

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

**Course Prefix and Number:** ESL 46      **Credits:** 4

**Course Title:** Academic Writing II

**Course Description:**

Provides instruction and practice in the writing process at the advanced level. Improves competence in composing structured paragraphs in academic English. Emphasizes grammatical accuracy in complex sentences. Credits are not applicable toward graduation. Lecture 4 hours. Total 4 hours per week.

**General Course Purpose:**

ESL 46 continues to build fluency and grammatical accuracy in academic writing.

**Course Prerequisites and Co-requisites:**

Prerequisite: Placement into ESL 46 or completion of ESL 36

**Course Objectives**

- Write a comprehensible and well-structured composition of at least 250 words in academic English on an instructor-provided academic topic in a single sitting.
- Use the writing process to write at least six paragraphs in a range of rhetorical modes (See Major Topics).
- Format academic documents (e.g. MLA, APA).
- Construct compound and complex sentences using:
  - coordination
  - subordination (adverb, noun, and adjective clauses)
  - connectives
- Demonstrate guided use of a writing process (See Major Topics).

**Major Topics to be Included**

- Rhetorical modes, e.g.
  - opinion
  - narrative
  - process
  - descriptive
  - compare/contrast
  - cause and effect
  - definition
- Formatting
- Academic paragraphs
- Adverb clauses
- Noun clauses
- Adjective clauses
- Connectives
- Passive voice
- Guided writing process:
  - prewriting/outlining
  - drafting

- revising for content
- proofreading for grammar and mechanics

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