COURSE TITLE: BASE Writing Skills

YOUR SECTION #/TIME: _____________________________

INSTRUCTOR'S Office:__________________________________

INSTRUCTOR'S E-MAIL:__________________________________

CREDIT HOURS: 2 LECTURE HOURS: 2 MANDATORY CO-ENROLLMENT: ENG 0300

TSIA PLACEMENT: an essay score of 0-3 with a TSI score of 349 or lower OR an essay score of 0-3 with an ABE score of 1-3

CATALOG DESCRIPTION:
ENG 0200: BASE Writing Skills (2-0). This course is designed for students whose score on an approved assessment instrument does not meet minimum requirements on the writing portion of the assessment. In this course, students will develop basic grammar and writing skills. Topics included in this course are sentence and paragraph development; grammar, and vocabulary. Credit in this course cannot be used to satisfy requirements for any degree. Students must earn a grade of “C” or better OR retake and pass the writing portion of the TSIA to progress to the next level.

TEXTBOOK:
SUPPLIES: Internet access and Sul Ross e-mail account (additional supplies may be required by your instructor)

GENERAL LEARNING OUTCOMES:
After completing this course and the paired ENG 0300 course, the student should be able to demonstrate competency in the following:

1. Compose a variety of texts that demonstrate clear focus, the logical development of ideas, and the use of appropriate language that advances the writer’s purpose.
2. Determine and use effective approaches and rhetorical strategies for given writing situations.
3. Generate ideas and gather information relevant to the topic and purpose, incorporating the ideas and words of other writers in student writing using established strategies.
4. Evaluate relevance and quality of ideas and information to formulate and develop a claim.
5. Develop and use effective revision strategies to strengthen the writer’s ability to compose college-level writing assignments.
6. Edit writing to conform to the conventions of Standard English.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:
See your instructor’s syllabus addendum for specific requirements.

METHOD OF EVALUATION:
See your instructor’s syllabus addendum for specific requirements.

ACADEMIC ETHICS: Please remember that real success comes from learning how to do the work yourself. Your instructors believe that you are an honest individual and expect that all of the work that you do results from your own efforts. You know that a college education costs too much for you to waste your time trying to beat the system rather than figuring out how to learn the material. You know that any form of cheating is dishonest and it makes you look very bad. Your instructor will have specific responses to any academic dishonesty that s/he may encounter. A repeated instance of academic dishonesty may result in your situation being forwarded to the Dean of Student Life. Please see the SRSU Student Handbook for a more complete discussion of academic honesty.

ATTENDANCE POLICY: Sul Ross State University and the State of Texas require each student liable for any portion of the Texas Success Initiative (TSI) to attend and participate in developmental coursework. If you fail to attend and/or participate, you will earn an “F” for the course. Also, it is a course requirement that you take the mid-term and final exams. Failure to do so will result in your earning an “F” for the course.

If you must be absent, you are responsible for finding out what was covered and assigned in class in order to be prepared when you return to class. According to the University catalog, “When a student has to miss class due to an authorized University activity, it will be the responsibility of the student to notify the instructor of the class in advance [and to complete all assignments] within a reasonable time and at the convenience of the instructor.”
If you are absent from class, you will want to contact a classmate and get the notes that you missed.

Class Member: ____________________________________________________
Phone #:_________________________________      E-Mail: ________________________________

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CELL PHONES: Cell phones going off during class are disruptive. Be a considerate class member. Turn off your cell phone before class begins and keep it turned off throughout the class period. If you feel that you have an emergency situation that requires your phone being left on, speak with your instructor before class. Should you fail to silence (including the “vibrate” function) your phone, you risk being counted absent.

COURSE COMMITMENT: You will make the decision about how long it takes you to clear your developmental writing requirement. Please keep these thoughts in mind:

1) Your registration in this course is the result of your writing test scores and, at this time, those scores do not indicate that you could be successful in an intensive writing college level class. We want you to be successful in your college level writing courses, so learn everything that you can in this class.
2) It costs as much to take this class (at least $589) as it does to take any other SRSU two-hour course. Yet you know that this course does not count towards your degree. You will save a lot of money and time if you decide to clear your developmental reading requirement as quickly as possible.
3) You are the only one who can make the commitment to be successful in this class. You will decide how much time you spend doing homework, asking your instructor questions, and visiting with a tutor. So come to class and complete this course with a grade of “C” or better this semester.

EXTRACURRICULAR ELIGIBILITY: You will sign a contract with ACE that notes that if you do not pass all of your developmental education coursework this semester, or receive a grade of “PR” (ED 0200, ENG 0200, MATH 0200, ED 0300, ENG 0300, ENG 0310, MATH 0300, and/or MATH 0301), then you will not be eligible to participate in any extracurricular SRSU activities next long semester. Extracurricular activities include, but are not limited to, Student Government Association, Campus Activities, Athletics, and Rodeo.

STUDENT ASSISTANCE: Tutors are available in the Academic Learning Center, Ferguson Hall 213, free of charge. Please check with the Academic Learning Center for hours and days of tutor availability.

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES: If you have a disability and need an accommodation, you should contact the Counseling and Accessibility Center located in Ferguson 112 (432-837-8203). You are responsible for presenting to the instructor any accommodation letter(s) and instructions.

TEXAS SUCCESS INITIATIVE (TSI) ADVISING: As a developmental education student, you have a TSI hold on your records. In order for you to register for the next semester, you must see a TSI advisor in Lobo Den once registration has begun for the next semester. Lobo Den is located in Lawrence Hall and the phone number is 837-8982.