned chapters carefully, do the exercises and write the essays, write and send comments on other students' essays (as will be described in class) and prepare themselves for class discussions. Simply showing up does not necessarily lead to active participation.

1. **Project:**

You are required to write an essay for each session and send to your group members to receive their corrective feedback. You are responsible to revise and improve your writing according to the received feedback. You are also required to read the essays of your group members carefully and write your objective comments and share them in your group. Do remember that each session some essays will be discussed in class and will receive comments from all your classmates and your instructor. For these, you need to double revise your essays. All comments you write for other students and comments you receive from them as well as your final (revised) drafts will be placed in your portfolio and will be delivered to your instructor at the end of the term. The deadline for delivery is the last session!!!

**Note:** The early bird catches the worm. “Please be on time.”

**Course Schedule:**

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| **Session** | **Content** |
| **1** | Introduction to the course |
| **2** | Unit 1 and 2. Paragraph and text structure |
| **3** | Unit 3. Narration |
| **4** | Practice |
| **5** | Unit 4. Description |
| **6** | Practice |
| **7** | Unit 5. Exemplification |
| **8** | Practice |
| **9** | Unit 6. Comparison and contrast |
| **10** | Practice |
| **11** | Unit 7. Cause and Effect |
| **12** | Practice |
| **13** | Unit 8. Definition  Practice |
| **14** | ***Final Exam*** |

**Source:**

Kasraeian, A. and Fakhr-Rohani, M. R. (2006). Essay Writing. The Organization for Researching and Composing University Textbooks in the Humanities (SAMT).

**Grading:**

Class participation and presentation 7 points

Project 5 points

Final exam 8 points

**☺: *The syllabus is subject to modification.***