

**J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College
Course Content Summary**

Course Prefix and Number: ESL 58

Credits: 6

Course Title: Writing Workshop II

Course Description: Provides an intensive writing seminar for students struggling with the writing process, editing, and self-correction in academic English. Helps students improve their fluency and command of American academic English. Credits are not applicable toward graduation. Prerequisite: ESL 51. Prerequisite or Co-requisite: ESL 52. Lecture 6 hours per week.

General Course Purpose: This course is designed to help students improve their college-level writing skills and become more accurate and efficient writers. The course emphasizes composing, organizing, revising, and editing, as well as mechanics, structural patterns, grammar, and idioms. The goal of this course is to prepare students for the rigor of academic college courses by giving students the necessary writing strategies to succeed in such courses.

Course Prerequisites and Co-requisites:

Prerequisite: ESL 51

Prerequisite or Co-requisite: ESL 52

Course Objectives:

Upon completing the course, the student will be able to:

- a. Write a composition that maintains a focus on a unifying idea;
- b. Develop ideas with relevant supporting details;
- c. Demonstrate understanding of paragraphing, transitions, and organizational patterns;
- d. Use grammatically correct sentences, using a variety of structures;
- e. Summarize and paraphrase;
- f. Detect grammar errors and correct them; and
- g. Use appropriate rhetorical elements (organization, coherence, unity, logical ordering).

Major Topics to Be Included:

- a. Writing summary/response essays and arguments
- b. Incorporating some research findings into writing

Effective Date of Course Content Summary: September 3, 2015