

*EN 405* *Precise, Features and Letter Writing*

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**September 12, 15, 17, 19, 22,** 24**, 26, 29 (9am-4pm)**

**Final Exam: Sep 29, 2011**

Rough Outline

CLASS CONTENT Although the primary focus of the class will be on *Precise, Features and Letter Writing*, some time will also be devoted to helping students understand better the workings of the English language.

Period Times

Sign in is required for each day. If you are found signing in another student you will lose your 5% attendance for the whole course.

If you do not attend classes you will not score anything for class quizzes and will lack necessary knowledge for the final exam. There will be no make-up scores on the exam unless a valid medical note is produced or another official form of proof.

Course Evaluation

**Attendance** 5%

**Class** 45%

-Quizzes 2 x10%

-Letter Project 1x10%

-Presentation 1x15%

**Final Exam** 50% (100% for those who elect not to attend class activities at the discretion of the Professor)

Plagiarism

I have come across differing levels of plagiarism in my previous courses. During the last course too many people used the internet to copy work for take-home assignments and a number of students were observed cheating in the exam.

Cheating is a serious offence and is unfair on the students who genuinely work hard in order to get a good grade.

I have recorded the names of the people from my previous courses caught plagiarising, cheating or talking during exams and I have kept these on record. If any of these names come up again with regard to plagiarism or cheating, then the student in question will be given an instant fail.

If anyone is caught plagiarising or cheating who has not done so before then they will be given a 30% penalty deducted from their overall grade for this course and their name will be recorded for future reference.

Also, anyone who is caught cheating will have their name highlighted on the class register so that every other student will know it was.

The Director will also have access to this information during and after the course.

Acceptable forms of proof of absence

I am well aware that many of the students have a busy life and are sometimes unable to attend the class. I have made the attendance grade very small in order to accommodate people who may have to work during the day or who are unable to attend every class. However it is still compulsory to attend all classes and you will lose large parts of the overall score if you are absent for the quizzes, the final presentation or the final exam.

If you are absent for any of the days you will lose a part of your attendance score (up to 5% for class attendance, 10% for every quiz you miss and 15% for the final presentation). You will be able to recover any of these grades with a valid absence note which can be one of the following;

*1. A medical note signed from a medical institution such as a hospital*

*2. A note of essential work (e.g. if you had to work in a school). You must get a signed letter from the employer to prove that you were working there.*

*3. Proof of travel (e.g. if you had to fly out of the country for a visa, business etc.). You must bring a copy of the travel document.*

I will not accept word of mouth; proof must be brought to class. If you bring fake proof then I will assume you are trying to cheat, which could result in an instant fail.

If I feel a student is missing too many classes then I may recommend switching them to a take home assignment instead or repeating the course at a later date.

*Please be respectful if you have a disagreement regarding the course.*

EN405 Argumentative Writing Syllabus

**Course Description/Objectives**:

***EN 405 Precise, Features and Letter Writing*** is designed to help students whose native language is not English to learn about letter writing, its importance and other various features relating to it in a native academic setting.

Regular attendance and participation are essential and will lay a foundation for learning materials. Each student will have her/his own course book.

Some emphasis will also be placed on the correct pronunciation of target vocabulary.

Native speaking students will be given the opportunity to focus on the specifics of letter writing and the important to society in the form of a take home assignment that will count equally towards the final grade as class assignments.

**Student Outcomes**:

For successful completion of this course the student will be expected:

1. To refine writing and editing skills with regard to letter writing.
2. To work in groups to effectively solve problems and complete a course presentation
3. To participate in activities effectively, both in groups and individually
4. To self-monitor and self-correct problem areas alongside team members
5. To build confidence in using the language accurately and effectively
6. To develop the ability to build structure in different forms of letter writing
7. To understand the key requirements of different types of letter style
8. To complete written exercises from the course book