

Dayspring Bible College & Seminary

English Composition

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I. Course Description

This course provides review of language mechanics through writing assignments and is designed to improve the student's writing skills.

II. Course Objectives

As a result of taking this class, the student should be able to:

- A. Apply critical reading and thinking skills to the writing process.
- B. Follow the conventions of standard written English in sentence structure, punctuation, grammar and usage, and spelling.
- C. Write well-organized essays with a firm thesis and a clear introduction, body, and conclusion.
- D. Use effective college level vocabulary.
- E. Organize paragraphs in a logical manner and use transitions to unite the composition.
- F. Recognize and develop styles appropriate to varied writing situations.

III. Course Requirements

Student will be required to complete four writing assignments. Each assignment must be turned in before they can proceed to the next assignment.

Paper format should follow some simple rules. 1) Use Times Roman 12-point font, double-spaced. 2) Set margins at one inch on all sides. 3) Activate the page-numbering, upper right hand corner. 4) Include your name on a separate title page.

Plagiarism is using someone else's words as your own without giving them the credit and is dishonest. It is a serious offense, so be safe and always cite your sources. Should it be found that you have committed plagiarism you will fail that assignment and possibly the course.

IV. Tests

Tests are taken at the completion of each unit. There are 5 Units, 5 Tests, and 4 writing assignments. Tests are graded on a percentage basis, and a minimum of 80% is required for a passing grade. If you score less than an 80%, you must repeat the work in the Unit.