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# Essay Writing 1/Correspondence Course

BBLAN02300

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**Course content:** The course aims to develop students’ writing skills in general and to familiarize them with the characteristic features of the academic essay in particular. The course will prepare students for writing their Proficiency essay at the end of their third year. Students will study the elements of formal writing and expand their academic vocabulary while improving their techniques to write correct sentences and organize them into a coherent paragraph. Students will also be familiarized with the structure of the five-paragraph essay.

**Schedule of classes:**

Feb 17 (Sop 206): Elements of the formal, academic style;

 How to write a formal letter;

 Academic vocabulary

*Home assignment*: a handwritten formal letter of 200 words to be submitted on a separate piece of paper on March 3

March 3 (Sop 206): Sentence revision;

 How to build a paragraph;

 The five-paragraph essay

*Home assignment*: a five-paragraph argumentative essay of 300-350 words to be sent to the instructor and one fellow student by *March 24*;

 comment on your group mate’s essay and e-mail your comments to the instructor and your fellow student by *April 7*

April 14 (Sop 206): Error correction exercises

 Group discussion of argumentative essays

**Compulsory reading:**

Materials to be handed out in class.

**Recommended reading:**

McCarthy, Michael and Felicity O’Dell. *Academic Vocabulary in Use*. Cambridge UP, 2008.

Stephens, M. *New Proficiency Writing*. Longman, 2002.

Purdue Online Writing Lab at <https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/section/1/>

**Requirements:**

You are required to

* attend classes regularly: no more than 1 absence is allowed during the semester
* participate in class actively and do your homework regularly
* submit your two assignments on time
* e-mail your comments on time
* participate in group discussion

**Assessment:**

Your final mark will be based on the above.