English Composition (I)

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The aim of the course is to develop the capability of students, who already have a basic grasp of English, to write with better clarity and accuracy. The key to achieving this goal lies in regular practice and self/peer-reassessment. Each week students will be asked to compose a paragraph of 100 words. Class time will be divided into three segments. In the first segment, the students will review, in groups, sentences written by each other and attempt to locate errors and to improve the writing quality. The mid-segment will mainly comprise of a lecture on *Paragraph Skills*. Students will start their weekly assignment during the last segment. Midterm assignment will be a short essay of 300 words. In the final exam, students will be asked to compose a short essay in class without digital aids.

Course Schedule:

9/13	Introduction
9/20	Chapter 1
9/27	Chapter 2
10/4	Chapter 2 (cont.)
10/11	Chapter 3
10/18	Chapter 3 (cont.)
10/25	Chapter 3 (cont.)
11/1	Chapter 3 (cont.)
11/8	Midterm
11/15	Holiday
11/22	Essay Review
11/29	Chapter 4
12/6	Chapter 4 (cont.)
12/13	Chapter 5
12/20	Chapter 5 (cont.)
12/27	Chapter 6
1/3	Chapter 6(cont.)
1/10	Final Exam

Course book:

Langan, John. Paragraph Skills. 2nd ed. McGraw-Hill: New York, 2008.

Grading:

Attendance and Course Participation (20%); Homework (40%); Midterm essay (20%); Final exam (30%)